



Sheltie Connection

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Hello all--

Donna Eliason asked me to post a big 'thank you' to the participants and contributors to our UKC show last weekend. Our Judge's airfare and lodging was very costly, but thanks to the support of many of our local exhibitors, we managed to pull off a great show and pay the bills, too!

Not only was the show a great success, but there were many title finishes, too! Judge Enid Grossman was very pleasant and I think the exhibitors were very happy with the show. The food was wonderful, and I heard a rumor that the dogs enjoyed the doggie cookies I made (mine sure did)!

On Saturday, Cathy Gowers and her German Shepherd, Caleb took High in Trial out of Novice B with a 199; on Sunday, Shelley Stanley and her Sheltie, Visa, took High in Trial out of Novice B with a 195+ (they won a runoff).

Congratulations to all who participated, and thank you for your support! Our next trial will be the first weekend in August, with Mel Stanley as our Judge. If Margaret Varnackas finished her UKC Judging Apprenticeship (can't imagine that she didn't), we may be able to pull off another trial in early October, also, with Margaret as our Judge.

If you're not already registered with UKC and wish to participate, please let me know and I'll help you. This is a fun registry, and a fun club that puts these shows on. Come out and join us in August!

Deb Nendell and The Boys

I forgot to add my compliments on how well the specialty ran. Everyone I talked to had nothing but good to say. From the ring, to the fun raffle, to the seminar, to the potluck, to the judge and the rosettes & prizes. Anyone would have thought the club had been putting on specialties for years.
Good job! :-)

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Hi all, this is straight off the AKC website:

The Companion Events Tournament scheduled for July 12th, 13th and 14th 2002 in Ogden, Utah has been canceled. Unfortunately, the entry does not support hosting the competition. While the first CET in Perry, GA last April was well received, we understand that issues relating to air travel and heat may have impacted the Ogden event.

To everybody that helped or offered to help, thank you very much for the generous offer of your time and talents. We did impress AKC with our abilities to cooperate and work together. Unfortunately, events beyond our control caused the show to be cancelled.

Mel Stanley

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2002

2002 Officers

President	Ava Jane Pickering
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July 17	Club Meeting
July 20 & 21	ASCA Obedience Trails
July 27-28	USDAA Agility Trial
Aug 21	Club Meeting
Aug 25-25	Golden Spike Dog Obedience Club Agility Trials
Sept 7	Summer Party at the "Ciampini's"
Sept 16	Club Meeting

CHECK OUR WEB SITE

www.utahsheltie.org

Phil Schmauder has done a great job. Photos of our specialty are 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.

The premiums for the Golden Spike Dog Obedience Club AKC agility trials, August 24-25, at Weber County Fairgrounds, are now available.

If you are not on our mailing list and would like to receive a premium, contact Laurie Spease at 801.737.0141 or jlspease@softcom.net.

Just a reminder that there is going to be a USDAA agility trial in Draper, UT July 27-28, 2002 hosted by Wasatch Agility. TWO Gamblers and Snookers classes will be offered at this event (this is a great opportunity for those of you at the advanced, P2, and Masters, P3 levels).

REIMINDER: CLOSING DATE JULY 12TH

Utah agility folks, please support the agility opportunities that Wasatch Agility is providing close to home, even if it is not a venue you are interested in, consider it a great training opportunity. We do not have any fun matches. If we want Wasatch Agility to continue to support AKC events, we need to support Wasatch Agility!

For premiums, contact Ann Ibach aibach@uofu.net

Also, for those planning on entering the NADAC trial on September 2nd, remember to send your NADAC application to NADAC ASAP. You must have a dog registration number prior to the event in order to compete, and NADAC does not turn around registration numbers as quickly as USDAA.

Barbara Petty

NEXT MONTHS MEETING IS K-9 GOOD CITIZEN TO BE DONE BY SHELLEY STANLEY.

Come and join us and bring your dog to be certified. Bring anyone interested. The fee is \$5.00 per dog to be donated to the rescue fund. Your dog needs to be able to walk on a loose lead, to set and stay and be non-aggressive. For more info, contact

We want to thank Barbara for her hospitality and the use of her home and agility equipment. We all had a great time. As the interest grows in this sport, it's always nice to have someone with the experience and knowledge like Barbara to help answer questions and to help our members.

Our many thanks to Barbara from the club.

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Hello all--

It's time to think about joining us for the ASCA Obedience Trials this year! Here are the basic 'needs': You must be registered with ANY kennel club (UKC, AKC, ASCA, CKC, AMBOR, etc.--regular, LEP, or ILP numbers allowed). A copy of your registration must accompany your entry, and we keep it (when you get a leg, they need proof your dog is a dog and that it's registered). You may earn two legs under the same judge. AKC rules are followed and applied, with the one exception that stay groups are done prior to ring exercises.

We usually offer refreshments and homemade goodies, and there is an award for the highest-scoring rescue dog given in memory of Linda Norton.

