



# Sheltie Connection

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## What Is An Obedience Title Really?

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores; a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial.

It will remain in the record and in the memory, for about as long as anything in this world can remain.

And though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent, adaptable, and good natured.

It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

In addition, a title says that you love your dog. That you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed and in the end your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend. Volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name.

An obedience title is nothing less than the true love and respect, given and received and recorded permanently.

-Sandy Mowery (writer for Front & Finish)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2002

## 2002 Officers

President	Ava Jane Pickering
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New Secretary	Stephanie Burdett
Acting Secretary	Pam Parry
Corresponding Secretary	Shelley Stanley
Treasurer	Rachel Holmes

## Board

Cathy Cain - Steve Holmes - Pam Parry

## Past President

Marie Miles

## Newsletter Editor

Rachel Holmes - rholmes@legcy.com

Aug 21	Club Meeting
Sept 16	Club Meeting
Aug 10-11	ASCA Obedience Trials
Aug 21	Club Meeting
Aug 24-25	Golden Spike Dog Obedience Club Agility Trials
Sept 7	Summer Party at the "Ciampini's"
Sept 8	Terrier Match
Sept 14-15	BBKA Shows
Sept 18	Club Meeting
Sept 22	Golden Spike Obedience Trial
Oct 6	Rottweiler Match
Oct 12-13	Vegas Shows
Oct 17-20	Boise Shows
Oct	Club Meeting date to be announced
Nov 20	Club Meeting
Dec	Christmas Party

Hello all--

For those of you who are so inclined, there are some opportunities to practice Obedience in ring conditions with distractions.

Every Thursday night, there is a show-n-go at Murray Park. Time is from 5:00 - 8:30, and cost is only \$3 per run through. This is with a practiced ring crew and in a baby-gated ring.

Every Friday morning at 8:00, again at Murray Park, there is a ring setup, but you need to bring your own equipment and work on your own, although stays are practiced as a group.

**Deb Nendell and The Boys**

# CHECK OUR WEB SITE

[www.utahsheltie.org](http://www.utahsheltie.org)

Phil Schmauder has done a great job. Photos of our specialty will be posted there.

Let him know what you think of the site. We appreciate all he has and is doing for the club.

Thanks Phil for all your hard work.

An interesting development in dog safety..... Maybe not yet affordable, but has great potential! There is also some great information in the article about car temperature this time of year.

Log on to: TechTV | Hot Dog Tech

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**TOYS FOR PURCHASE TO SUPPORT SHELTYE RESCUE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE PARTY!!**

## ANNUAL SUMMER PARTY, SAT. SEPTEMBER 7, 2002.

We are hosting the ASSA Board at this party!

Theme is Utah's Western heritage.

Dress is Western. Time is 6:30 pm.

Location is Ernie & Caren's home.

Who: adults only, no 4 legged friends.

Guests welcome: \$10 per person.

RSVP: NO LATER THAN 1 SEPT.

Call 801-731-6420 or email [ciampini@relia.net](mailto:ciampini@relia.net).

Address: 4435 West 400 South, Ogden

Directions: Take I-15 to Exit 347, 12th St Turn right, West. Travel 4 miles to 4700 West, 4 way flashing stop light. Turn right, North. Travel .8 miles to 400 South. Turn right, East. 5th house on right: # 4435. Park in front or in East or West driveways.

You will be contacted shortly for your food or drink assignment.

**DON'T MISS THIS PARTY.... WILL BE AWESOME!**

**SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!**

THIS YEARS NOMINATING COMMITTEE ARE:

CHAIR: BARBARA EDLBERG  
ERNIE CIAMPINI  
MARIE MILES

CAROLIN LINDEMAN AND MIKE STANLEY AS ALTERNATES

Nominated USSA Board of Directors for 2003

Office

Nominated Candidate

President

Evaluating

ence Show/Co on September 8, 2002 at Murray Park. Sign up will

There's still time to register for the NADAC/ASC. A special citizens was a good success thanks much to support about the day

be from 8:30 to 11:00. Junior handling will be judged at 1:00 and include some of the new games that NADAC is planning to offer. Courses that have been done with everyone's help

conformation and obedience will start at 11:30. Obedience will go 7 will include Touch and Go (a contact obstacle game), tunnelers

The proof is here:

**Leaner dogs live almost 2 years longer.**

Those are the incredible top-line results from the first-ever canine lifetime diet restriction study comparing health, life span and the effect of body condition on both.

