

COLLIE FUN DAY-INTRO TO HERDING (by *Renie Deal*)

Saturday, May 8, 2010, St. Cloud, Florida

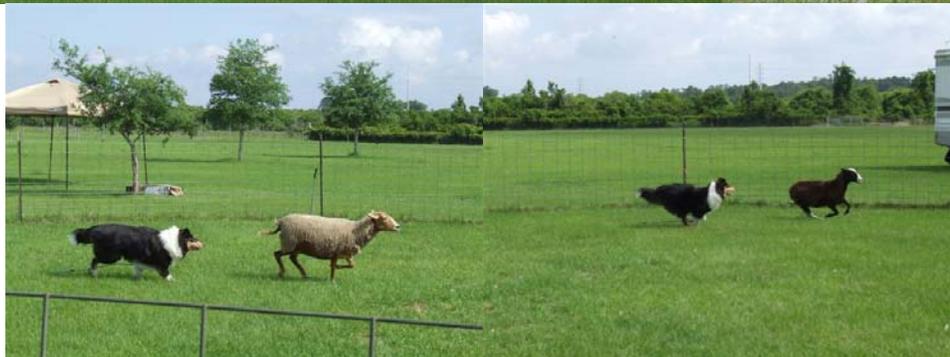
What a glorious day! We gathered at the site of the upcoming CCA Eastern Regional Herding trials under a blue sky, the warmth of Florida sunshine, a cooling breeze and green pastures as far as the eye could see. There were tents for shade, water and wading pools for collie cool downs, food and drink for people refreshment.

Since I've never done conformation, I got to meet and enjoy many beautiful collies and their owners...new friends. I lost count at 13 participants. Tom Montero, our former FL DD came to support the group. We benefited from his wisdom and apt observations.

The work began with Sherry Lee (AKC Judge, owner of farm) explaining herding basics, the relationships of handler, livestock and dog.



Then the real fun began. Each collie had as many turns as desired in the round pen and/or HT course. Either Sherry Lee, Kathy Walker (AKC Judge) or Carol Underwood (Collie Herder) was there for guidance. All the collies were interested...yea! We then moved to the HT arena and worked some there. Carol demo'd the PT course so all could see the possibilities for the October trial.



We left smiling, proud of our collies and their owners. With sincere appreciation I want to thank all the participants, guests and worker/organizers (Carol, Sherry, Kathy, Esther). It was exciting to see the candidates for the upcoming trial and versatility award possibilities.

Stay tuned for the next fun day with HIC offering to be held at the end of July on a farm in Bushnell, FL with lots of shade and great livestock for our new herders. Photos from our May 8 fun day are posted on Facebook/Byluc Collies/Florida Herding Fun Days, courtesy of Tasha.

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'Til next time.....