

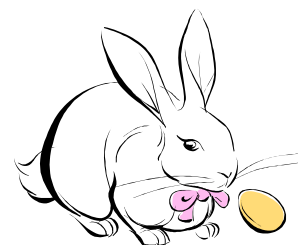


Sheltie Connection

Newsletter of the Utah Shetland Sheepdog Association

Hey, It's Spring at last!

Now, when you have the Spring fever, is the time to revisit those lessons with



YA HOO! Spring is Here! Start working your dogs!

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Club meeting will be held on April 23rd

Meet with us at the Davis County Fair park Legacy Center in Farmington
Enter the south doors

Board mtg 6-7:00pm
General Club mtg 7:00pm until done!

Special points of interest:

- * Susan Bentley Seminar in May
- * USSA specialty info
- * Member spotlight!
- * Way's YOU can help in the club!
- * Natls show chair report

Ah yes, its spring at last!

While we do get the occasional snow flurries, for the most part, the cold temperatures are behind us.

As if we didn't have enough to do, warm weather happens on us bringing us extra work, yards that were frozen now invite us to prepare for spring planting and maintenance.

The winter here was milder than normal, meaning for us vigilant dog owners, we were probably able to keep up better on the poop pa-

trols. Our normal winters here mean chunking up frozen puppy sickles off the grass (which can be a bonus, no smell either when they're froze). Not this year, we were able to kind of keep up with it.

Now we gaze longingly out our windows when at work wishing to take full advantage of the beautiful mild weather. We use the dogs, the yard, visiting with neighbors as an excuse to soak up the sun when we can.

your dogs, warm them up too so you'll be ready for the show's coming up very soon! Even if they're not entered, They need it! Get out there in the warm sun, work your dogs and let the yard go for a minute and You'll not regret it!

Calendar of Events

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| April 23rd | Club Meeting Last meeting at the legacy center** |
| April 27th | Mokc All Breed Fun Match and <u>Obedience put on by USSA</u> |
| April 13-20th | ASSA nationals Lansing, Michigan |
| May 1-4th | All breed shows Equestrian Center South Jordan Utah |
| May 16-17th | Ussa specialty / Rescue benefit food booth Willow Park , Logan |
| May 21st | Club meeting NOT at Legacy center! See notice this newsletter! |
| June 25th | Club meeting Place to be announced |
| July 16th | Club Meeting Place to be announced |
| Aug 20th | Club Meeting Place to be announced |
| Sept 7th | Practice Match with MOKC obedience |

What a dog should be

It's amazing how fast time flies. It really wasn't so long ago I can remember seeing a little much anticipated puppy born. I saw his little half black face pushed up against the sac as he was born. I was so excited to see him, I quickly tore the sac away from him, carefully dried him off, gave him a gentle first kiss and instructed his Dam "Hopi" that to be certain, "I am the mommy, YOU are the wet nurse!"

He remained my special companion for 13 1/2 years. It's hardly understandable the relationship enjoyed between us unless you've really had such a special dog to share your life with. At six months old, I took him to an Australian Shepherd herding trial.

I thought it would be an instinct test. The people there were so nice and just let us go last. I, after watching those wonderfully trained dogs, led my Harley James down to the stock. He really made an effort! Everyone cheered as Harley actually cut exactly six ducks at a time and ran them strait into a crate! He was always a star. .

His greatest talent was that, no matter where we were, or who he was with, he made even strangers feel like he was 'their' dog. He was truly not only a beautiful example of the



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breed, someone I was proud to be with, but also a kind and loving lifetime canine companion. I had the privilege of being owned by "Harley James" a once in a lifetime dog that I knew God granted me.

Harley will truly be with me forever. I felt him brush by my leg just last night. His ashes will be buried with me.

Thank you so much to everyone who offered condolences . I accept his temporary absence while he waits for me, patient as always at Rainbow bridge. Julene

OOPS!

I really owe a couple of people an apology! Last month was as most of you know, was my first newsletter. I used a program that I had that had some newsletter formats in it. I had darling clip art too! I thought all was well until I discovered to my horror as I reached the 7th page, nothing would save! The program kept throwing out "illegal operation" (much to my chagrin) and would not let me save my

work! After doing some problem solving with a "tech", I ended up separating each page into a separate document in order to make any changes! Then came the format problems. PDF JPG GIFF PUB. Chi chee chang! It was all Chinese to me! Documents sent to me that I couldn't open were scanned in desperation to transfer to a format I could use!

End result folks was that, I did get the newsletter out at the last desperate moment, (Thanks Jim) but not all the pages transferred correctly. One of those was the spotlight. I offer my humble apology to the Cowley's and the Ciampini's who's additions were messed up a little in the process!

