



Sheltie Connection

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Hello Sheltie Lovers!

I've got an opportunity to make our November meeting really fun!

What would you think about bringing Santa to the meeting and having photographs of you and your dogs done for the holidays?

As you may be aware, Heart Ministries does digital portraiture every year as a fundraiser for their Rescue efforts. They are willing to bring Santa and their entire photo setup to SEPS so that you can have your Christmas pictures done in time for the holidays! Their Santa is especially Sheltie-friendly, and the crew that takes the photographs is professional and cares very deeply about dog expression and photo composition. If you prefer portraits without Santa, that can also be accomplished (in the case of calendars, it's probably appropriate).

These digital portraits can be converted into holiday cards, calendars, TShirts/SweatShirts, and every size photograph you can think of, in any combination! If you are a digital type, you can get the photos put onto a CD or diskette, or for a small fee, a screensaver/cursor/icon/splashscreen set can be made for your computer.

Minimum purchase is one sheet of photographs (same pose) for \$10. Holiday cards are about \$30 for 25 cards/envelopes. The costs are rather minimal for what you receive (Humane Society is charging \$20 for 2 5x7 photos), and the proceeds go to a very worthy and worthwhile cause (as you may know, Dawn does ALOT of Sheltie and Collie rescue through the Utah Shelters).

In order to secure their offer, we need to have a minimum of fifteen people interested in getting their portraits done. Please email me if you are interested so that we can schedule this wonderful group!

Deb Nendell and The Boys



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2003

NEW 2003 OFFICERS

President	Eva Pickering
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Dec 7	Christmas Party @ Chuck-A-Rama's
Jan 15	Club Meeting
Feb 19	Club Meeting
Mar 19	Club Meeting
April 16	Club Meeting
May 21	Club Meeting
June 18	Club Meeting

CHECK OUR WEB SITE

www.utahsheltie.org

Phil Schmauder has done a great job.
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.

BRAGGS

Hello all--

I know that it's early, but I wanted to remind you that Heart Ministries does digital Santa Pictures for your holiday memories and enjoyment. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year, and we would be grateful for your support.

We offer portraits with and without Santa (our Santas LOVE animals and are very good with them), in different packages for you:

Portraits up to 8x10, 5x7, wallets, Holiday Cards, Calendars
Puzzles/Mugs/TShirts/Sweatshirts, Computer packages of
Mousepad, Screen Saver, Cursors, Icons, Splash Screens,
Websites, Electronic versions available via CD or Diskette

Heart will be doing most of their sittings in November and early December, so keep us in mind and watch for times and dates to be published!

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SEND IN YOUR BRAGGS TO THE NEWSLETTER
EDITOR SO THAT WE CAN ALL SHARE IN
YOUR WINS.



I have a brag for the newsletter:

"Seeker" CharBar's Storm Seeker on Friday October 18th at the Boise shows went WD, BOW and BOB for 1 point. On Saturday October 19th at Boise Shows he went WD and BOS for 1 point. "Seeker" now has 4 points and has been handled very expertly by Shannalee Waller-Michalsky to these wins.

We are so very proud of this young boy doing all of this winning at only 14 months of age.

Diane Orr
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Hi All,

For those of you who were not at the club meeting last night, our club is now going to have a Performance Committee. This committee will hopefully allow us to pool our talents to among other things, educate public and assist members in achieving their performance goals.

We have such a versatile and talented breed and are fortunate to have a parent club (ASSA) that actively promotes our breed's abilities. We also have many dedicated & talented people in our club, and I believe that we can achieve much if we pull together to serve our breed and our club members.

Some of the things we are hoping to accomplish with this committee:

---Keep members up to date on trainers/training tips and techniques, seminars, fun matches, performance venues, so that interested members can participate.

---Provide activities, matches, especially those that encourage & incorporate junior handlers

---Encourage active participation and direction from all club members.

---Assist in getting interesting and informative guest speakers for club meetings.

Committee members have not been appointed yet, but will be soon. (Yours truly is going to chair). I will keep you posted. In the meantime, don't be bashful. Contact me if you have news, ideas, questions, etc. or if you are willing to help out.

Thank You to the outgoing board members for allowing this committee to happen. My gratitude also to the incoming members who have expressed enthusiasm and support. I am looking forward to working with you all, and hope that all members will find this committee to be a helpful resource.

