



Dear Club Members:

I have a family with which I am very close. I know four generations of stories also, and one of the stories that always gives me cause to

Lucky is a dog, but not just any dog. Actually, Lucky is many dogs. In 1954, when my family's runt was born, it was given the name Lucky. There is some fun in giving the family fed their dogs and gave them a dry place to sleep, they were us do. So, although the dog was Lucky perhaps to have been fed instead. And perhaps this was the point in naming him Lucky.

Yes, Lucky might wander onto the farm in any season. He was not like a pet. He was not shown any particular caring. The food he was fed was not especially for him: usually it was some spare cow's milk in a pail. Lucky's family as long as his luck held. But inevitably misfortune would come to Lucky's way: he might be hit by a car or killed. When the next dog wandered onto the farm, it, too, was given the name Lucky, and he remained Lucky until misfortune five months, two years, six years, whenever.

When this family gets together and tells stories of Lucky it is strange. A dog's story could be the Lucky of 1954 or seems like stories of the same Lucky, even when these stories span 30 years. Hardly matters, really. Sadly, this is ex

I feel particularly appreciative of having grown up in a family where dogs were not all named Lucky. They each had names, and my parents and grandparents taught us to be gentle with animals and to care for, and work with our pets. I remember Candy protected us and guarded out bicycles. She was not allowed in the house because she was a dog, and yet we managed to sneak her into our room. Candy did not have a forest, and we never went anywhere on our property then without her. In addition to being our protector, she was our friend. We even swung her on the hay rope across the side of the barn, and she hid ourselves.

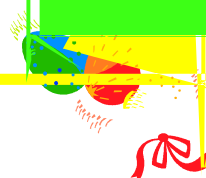
Growing up I knew many of my family, and saw them regularly, and I also knew my parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and I also grew up with them kindly. My grandmother loved short-haired fox terriers. She liked their high levels of energy and that they kept down the numbers of rats in the house. Her sixth grade, eighth grade, high school, college, even her wedding pictures are

I am happy to participate with all of you in an organization like the Utah Shetland Sheepdog Club, where we promote and work to encourage the benefits of responsible dog ownership and appropriate, loving pet care. There may be no Luckys in our lives, but there are many more lucky dogs. Dogs that are lucky to be loved as pets, cared for physically and psychologically, treated with kindness and dignity.

My hope is that through our continued efforts to educate others, and through the examples that each of us sets through our care in our own lives, there will be fewer and fewer Luckys in the world, animals given a little food until their own misadventure, and a nearly homeless animal takes its place. I want to thank all of you for your efforts on behalf of all the Luckys of the world, and hope you share with your own dog, by whatever name it goes, just as you are fortunate to have your particular dog to love you.

AvaJane Pickering, Ph.D.
President, Utah Shetland Sheepdog Association

**Happy
Easter**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2002

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It is official, there will be agility at the Blackfoot, ID shows in June. Agility will be held on the 14th and 15th (a Fri and Sat).

There will be obedience and conformation all four days (June 13-16) as well. You can get all the info from the AKC events site.

This information came from my source in Blackfoot, ID.

Kim

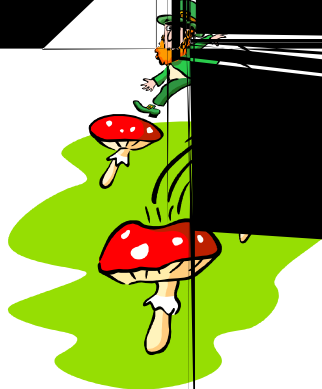
Elvin Kopp is giving a stockdog seminar June 25-28. The agenda includes a day of stockdog training, working sheep, and a day of stockdog shows. You are welcome to participate in any or all of the events. For more information, contact Elvin at 801-438-1234. The Utah Stockdog Association website is at <http://www.utahstockdog.com/USA/home.html>.

Mar 20 Club Meeting
 Apr 6-7 Vegas Shows
 Apr 13 UT Valley Kennel Sanctioned Match
 Apr 14 Bonneville Basin Kennel Sanctioned Match
 Apr 17 Club Meeting
 Apr 20 Great SL Dog Training Club Obedience
 Apr 21 & Group IV Terrier Club Obedience
 Apr 20-21 Craig French Agility
 Apr 27 Boxer Club Match
 Apr 28 Mt Ogden Kennel Club Match
 Apr 28 USSA Obedience
 May 2-3 UT Valley Kennel Club Obedience
 May 4-5 International Dog Show Trial and
 May 17 Club Meeting
 May 18-19 Club Meeting
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The German Shepherd Club of Salt Lake would like to have a temperament test with the German Shepherd Club of America. The club would have to bring in a person from California. All breeds can enter this test. They will receive a certificate. The Salt Lake club would like to know if any one would be interested in the temperament test.