The Purina Life Span Study, initiated in 1987 and completed in 2001, compared 48 Labrador retriever dogs from seven litters. The dogs were paired within their litters according to gender and body weight and randomly assigned to either a control or lean-fed group. The control group was allowed to eat an unlimited, or free choice amount of food during 15-minute daily feedings. Dogs in the restricted, or "lean-fed" group were fed 75 percent of the amount eaten by their paired littermates. Both groups received nutritionally complete and balanced diets for the entire period of the study — only the quantity provided was different.

The results were published in the May 1, 2002 (Vol. 220, No.9) issue of the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association in the article entitled "Effects of diet restriction on life span and age-related changes in dogs."

Gail Smith, VMD, PhD, study collaborator and Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine states, "Purina invested 14 years in a scientific study that has already produced useful clinical information. And with continued analysis, it promises to add to the body of scientific literature for years to come."

Grace Long, DVM, MS  
Veterinary Marketing Director  
Nestlé Purina PetCare Company

## MT OGDEN KENNEL CLUB

Is sponsoring a

## HANDLING CLASS

### WEDNESDAYS

Aug 7-21-28

Sept 4-11-18

Wahlen Park

4200 S 1900 W

Roy, UT

7:00 PM

Fee: \$30.00

Come learn new ideas

# ALL BREED FUN MATCH!

Don't Miss The Party!

## GREAT SALT LAKE COCKER SPANIEL CLUB & GREAT SALT LAKE AFGHAN HOUND FANCIERS

Have joined together to sponsor  
THE MATCH OF THE SUMMER

Bring your AKC puppies and dogs for a fun  
Day AUGUST 25TH at BOUNTIFUL PARK  
(200 W 400 N)

In the shade on beautiful grass.  
(Northwest Corner of Park)

GREAT JUDGES  
SUPER TROPHIES  
FANTASTIC RAFFLES  
SNACKS/WATER/DRINKS  
well be available!

Junior Handlers—\$1.00 Puppies/Adults—\$4.00

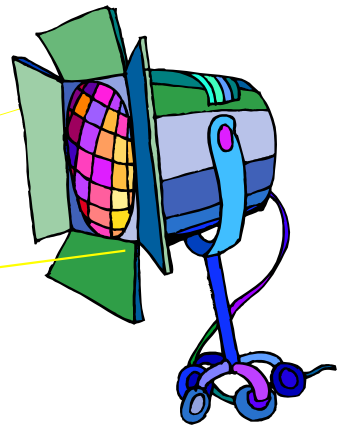
Entries from 9:00 am—10:30 am Judging starts at 10:30  
With juniors—all breed judging right after!

More info. Roxann 295-6538

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Connie Sharkey



My adventure with training dogs all started in 1989 after an aircraft accident and almost three months in the hospital, my husband decided I needed a dog to get me moving again. So, I went to a dog show and picked up my first sheltie, Tucker. He and I began quite an adventure. I was told that he would never do anything because he was so shy. Well, that's all it took. We ended up U-UD Tucker UD and my first therapy dog. Tucker also got to play tracking. Which he loved, but these ol' feet just couldn't keep up. We were certified as a therapy team in 1994 along with our son Bryan. Bryan had decided to do some work for a nursing home, so entered Tucker and the Delta program. Bryan and Tucker even got an article in the Boy Scout magazine Boys Life on his work with the Delta program. Tucker also got to work 4-H with Bryan, so he was our do everything boy. But as time went on Tucker, as the rest of us, started showing his age and had to retire.

Then along came Bud. He came to live with us as Tucker was getting some age and my husband said I had to have a puppy before anything bad happened. We were having a terrible time naming our new puppy. He had chosen us, now he needed a name. Finally my husband said he is just our little Bud. So Bud it was and my how he has lived up to the name. He is starting his 3<sup>rd</sup> year as a therapy dog with Intermountain Therapy Animals out of Salt Lake City, and has just earned his 5<sup>th</sup> UDX leg. So he is now U-CDX Hillview's Lil Bud of Mine UD and hopefully UDX soon. Thanks to a wonderful husband, Bud gets to play on the agility equipment in our back yard. After we get the obedience stuff out of the way we are hoping to play more in agility next summer.