Happy heeling, herding, and handling!

Just letting the membership know that my Email address is : Foxtaleshelties@AOL.com

Julie Brown

Juneau, Rio and Logan

Three Utahns competed at the AKC Agility Nationals this past weekend against many of the top agility dogs in the country. Although we didn't win, all three of them placed in the top 50% of competing dogs in their jump heights!

Of 118 competitors in the 16" jump height group, Jeanne Lehan and Yarra were in 48th place after two runs on Saturday, and finished a clean run on Sunday which moved her up to 23rd overall. Lori Wadsworth and Alex were in 50th position after 2 rounds on Saturday and finished in 52nd position overall both finishing ahead of many world team members!

Snickers was the third Utah dog and was in 31st position after his two runs on Saturday, qualifying in both rounds, unfortunately on Sunday, he felt a need to have a discussion with the judge before continuing on, but finished in 56th position overall for the weekend.

Many thanks to those who flew down to Houston to help us and support us!

Barbara Petty

NPS Pharmaceuticals, Inc.



For those of you who have joined Utah Dog Events through our website, I'd like to take a moment to introduce ourselves to those of you who aren't familiar with us and our work, as well as invite you to some of our upcoming activities on behalf of the animals!

Heart Ministries, Inc. (a member of No More Homeless Pets Utah) is a private, non-profit animal rescue organization that is dedicated to serving all Utah Animal Shelters, Humane Agencies and Rescue Groups/Individuals in adopting shelter animals into permanent, loving homes. We do this by:

- * Doing outreach programs on behalf of Utah Animal Shelters and Humane Agencies by pulling animals directly from shelter environments and taking them to public venues to be adopted by loving families committed to caring for them the rest of their lives.
- * Offering loving, safe foster homes to these displaced shelter animals (which includes specialized medical attention and care) until they can be adopted into a permanent family of their own.
- * On our Adoption Days, we invite the public to come meet shelter & foster animals. We specialize in our adoption program by offering the public two special days: Saturday is "Shelter Day" (in which animals are pulled directly from Utah Animal Shelters) ; and Sunday is "Rescue Day" (where, by Heart's permission only, rescue groups/individuals bring their rescued shelter fosters).
- * Promoting the spaying and neutering of all pets to help end the extreme pet overpopulation problem by offering information on veterinarians who offer low cost spay/neuters.
- * Works with and counsels individuals and families who are experiencing behavior/training problems with their pets in the hopes of preventing a "family breakup".

Please Note: We work only with the above referenced agencies, and do not have the facilities to assist owners who wish to turn over their animals for adoption. Should anyone need assistance in this area, we invite you to call a HEART volunteer for information on what you can do or who can assist you; or , direct your inquiry to the appropriate shelter or humane agency for this type of assistance. Thank you.

Adoption Dates/Times:

Heart will be doing adoptions for November/Early December on the dates listed below:

Cat/Kitten Shelter Outreach Program, November 11th through 15th and November 25th through December 8th at PetsMart on 389 West 1830 South, Salt Lake City (Weekdays by appointment only, Saturdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 p.m. and Sundays from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.).

In addition to the Cat/Kitten Shelter Outreach Program, we will be featuring our Puppy & Dog friends from local animal shelters as well as our foster "children" on Saturday, November 30th, Sunday, December 1st, and December 7th and 8th; also in the Adoption Center at PetsMart on 389 West 1830 South in Salt Lake City. The adoption times again for Saturdays are 10:00 am to 3:00 p.m., and Sundays from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Interested parties will go through an interview process and notified that any fees charged for adoption purposes cover all spay/neuter and vaccination costs only. Heart is a non-profit organization and no profit is made off of these homeless, needy animals.

Santa Pictures!

Since Heart is a non-profit rescue, we rely solely on fund-raisers to help us continue our work on behalf of the shelter animals. Rescuing animals require not only shelter, but involve food, litter, vaccinations, and specialized medical care for sick or injured animals. Our favorite fund-raiser always comes this time of year when we are able to offer Santa picture packages for you, your pet and your family (with or without Santa). The dates for this year are: Saturday, November 16th and Sunday, November 17th from 10:00 am to 3:00 p.m. at Willow Creek Dog Training Center, 2055 E. Creek Road (8000 South) in Sandy, Utah. These beautiful, professionally done digital portrait packages not only include portraits in all sizes, but Holiday Cards, calendars, T-shirts and Sweatshirts, and mouse-pads!