MAY 2 & 3
 UTAH VALLEY KENNEL CLUB SHOW
 S.L. COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

INTERNATIONAL KENNEL CLUB SHOW
 S.L. COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS



MINUTES FROM USSA CLUB MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2002 7:00-8:30

Rachel Homes gave the treasures report

Steve Holmes gave an update on the May Specialty

Theons was voted in as a new member.

Braggs were given.

Julie Brown was welcomed back.

Debbie Nendall's website was announced

Sand Mel Stanley an e-mail if you know of available puppies

Dug Parry had 4 puppies on Christmas—3 girls, 1 boy.

Julene Mathews received a best puppy in March.

Cindy Wilkinson's Stripe got his excellent agility title.

Caren's and Ernie's Bouche took 2 pts.. And then 2 reserves. Then 4 more pts. He no

Cheryl Sorensen will take and bring back the banner to Shreveport's 2002 Sheltie Natic

Mel Stanley went over the duties of the board. Motioned and seconded.

July 2002 Agility and obedience at the specialty match.

Caren and Ernie talked about some of the ideas for upcoming seminars. Ideas include a
and homeopathic treatments.

Caren cleaned out her garage and has given some items to Julene to sell at her garage s
profits will go the Sheltie Rescue.

Cheryl Sorensen gave the program which was about the judges look for in the ring and
for in a judge when deciding to show your dog.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40.

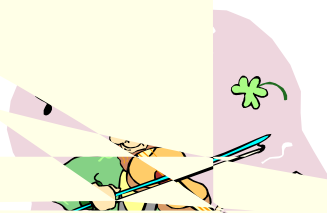
Rock KC in Idaho will be holding an agility trial this year!!! The dates are June 14-15 (Friday
Blackfoot breed/Obedience trials. Onofrio's will be handling the event, so the premium will
available or call Jeanne Fordyce is listed as event secretary. 1900 W Quinn, Pocat
@cableone.net

Wasatch Agility is hosting a USDAA agility trial on March 30-31, 2002. There is also a Grand Prix
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agility web site <http://www.wasatchagility.com> (forms) or
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Views from the middle of the [agility] ring

In my opinion, being a judge makes you a better handler and instructor. You have the best seat in the house, and you're getting paid to watch. With that, here are some observations that might help you in your training and trialing career.

1. Nobody remembers who took second in 16" Jumpers two weeks ago (except maybe the handler who did it); everybody remembers who was a jerk to their dog/other competitors/the judge two years ago. Your reputation precedes you, and remains after you're gone.

2. I see too many people sacrificing their bond with their dog for a \$2 ribbon.

3. Don't make a course harder than it really is. That reverse-flow pivot you learned at that seminar is really neat, but it's probably not needed on a Starter's course. Use the appropriate tool for the job.

4. Don't be afraid to run your own course. Don't watch what others do when walking and feel you have to do it that way. Listen to your friends suggestions, but don't feel you have to use them, even if your friend is also your instructor. You know your dog better than anyone else. Don't be afraid to experiment, especially on non-titling runs.

5. Never, ever stick your dog in their crate right after their run. Take a quick walk with them, cool them down, let them play a little ball. They did the best they could for you; treat them like a teammate, not a tool. If you're running two dogs back to back, have someone hold the first dog, finish your second run, and take them both to celebrate, family-style.

6. Learn to read your dog's body language (hell, learn to read any dog's body language). I can't tell you how many times I've seen a

dog not doing the down on the table, the handler screaming at the dog, and the dog turning their head and yawning. I see the message right away. "Hey, I know you're the boss, I'm just not comfortable or can't understand what you're asking. Please calm down." Too often, the handler doesn't get the message.

7. Just about every time you blame your dog for something on course, as a judge I see something you did that caused the behavior. Chances are very good you caused the mistake.

8. Calm down when you're running. People do things out there you'd never see when they are training. If you miss a jump, don't ask the dog to jump it from right in front. Give them a little room. Don't ask your dog to try and climb the A-Frame starting from the side of the obstacle. If your dog misses the entrance to the poles twice in a row, take two steps to the right and try again. If it ain't working, take a breath and step back. Taking those few steps back are likely to get you on your way again.

9. Set goals for each run, and don't exceed your goal without celebrating the goal in the first place. How many times have you seen a handler go into the ring saying "if we can do the poles, I'll be so happy", get out there, ace the poles, mess up a jump on the way out, and be disappointed? What message has been sent to the dog? "Well, you did the poles, which you've never done before, but damn you, you dropped a bar!" Kinda gives that dog a good reason to do the poles again, huh?