**A Great big
"Thanks" is
extended to Jim
Melton for his
assistance!!!**

2003 Officers in our club!

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Eva Pickering

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Caren Ciampini

Secretary

Stephanie Burdett

Cheryl Sorensen

Corresponding Secretary

Pam Parry

Cindy Wilkensen

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Ava Pickering

One — On — One Open Forum with Susan Bentley

Susan Bentley of BENAYR SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS & AUSTRALIAN TERRIERS involvement with purebred dogs stems from a lifelong interest in horses and animal breeding. She graduated from California Polytechnic College in 1965 with a major in Animal Husbandry. She bred Thoroughbred Horses with her husband for many years in California, and grew interested in showing dogs in the 1960's and started her dog career with Shelties. Over the years she has bred over 30 AKC champion Shelties, concentrating on sables and building a well known line of dogs.

In 1982, Susan became acquainted with the Australian Terriers through her young son's interest in the breed. She has gradually developed a line of Australian Terriers and currently has bred nearly 50 AKC champions. She continually strives to breed only from top quality individuals in the hopes of producing physically and mentally sound dogs that are representative of the breed standard.

DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ONE-ON-ONE WITH SUSAN...ASKING ANY QUESTIONS YOU WISH.

Examples of questions...bring your own to the forum!!

1. What is the best way to survive the dog show world.
2. How would you suggest we learn to all get along better in the show world.
3. What do you feel is the biggest problem today with our breed.
4. How do you feel is the best way to look for the best breeding match for your dogs.
5. What is the best way to try to begin your "own" family line and look.

Pre-Registration Cost..... \$20.00
At The Door Cost..... \$25.00

Date: Friday—May 16, 2003 Where: Pavilion at Willow Park Complex
 Time: 1 hour after breed (approx 3pm) 195 S 100 W, Logan, Utah

Lunch to be provided

Please Send Your Check, made payable to U.S.S.A. to:

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 7817 W Country View Lane
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A note about the Standard!



Join us at the Seminar!!
 Hey, you don't know every-
 thing!

*"The Shet-
 land Sheep-
 dog is a
 small, alert,
 rough-coated
 long-haired
 dog. He
 must be
 sound, agile,
 and sturdy.
 The outline
 should be*

*symmetrical so that no part appears out of
 proportion to the whole. Dogs should ap-
 pear masculine, bitches feminine."*

By "symmetry" and "proportion", the authors stress correct overall balance. Not only will a symmetrical appearance be more appealing to look at, but it will be more effective as a working dog. How can he work long hours if he cannot move correctly, and how can he move correctly if he is out of balance? A sheltie should be moderate in all respects. This does not mean being mediocre. It means a balance and harmony of all parts conforming to the standard. If a dog does not fit the standard, a dog cannot be balanced. Think about what this very important word in the standard "sound" means to a dog. Not just lacking in angulation, but, overreaching fronts, long bodied short legged dogs with too much angulation cannot be balanced and therefore cannot be sound. Neither can an overly heavy dog be agile. Balance should be our goal in all respects with regards to adherence to the sheltie standard.

Local Nationals Show chair report from Ernie!

Bet you've asked yourself, "How can I help the club!"

These are just a few things you as a member of the Utah Shetland Sheepdog Association can help with. Being a club member can be very rewarding!

Each member new or old is needed somehow. This has been a great organization so far because we have workers! If you are a club member and don't have something to do, then here are some suggestions for you! Please help us be a successful organization by helping in one of these wonderful and rewarding ways and get to know the reason you joined us!

We Need volunteers for the following:

- ◆ Bring treats to a club meeting. Call Eva Pickering for needed months
- ◆ Offer assistance at an AKC show or obedience trial by helping to set-up or clean-up equipment. Offer to steward at a ring, even offer to be a post at an obedience ring. Contact Suzi Beacham
- ◆ Send an informative bit of information to the newsletter, or write something yourself! Contact Julene Mathews
- ◆ Ask Ernie Ciampini what committee you can serve on for the Nationals.
- ◆ Come early to a club meeting and

set up chairs, or stay and help put chairs away! Just Do it!

- ◆ Volunteer to foster a rescue dog. Contact Barbara Edelberg.
- ◆ Volunteer to do a weekly walk through a shelter in your area to keep an eye open for shelties to rescue. Contact Barbara Edelberg or Caren Ciampini



May I always be the person my dog thinks I am

- ◆ Ask which committees in the club need assistance. Contact Eva Pickering.
- ◆ Help organize and assist with the luncheon at the specialty in May. Contact Suzi Beacham
- ◆ Volunteer to help serve food at the rescue benefit booth at the May shows in Logan for an hour or two. Contact Kevin Mathews
- ◆ Offer to sponsor a ribbon or trophy for a club show or specialty, contact Suzi Beacham or obedience contact Cindy Wilkensen.
- ◆ Offer to help Julie Brown if you can help work with the ducks she's raising for the Nationals Herding trials.

- ◆ Volunteers are needed to help run the raffle booth for the club at the specialty. Contact Cindy Wilkensen.