George Warner is the Secretary this year. You can mail your entries (if you do it prior to June 17) to him at: 8051 South 2700 West, West Jordan, UT 84088

You can download entry forms from: ASCA Home Page or Click here: <http://www.asca.org/Forms/ShowEntry.pdf>

Here's the information:

Wednesday, June 19--

Fun Match (all classes offered)
Murray Park Oval 6:30 p.m.
1 run \$3; 2 runs \$5, stays \$1

Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and June 23--

Obedience Trial (regular and non-regular classes)
Murray Park Oval 8:00 a.m. Pre-entry \$8
Day-of-show entry \$12 (7:00-7:45 a.m.)
Judges: Mel Stanley and Margaret Varnackas

Saturday and Sunday, July 20 and July 21--

Obedience Trial (regular and non-regular classes)
Murray Park Oval 8:00 a.m. Pre-entry \$8
Day-of-show entry \$12 (7:00-7:45 a.m.)
Judges: Kristie Rasmussen and Mary Jo Burgess

Saturday and Sunday, August 10 and August 11--

Obedience Trial (regular and non-regular classes)
Murray Park Oval 8:00 a.m. Pre-entry \$8
Day-of-show entry \$12 (7:00-7:45 a.m.)
Judge: Jan Matson (both days)

Deb Nendell and The Boys

NEW GROUP



New members

We need to vote them in. They are:

Charles & Cheryl Allen
Jane L. Guidinger

They would be a great asset to
our club.



Agility Products Equipment

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Agility-Products-Equipment/>

This group was created to spread

equipment.

Whether you are a trainer or just a lover of dog agility, all members are welcome to discuss anything pertaining to agility products and equipment. Members can add links, give advice and recommendation on certain products and equipment. What products and equipment are needed when starting agility, How much should I spend? Who makes the best tunnels? Am I getting my money's worth? Can I build my own? Questions like these are all welcome. Also, any advertising of agility products and equipment are accepted as long as it has to do with Agility but try to keep it within reason. please post pictures, files and use the bookmarks as much as possible.

Update from Bandit, one of our rescue sheltie

Well, Bandit and I hit the bleachers at Hill Crest High School today. He went up and down them like he had been doing it for years, I was pretty shocked, and amazed to see him "just do it" on and off lead !

Cindy is hooking me up with a guy in Lehi that does Herding exercises and training, can't wait to see what Bandit does in his natural element.

It's really interesting to see how smart he is, when Timber is getting to rambunctious, he has figured out that he can fit behind my shed to get away from him, and Timber is to large to get behind it, he also figured out very quickly that when I'm watering my yard by hand he can just fit under the stream of water from the hose and Timber will stop his pursuit as not to get wet.

Sunday night he was on my bed where he sleeps regularly now, he started to bark around 11:45 and wouldn't stop, so I looked out my bedroom window to see a guy climbing into my neighbors window, I called the Police and they caught him, what a hero !!!

As for the couch, ... I'm going to get a patch sewn on that will come close to the color, I have lots of little "Love Marks" as i like to call them, several from Timber, and still have them around from my other two Shelties, when I see them, all I can do is wish they were still here to get into mischief !

take care, Bart

Hello all--

I hope that you all had a good time in Blackfoot. I think that the Utah people showed extremely well and were very successful, so congratulations to us all!

Wednesday night is the ASCA Fun Match, so come on out and work on those winning skills! We'll be offering every level of Obedience for you to practice on.

And then, this weekend is the ASCA Obedience Trial. If you need information, please let me know. It should be fun!

Deb Nendell and The Boys

Since the AKC cancelled the Regional AKC Tournament on July 13/14th, the GSDOC Board has decided to hold an **Agility/Obedience Fun Run on Saturday, July 13th from 9:00am to 1:00pm**. It will be inside the **Golden Spike Arena**, at the Weber County Fairgrounds. Take Exit 349 off I-15 and follow the signs to the Fairgrounds. Drive around to the back side of the building by the horse stalls and enter through the east door.

We will set up an Agility Course and an Obedience ring. Runs on the agility course will be \$4.00 a dog, \$3.00 for the second run. This will be open to dogs with obstacle experience. The Obedience ring will be \$3.00 a session, open to all dogs.

This would have been the site for the regional tournament and we will be in the Riding Arena (the building directly to the west) for the GSDOC AKC Agility Trial on August 24th and 25th. Since most of us had that weekend reserved for to see or participate in the cancelled dog activities, we thought we take the opportunity to squeeze some practice in for our dogs.

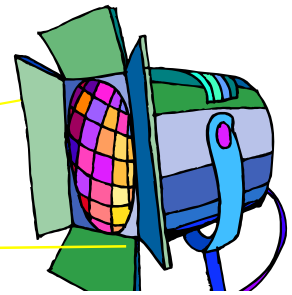
This Fun Run will also be a fundraiser for the family of Dennis Owens, our former Vice President and fellow agility enthusiast. We sorely miss his friendship, good humor and willingness to serve.

Even if you're not running a dog, please come out and see what the sport is all about. We still need volunteers for our upcoming trial and this will be great training for all. Come out, enjoy, and help GSDOC for a good cause. General public is invited to attend. While this is not as exciting as the regional trial would have been, it will provide some entertainment for folks who may not have heard about the cancellation of the Regional AKC event.