10. I would trade every title, every ribbon, every award my dog Betts and I ever earned for one more sunny day at a trial and one more Jumpers run with her. She was that much fun, and she was that much a part of me. Celebrate every day with your dog. Celebrate the victories, and laugh off the mistakes. Your time with them is very short, and they have so much to teach you. Carpe diem!

This isn't a dog event post, but I thought it important enough to pass on to all dog owners. This was received from John Cargill, who frequently writes for Dog World magazine. About the new CNN poll regarding dog ownership.

He writes: "We will now see what happens in the poll. If the dog groups cannot mobilize their people to vote on line, then all is lost. We can kiss off ownership of dogs in a few years as more and more breeds become banned. It won't just be small dogs. Dogs as small as Pomeranians are on record as having killed an infant. Therefore all dogs can be assumed to be potential killers of humans. The CNN poll is going to be very important worldwide, as politicians and lawmakers are going to take their guidance from it as they attempt to satisfy public opinion.

Here is how it goes, folks. You can vote as many times as you want. You had better believe that some of the "ethical treatment" jerks are going to be voting many, many, many times. Since they are a powerful political movement they may already have computerized dialers at work. When you open up <http://www.cnn.com> you will find the voting block almost all of the way down the page on the right side. Neither circle is darkened (yes/no). Click on 'no' and you will see the poll results. Close that page. Get out of cnn.com site. Come back into it and repeat the voting process again. Doing this will allow you to vote as many times as you wish. Someone on the other side is doing this - I have been watching the numbers. Every dog person should vote. Feel free to share this email post with everyone you know who might vote.

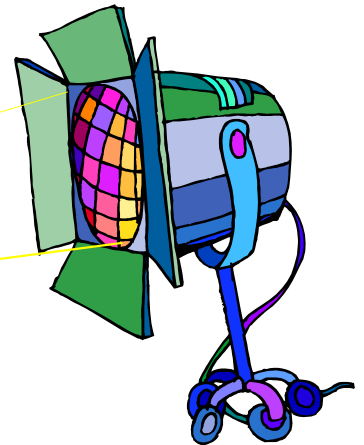
John Cargill PUNISH THE DEED, NOT THE BREED"



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



SALTAIRE KENNEL
KEVIN & JULENE MATHEWS



Back in the 70's, late 70's that is; I was living in Provo. I was single, pretty carefree, living in a house having tried all the crazy stuff that young folks do. I had an aquarium and a cockatiel. I visited the pet shop there in Provo regularly. I saw the most endearing little tricolored collie puppy. I loved her the very second I laid eye's on her. He wanted 300.00 for her. I didn't have it, but, I did have patience. As I visited there and watched her grow for a few more weeks...right out of the little window pen...it became apparent that her price was coming down. I offered the owner the \$35 bucks in my pocket and my continued business. To my surprise, he took it! I took her home, loved my dear Molly collie till she died as an old lady. Prior to her loss, I decided I wanted yes...no groaning please...a miniature collie!

Thus began the saga of the sheltie world at my house. The first sheltie I had, Nabbie Ann was killed by a car who literally ran up onto my grass to cut the corner. She was killed instantly. I was devastated but decided to find another. Having answered an ad, I interviewed a couple of breeders. I decided that the color bi-black sounded quite intriguing. I went home with Hopi Ann wrapped in a brand new receiving blanket. She was spoiled and loved till she succumbed to liver and kidney failure last year.

I decided to call my kennel name Saltaire as I often caught the salty breezes off the Great Salt Lake living in the far side of West Valley City. Hopi was my beginning to the show world. With my wonderful friend and mentor Cheryl Sorensen's help, I was guided into thoughtful responsible breeding and began showing my Harley James. He was so close to my heart, the thought of someone actually judging him offended me heartily! Harley James became a champion of my heart and I moved on to put points on other dogs such as Sadie Jane who retired with 5 points, her son Presley Aaron who became my first homebred champion, and Gunny who was retired with 9 points after becoming inexplicably sterile. He retired the undisputed Reserve king I think! I am getting ready to start again with my puppy Saltaire Guilty Pleasures "Gil" and hope for wonderful things for him.

I remember many people in the club joining together for picnics before we decided to be a club. We all had some wonderful times at seminars and all the informal get togethers that brought us all together. I along with those good folk put the club together with some very big hopes. Right from the beginning we wanted the Nationals here. Careful of what you wish for they say?