We have had the opportunity along our adventure to meet some of the neatest people. There have been so many adventures that we can't count them all, but just sitting here trying to write this down, so many good memories have come back to mind. From dog shows and all the wonderful things that have NEVER happened before this time in the ring, to all the wonderful people we have had the chance to become friends with, and to share the good and bad times. We all have our reasons for loving our little 4-legged friends, but I think the most important part of it all is all the love that we receive. My little guy is here with me now in his usual spot under my desk, just waiting for time to play. So off we go. We can't keep lil Bud waiting...Heaven is having a sheltie at your feet!

HEART will be offering this test to the public later on this year. We're going to wait until the weather is a bit more friendly.

All proceeds for the test will be going to HEART Animal Rescue.

Please consider joining us!

The purpose of the Canine Good Citizen® Program is to ensure that our favorite companion, the dog, can be a respected member of the community. To receive the CGC certificate, dogs take the 10 item Canine Good Citizen® Test. Items on the test include

#### Test Item 1: Accepting a friendly stranger

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to approach it and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday situation. The evaluator walks up to the dog and handler and greets the handler in a friendly manner, ignoring the dog. The evaluator and handler shake hands and exchange pleasantries. The dog must show no sign of resentment or shyness, and must not break position or try to go to the evaluator.

#### Test Item 2: Sitting politely for petting

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to touch it while it is out with its handler. With the dog sitting at the handler's side, to begin the exercise, the evaluator pets the dog on the head and body. The handler may talk to his or her dog throughout the exercise. The dog may stand in place as it is petted. The dog must not show shyness or resentment.

#### Test Item 3: Appearance and grooming

This practical test demonstrates that the dog will welcome being groomed and examined and will permit someone, such as a veterinarian, groomer or friend of the owner, to do so. It also demonstrates the owner's care, concern and sense of responsibility.

The evaluator inspects the dog to determine if it is clean and groomed. The dog must appear to be in healthy condition (i.e., proper weight, clean, healthy and alert). The handler should supply the comb or brush commonly used on the dog. The evaluator then softly combs or brushes the dog, and in a natural manner, lightly examines the ears and gently picks up each front foot.

It is not necessary for the dog to hold a specific position during the examination, and the handler may talk to the dog, praise it and give encouragement throughout.

#### Test Item 4: Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)

This test demonstrates that the handler is in control of the dog. The dog may be on either side of the handler. The dog's position should leave no doubt that the dog is attentive to the handler and is responding to the handler's movements and changes of direction. The dog need not be perfectly aligned with the handler and need not sit when the handler stops.

The evaluator may use a pre-plotted course or may direct the handler/dog team by issuing instructions or commands. In either case there should be a right turn, left turn, and an about turn with at least one stop in between and another at the end. The handler may talk to the dog along the way, praise the dog, or give commands in a normal tone of voice. The handler may sit the dog at the halts if desired.

#### Test Item 5: Walking through a crowd

This test demonstrates that the dog can move about politely in pedestrian traffic and is under control in public places. The dog and handler walk around and pass close to several people (at least three). The dog may show some interest in the strangers but should continue to walk with the handler, without evidence of over-exuberance, shyness or resentment. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise the dog throughout the test. The dog should not jump on people in the crowd or strain on the leash.

#### Test Item 6: Sit and down on command - staying in place

This test demonstrates that the dog has training, will respond to the handler's commands to sit and down and will remain in the place commanded by the handler (sit or down position, whichever the handler prefers).

Prior to this test, the dog's leash is replaced with a line 20 feet long. The handler may take a reasonable amount of time and use more than one command to get the dog to sit and then down. The evaluator must determine if the dog has responded to the handler's commands. The handler may not force the dog into position but may touch the dog to offer gentle guidance.



When instructed by the evaluator, the handler tells the dog to stay and walks forward the length of the line, turns and returns to the dog at a natural pace. The dog must remain in the place in which it was left (it may change position) until the evaluator instructs the handler to release the dog. The dog may be released from the front or the side.