Please help us spread the word since we have such short notice. We hope to see you there! For more information, call Pam or Harold at 801-731-3121.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Barbara & Eric Soderborg



I grew up watching the weekly show Lassie - wow - that was a long time ago. I loved dogs and had grown up with all kinds of them so when I bought my first home the children and I (I was a single mom at that time) decided that we needed a puppy to love and care for. I had always loved the looks of a Collie but didn't want a big dog so after some research on Shelties I knew this was the breed for us. I looked in the paper and found only one puppy for sell, she would cost \$75 which was a lot of money for me at the time. Without hesitation we bought her and named her Missy.

Missy grew to be the dog I always wanted and she was the perfect pet for the children. She was a great protector of my children and when I raised my voice to discipline them, she would always barked louder to drown out my voice. Once when I went to spank my son I was surprised to see Missy put her body between my hand and my son's behind. What a great dog, I knew any discipline towards my children would have to be done out of Missy's sight. After she died we decided not to get another dog because nothing could replace this sweet loving dog.

It had been over twenty years since Missy died when a friend of mine named Robin wanted a puppy for her daughter. A man had broken into her daughter's bedroom window and while standing over her while sleeping she woke up and began screaming. Fortunately the intruder fled. Robin had heard me talk about Missy and how smart this dog was so she and her family tried to find out all they could about Shelties.

The family decided a Sheltie puppy was what they wanted and needed. This puppy would become the best friend and security blanket for a little girl who refused to sleep in her room. The family didn't have much money and asked for my help to find them a puppy. After some looking I found two females in Mapleton. The owner of the puppies told me that one of the puppies was spoken for, but I could buy the other. I told him the story of Robin's daughter and asked if he could lower the price of the last remaining puppy.

Since the puppies were already four months old and this was the last one he agreed. I gave him \$50 to hold his last puppy for one week until Robin came back from her vacation. I left a message at her home to call me as soon as she came home. Robin didn't come home the day she told me she was going to so I had to make the decision of letting the puppy go or seeing if I could leave her for another week. I decided to go to Mapleton with my son and also with strict instructions from my husband NOT to bring the puppy home. One look was all it took for my son to fall in love with her. I decided that I would buy the puppy for Robin and if by chance she didn't like her I would sell her since my husband didn't want a dog.

All the way home my son held the puppy and begged me not to give her to my friend. He asked me to find another puppy for Robin because he just had to have this one. I told him we couldn't do that because his dad would not let us. When we got the puppy home to our surprise my husband held her and played with her.

Robin came back a week later (she took an extended vacation) and called me up. I told her about the puppy and she told me about the puppy SHE bought - her puppy turned out to be the sister to the puppy I brought home. I told my husband and Erik about Robin's new puppy and to my surprise I didn't have to convince my husband to keep the puppy because he had already gotten attached to her and Erik got his wish.

We named her Erik's Little Kenzie and she is a big part of our family. I loved it when we went to the last dog show and watched some of you show your beautiful dogs - I love this breed and hope someday (soon) to get another puppy (for me) that I can show too.

Barbara



GREAT MEETING & GREAT FUN
THANKS BARBARA





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have similar sensitivities to garlic and onions, and these herbs should be avoided. Chives are toxic to horses, although horses tend to avoid them unless there is nothing else to eat."

Gerbosi-DiFulvio adds: "There are some herbs that pets can handle better than their owners. Parrots love to eat fiery chili peppers, fresh or dried, and in the wild, birds are the most common dispersers of chili pepper seeds. The seed's viability is destroyed in the digestive track of mammals, but not that of birds. Unlike humans and other mammals, birds also are unaffected by the hot oils in the peppers known as capsaicinoids. Scientists believe that the fiery oils are the chili's defense mechanism to keep mammals from eating the chili pods and destroying the seeds in the process, which is probably why squirrels tend to leave chili peppers alone in your garden."

Feverfew, a handsome plant in the garden, can be an effective flea repellent. Steep the plant's flowers and upper stems in boiling water, allow the brew to cool, and pour over your pet's coat. Allow to dry naturally. The pyrethrums in the plant tea will last longer that way, says Mary

Wulff-Tilford, author of *Herbs for Pets*. (animalnet-work.com). She also advocates adding dill to the concoction; mixed with your pet's food, dill seeds are a good animal breath freshener.

Some of the plants in the garden that are dangerous to pets as well as children are castor bean seeds, oleander, Jimson weed (thorn apple), the nightshades (eggplant, tomatoes, peppers and potatoes) and aroids (Dumb cane is one). The leaves of Easter lilies (*Lilium longifolium*) can be lethal to cats, who react by vomiting, loss of appetite and increased urination. If the pet is not treated within five days, its kidney function breaks down, and the animal dies.

One of the stars of the June garden is the spikey Nepeta, better known as catnip. Like so many herbs, Nepeta has fragrant foliage especially favored by cats, which roll in it and chew on it. The herb acts as a sedative and produces a feline euphoria, which tempts cats to use it as a recreational drug. (Most cats, that is, About 20 percent have no reaction to this herb.) To discourage use (indulgent cats can collapse a plant) stick plastic picnic forks, tines up, into the soil around the plant.)

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