Along the years, I've made many friends across the country, made some colossal mistakes, had some wonderful times at shows, made a fool of myself at times, cried when I was touched with sadness, married a man who was resigned from the start to love me AND my dogs. (Trust me most of them love him more than me) I have been furious, ecstatic, depressed, excited, hopeful, proud, embarrassed. I have loved and have been loved. Gosh, seems like I have lived life thanks to my dogs and my family and friends to the fullest. I'm not finished, but when I am, I can rest knowing that while I may have missed seeing Acapulco, or Paris, having spent all the money on dog shows or horses (maybe I will go see someday, but that would require getting on a plane for a long time, or a boat for a long time...no thanks) I didn't waste my life. I know I'm a better



Hi everyone,

It was brought to my attention that the board of ASSA will at their meeting just prior to the national again bring up the issue of splitting the eastern zone into 2 zones for purposes of hosting the national. This would bring the national only once every 4 years rather than 3 to the western region. In the wake of 9/11, it is becoming more and more difficult and expensive to ship dogs to the national, thus making it imperative for many of us to drive to the national. With 2 out of every 4 nationals on the east coast, half of all the nationals would basically be out of reach for almost everyone to drive. I am trying to gather as many emails as possible supporting a letter to the board urging them to reject any proposal to split the eastern region. There will also be a letter available to sign at the Nor Cal specialty. Our western representative on the board, Patty Skinner, will present these at the board meeting. If you want to keep the national in the west every 3 years, please take the time to reply to this email, I will print them all out and present them to Patty for the board to consider.

thank you, yvonne samuelson

If you would like to respond to our ASSA regional Director, in Utah, this would be Patricia Skinner.

Her email is carlrs@concentric.net Her snail mail address is 3921 Donner Trl, Placerville, CA 95667

Please make an effort to respond to this, Even if you are not an ASSA member, to have a say in this effort before the next ASSA board meeting which will be held at Nationals in Shreveport, LA in March.

Thank you,

Julene

The AKC Regionals will be held at the Golden Spike Events Center July 12th through July 14th, 2002. The buildings that will be used are the Exhibition hall (Obedience), The Golden Spike Arena (Inside Agility), The herding arena (Outside Agility), and the courtyard grass.

Schedule of events will be:

July 12th (Friday) Tracking - TD level Canine Good Citizen (CGC) testing

July 13th (Saturday): Obedience - Novice, Open, Utility, and OTch (2 Rings inside the Exhibition hall, 2 outside on grass in the courtyard).

Agility - Excellent Std and Excellent JWW (Golden Spike Arena (inside), and the Herding Arena (Outside).

July 14th (Sunday): Obedience - Novice, Open, Utility, and OTch (2 Rings inside the Exhibition hall, 2 outside on grass in the courtyard).

Agility - Excellent Std and Excellent JWW (Golden Spike Arena (inside), and the Herding Arena (Outside). Agility Team Relay.

OBEDIENCE ELIGIBILITY: As of the closing date for entries:

Novice: Must have a CD, but not a CDX

Open: Must have a CDX, but not a UD

Utility: Must have a UD, but not an OTCH

OTCH: Must have an OTCH (all exercises from Open and Utility Classes will be used.)

OBEDIENCE LIMITS: Obedience entries are limited to 70 Novice, 60 Open, 50 Utility and 50 OTCH.

AGILITY ELIGIBILITY: As of the closing date for entries: Dogs must be eligible for either the Excellent A or the Excellent B

class in both Standard Agility and Jumpers With Weaves Agility.

There is also a social and dinner planned.

There are many more details which I will attempt to post. We will need help putting this on. For more details and to view the premium for the Perry Georgia Regional to be held Apr 26-28 at <http://www.akc.org/dic/events/compeventstourn.cfm>

Mel Stanley

The AKC Western Regional Companion Dog Events are coming to the Golden Spike Events Center in Ogden Utah July 12, 2002. I alked with Pat Krause this morning and it is very exciting. We will need help with stewarding and other jobs, and you will be allowed to be entered and also help. This is a great tribute to the fine facilities at Golden Spike and our willingness to help with events.

Golden Spike Facilities to be used:

Exhibition Hall for Indoor Obedience. This is the building where Obedience/Confirmation shows have been held in the past. Courtyard lawn for Outdoor Obedience. Golden Spike Arena for Indoor Agility. Herding Arena for outdoor Agility. Courtyard for Social Event

Schedule of Events:

Friday, July 12th

Tracking & Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Test

Std

Agility—Excellent JWW

Saturday, July 13th

Obedience -Novice

Obedience -Open

Obedience -Utility

Obedience -OTCH

Agility - Excellent Std

Agility - Excellent JWW

Sunday, July 14th

Obedience-Novice

Obedience-Open

Obedience-Utility

Obedience-OTCH

Agility—Excellent

Agility—Team Relay

Obedience Eligibility: As of the closing date for entries:

Novice: Must have a CD, but not a CDX

Open: Must have a CDX, but not a UD

Utility: Must have a UD, but not an OTCH

OTCH: Must have an OTCH (all exercises from Open and Utility Classes will be used.)