We will also be doing Santa Pictures on December 7th and 8th at PetsMart on 389 West 1830 South from 10:00 am to 4:00 p.m. offering Polaroid and digital packages as well!

All proceeds for these fund-raisers will go to benefit local animal shelters and the rescue work done on their behalf. Please call Dawn at 435-882-3430, 801-244-5372 or Deb at 801-252-1729, 801-244-5375 or e-mail us at DAWGYHEART@AOL.COM to schedule your appointment early!

Interested parties can click onto our website for pictures of our fosters, training, health and nutrition information, and of course, our fun happenings at WWW.HEARTMINISTRIES.COM. We'd also like to strongly encourage our neighbors to drop by your local Animal Shelters to see what wonderful pets are looking for a new home of their own and experience the incredible relationship you and your family can have with a rescued animal!

Thank you,

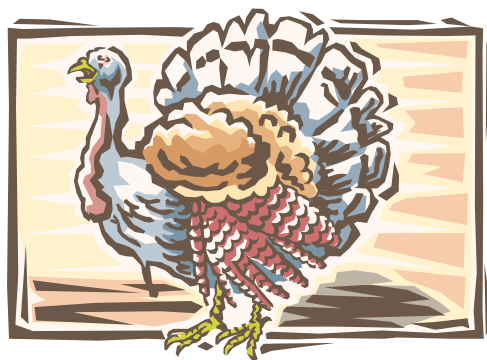
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ETHICS

The dictionary defines ethics as relating to morals and of distinction between right and wrong. Each of us has a code of ethics that guide us in how we make decisions. The decisions that we make determine what our code of ethics are. As breeders we learn our code of ethics from those who get us started in the breed. If we are taught to have a high code of ethics as we begin in our novice years of breeding then the decisions we make later on will be based on a higher plane than those who are not taught to have a high code of ethics. Each of us will base our distinction between right and wrong on the example of those who start us in the breed or sometimes by the articles that we read in our breed magazines. Some seem to have a hard time between what they say and what they actually do. There are many questions that each of us will need to ask ourselves to determine and develop a sense of what is right in the dog breeding game. For example: Do I sell a bitch for breeding that I KNOW is definitely NOT breeding quality? Do I breed my male who I know is producing a hereditary skin disease? Do I not have my dog's hips and eyes checked because it isn't in MY line? What about breeding for money instead of the improvement of the breed having so many litters that you overpopulate the area and then never sell on a spay/neuter agreement. Most of us would gasp and say we would never do such a thing and yet if we really examined our motives I think a lot of times we would see ourselves doing otherwise. I am not trying to point fingers at anyone in particular because I know that we are ALL guilty of doing things that are ethically wrong at some point in our race to produce the ultimate show dog. Let's step back for a moment and look at ourselves the way some of the pet people do who buy our wonderful puppies. What do we teach them if we sell a pet to them with a puppy back instead of a spay agreement and an honest evaluation of the puppy. Do we teach them to have a high code of ethics? Do we sell them a dog that we know has a physical problem, or not stand behind what we produce when it crops up with something debilitating such a hip dysplasia, epilepsy or skin disorders. Does this teach them that breeders have a high code of ethics? What about that puppy we sold to someone years ago and now they call back when the dog is 7 yrs of age and tell us that they are getting divorced and can't keep the dog anymore. Do we as the breeder turn our backs on a dog that WE are responsible for bringing into this world. Where is our code of ethics? It is one thing to profess that we have a higher standard than Joe Blow down the street, but how do we perform when we are actually faced with the situation itself. I know personally that I have made mistakes over the 22 years I have been in the dog game. Some of these very situations have cropped up in those years. Some of them I have chosen a high code of ethics on but then occasionally there have been some misses too. I think we all need to examine what our codes of ethics are. Hopefully most of us know what is right and what is wrong, after all we have read enough about what a good code of ethics entails - haven't we? But there is a great need for improvement in this area.

Disclaimer: All of these situations that are mentioned I have seen in my 22 years of breeding. Some I have observed in the "BIG BREEDERS" and some I have observed around in our general area. This article does NOT intend to point fingers at various individuals. HOWEVER if you in reading this article FEEL uncomfortable as if this article was written about YOU, then I would suggest some serious reflection on your part as to YOUR code of ethics.



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