#### Test Item 7: Coming when called

This test demonstrates that the dog will come when called by the handler. The handler will walk 10 feet from the dog, turn to face the dog, and call the dog. The handler may use encouragement to get the dog to come. Handlers may choose to tell dogs to "stay" or "wait" or they may simply walk away, giving no instructions to the dog.

#### Test Item 8: Reaction to another dog

This test demonstrates that the dog can behave politely around other dogs. Two handlers and their dogs approach each other from a distance of 20 to 30 feet, stop, shake hands and exchange pleasantries, and continue on for about 10 feet. The dogs should show no more than casual interest in each other. Neither dog should go to the other dog or its handler.

#### Test Item 9: Reaction to distraction

This test demonstrates that the dog is confident at all times when faced with common distracting situations. The evaluator will select and present two distractions. Examples of distractions include dropping a chair, rolling a crate dolly past the dog, having a jogger run in front of the dog, or dropping a crutch or cane.

The dog may express natural interest and curiosity and/or may appear slightly startled but should not panic, try to run away, show aggressiveness, or bark. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise it throughout the exercise.

#### Test Item 10: Supervised separation

This test demonstrates that a dog can be left with a trusted person, if necessary, and will maintain training and good manners. Evaluators are encouraged to say something like, "Would you like me to watch your dog?" and then take hold of the dog's leash. The owner will go out of sight for three minutes. The dog does not have to stay in position but should not continually bark, whine, or pace unnecessarily, or show anything stronger than mild agitation or nervousness.

#### Equipment

All tests must be performed on leash. Dogs should wear well-fitting buckle or slip collars made of leather, fabric, or chain. Special training collars such as pinch collars, head halters, etc. are not permitted in the CGC test. We recognize that special training collars may be very useful tools for beginning dog trainers, however, we feel that dogs are ready to take the CGC test at the point at which they are transitioned to regular collars.

The evaluator supplies a 20-foot lead for the test. The owner/handler should bring written proof of rabies vaccines and the dog's brush or comb to the test.

#### Encouragement

Owners/handlers may use praise and encouragement throughout the test. The owner may pet the dog between exercises. Food and treats are not permitted during testing, nor is the use of toys, squeaky toys, etc. to get the dog to do something. We recognize that food and toys may provide valuable reinforcement or encouragement during the training process but these items should not be used during the test.

#### Failures - Dismissals

Any dog that eliminates during testing must be marked failed. The only exception to this rule is that elimination is allowable in test Item 10, but only when test Item 10 is held outdoors.

Any dog that growls, snaps, bites, attacks, or attempts to attack a person or another dog is not a good citizen and must be dismissed from the test.



**UTAH SHETLAND SHEEPDOG ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Name (s):\_\_\_\_\_

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

City:\_\_\_\_\_ State:\_\_\_\_\_ Zip:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (s) (home)\_\_\_\_\_ (work)\_\_\_\_\_ (other)\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address:\_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (s) Month/day:\_\_\_\_\_ Occupation (s):\_\_\_\_\_

Singer \$14.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Family \$18.00 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicants Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicants Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Current Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Current Member

I (we) agree to abide by the constitution and by-lays of the UTAH SHETLAND SHEEPDOG ASSOCIATION, enclosed is \$14.00 for annual dues and newsletter for a single membership or \$18.00 for a family membership and newsletter.

Please check the following area (s) in which you would be willing to participate:

Club Officer

Committee Chairperson

Committee Member

Obedience Training

Judge Selection

Ring Stewarding

Show Plans Committee

Advertising/Publicity

Trophy Committee

Hospitality Committee

Show Set-up

Other:\_\_\_\_\_

Other skills (carpentry, artistic talent, typing, etc.) which you would be able to donate for club use:

**\*\*\*DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE\*\*\***

Date Paid:\_\_\_\_\_

Date Voted In:\_\_\_\_\_

Paid Membership for: Single \$14.00\_\_\_\_\_

Family \$18.00\_\_\_\_\_

Send application and check or money order to:

Rachel Holmes  
7817 W Country View Ln  
Herriman, UT 84065

Make check payable to the order of USSA