Obedience Limits. Obedience entries are limited to 70 Novice, 60 Open, 50 Utility and 50 OTCH.

Agility Eligibility:

Dogs must be eligible for either the Excellent A or the Excellent B class in both Standard Agility and Jumpers With Weaves Agility. Agility Limits. Agility entries are unlimited.

Tracking Eligibility: As of the closing date for entries:

Dog must have earned at least a Versatile Companion Dog 1 (VCD1) title as of the closing date of entries; Only dogs that are entered in both Obedience and Agility will be eligible to enter the Tracking test; If there are more entries than tracks, a draw will be conducted after the closing date. Tracking Limits. Tracking entries will be limited as space allows.

Canine Good Citizen Eligibility: Only those participants who submit a completed CGC Test entry form with the associated entry fee, prior to the closing date for entries, will be eligible to participate. Entries must be accompanied with a veterinarian certified copy of the dog's vaccination and rabies records. A Canine Good Citizen test will be held on Friday, July 12th. Canine Good Citizen Limits: The Canine good Citizen Test will be unlimited.

Tournament Venues:

Individual and Team competition will be offered for both Obedience and Agility. SCORES WILL NOT COUNT TOWARD ANY AKC TITLES.

Rules for Individual Competition:

Obedience:

Obedience classes offered will be Novice, Open, Utility and OTCH. (OTCH will consist of Open exercises one day and Utility exercises the other day.)

Agility:

In individual Agility competition, dogs achieving a score of 100 in both the Standard and the JWW class on the same day will automatically qualify for the AKC Agility National Championship of that calendar year. (This is, however, providing the dog is eligible to compete in the Excellent B Standard and JWW classes by the closing date for the AKC Agility National Championship). Rules for individual competition will be held according to the AKC Regulations for Agility Trials. Each day there will be both Standard and Jumpers With Weaves Excellent level Agility classes.

Tracking:

The Tracking test (TD) will be run according to AKC Tracking Regulations and dogs will receive a pass or fail.

Canine Good Citizen:

The CGC Test will be run according to the AKC Canine Good Citizen Program, Participants Handbook, and dogs will receive a pass or fail.

Rules for team Competition:

A team must complete the Team Entry Form, which is included in this premium list. All team members must mail their entry together in one envelope, along with the Team Entry Form signed by an officer of the club. A club may be represented by more than one team. Each team must fill out a separate Team Entry Form.

Obedience:

Teams will be made up of one (1) or two (2) dogs per class. The best score for an exercise will be used as the team score for that exercise. A club may be represented by as few as four (4) dogs, or as many as eight (8) dogs. A perfect Team Score will be 1600 points (200 points in each class).

Agility:

Teams are made up of two (2) dogs. The dogs may be in different jump heights in Agility (example: a 12" high jumping dog may be teamed with a 24" high jumping dog) or may be from the same jump height class (example: a 16" high jumping dog may be teamed with another 16" high jumping dog). Excellent A dogs may be teamed with Excellent B dogs. For individuals wishing to enter the Agility team competition, but do not have a partner, teams will be drawn at random and as many teams will be paired as possible after entries close. On Saturday, scores will be counted from each individual round (2 rounds per dog). These four scores will be combined to determine a team Agility score for Saturday. On Sunday the two-dog team will run a relay class as the third and final class in the team competition. That score will be added to the two-dog team score from Saturday to determine winners of the Agility

Team Competition. The relay course will be split, wherein each team member runs a segment of the course. A course may include all of the obstacles, other than the table, which may be used as a start, finish or baton exchange point.

Obedience /Agility Combined teams:

Obedience/Agility combined teams will consist of one Obedience team and one Agility team representing the same club. A dog may be on either the Obedience team, the Agility team, or both. A club officer must sign the team entry form.

I extracted the above from the Perry, Georgia Companion Events Tournament (which is the 1st one in 2002) premium at <http://www.akc.org/dic/events/compeventstourn.cfm>

You should consult that premium for absolute accuracy.

Volunteers Welcome to E-Mail me at MelvinStanley@Mail.Weber.Edu

Thanks

Mel Stanley