- ◆ Volunteers are needed to help run the raffle booth at the rescue benefit booth at the May shows. Contact Kevin Mathews

- ◆ Offer to help gather donations for the USSA club raffle for May. Contact Cindy Wilkensen.

- ◆ Volunteer to help store the club equipment trailer for awhile. Contact Steve or Rachel Holmes.

- ◆ Volunteer to help keep the trailer organized while it is being loaded following a show. Just be there to help!
- ◆ Offer to bring some canned soda or treats to donate to the rescue benefit food booth in May in Logan. Contact Kevin Mathews
- ◆ **Someone pick up our Judge from the airport, Please!!!**

There are so many ways each and every one of you are so very much needed in the club. Please make an effort, each of you, new or old. Many hands make light work so they say.

Linda Guihen Seminar

We were quite fortunate to have been able to have Linda Guihen here for a two day seminar.

Saturday, Linda discussed at length structure and outlines, and how to achieve balance. Ernie did a video of each dog before the seminar so that they could be video'd at the end and show an after of the dog and handler.

She started with trimming feet and hocks, showing us the correct foot shape. She discussed the standard

and showed us new way's to tape ears. Nutrition was discussed as well and time was well spent with each dog that attended.

Linda did a wonderful job helping all who attended achieve a better dog for



She showed us some innovative way's to make the most of our dogs!

showing. She helped us see how colors affect our dogs and how we can show them to their best advantage!

Caren prepared some wonderful Tortilla wrap sandwiches and Sloppy joes for everyone. No one went hungry!

Ernie worked hard to set up and take down!

We appreciate Linda coming and doing such a great job! She probably left tired, we never saw her sit down. We all left better off for having attended. Thanks Linda!

This Months Spotlight! Introducing...Cindy Wilkensen!

I'm sure many of you are familiar with Cindy Wilkensen. She was quite hesitant to cooperate with attempts to spotlight her, however, persistence won out. We thank Cindy for giving us all an opportunity to know her better!

Cindy as most of you know is quite unassuming. She didn't even want to write this herself! So, with some information she provided, allow me (Julene) to spotlight Cindy!

Cindy became involved with dogs when her husband Richard purchased a Golden Retriever. "Brandy" was meant to be a hunting dog. Hunting dogs are of course rough and tough! They also at that time in the Wilkensen household lived outside. Every time Cindy went outside, a rough tough wild and crazy "Brandy" would accost her and jump up in a most unappreciative manner! After a



The plan here!

We want your photo's!!!! This is the plan! *This is our club, we want to see our dogs in our newsletter.* Be it your great pet photo of someone doing a funny thing, or a recent brag win photo, all venues. I know I love

threat or two to try to get Richard to get his dog in hand, Cindy took Brandy to an obedience class. The obedience class teacher was Linda Eastman. "Brandy" ended up getting a CD, and for all intents and purposes, Cindy was introduced in a big way to the obedience and dog show world! Now we know we have Cindy's Recalcitrant husband to thank for our Cindy.

While taking lessons from Linda, Cindy was introduced to Linda's "Rocky". Cindy liked Rocky and it just so happened that Linda had a Rocky litter, so Cindy picked out one of those darling babies and that was her "Lacey"! Before Lacey was retired, and some while retired, Lacey earned with Cindy's talented help a CD, CDX, HT (Herdning tested), Lacey also worked in venues such as Agility and even Tracking! She was a much loved and now very missed girl. Those of us who started early on in the group which later became a club will remember Suzi Beachams grooming clinic at the YWCA. When it was time to demonstrate how to trim feet, Suzi hollered out into the group, "Where's that bitch with the hairy feet?" From the back of the room came a little voice and a very red faced Cindy with her hairy toed "Lacey".

Cindy has continued to work in obedience with her other dogs. She has a real "feel" for what a dog needs and how the dogs feel and projects that to who she's working with and the people she's working with as well.

Cindy's obedience partner "Stripe" has

looking at our pictures, you'll love it too. You send it, I'll print it! Don't be shy!



"Shimmer"
Best of Breed!
Thanks Suzi Beacham!

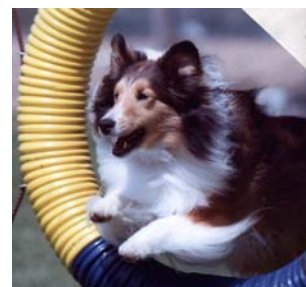
earned NA, NAJ, OA, OAJ, AX, AXJ titles and currently working on a masters in Agility. He has earned a CD, CDX in obedience as well as a CD in ASCA. He is also beginning his herding career! Quite a

dog Cindy!

Cindy's darling little bitch "Shimmer" currently has 14 points in Conformation and is just lacking a major to finish to a champion! "Shimmer" also has an NA, NAJ in Agility

Cindy display's a deep sense of commitment to her family (who hasn't been hit up yet to buy Girl Scout cookies for her kids??) and towards her dogs. She has a talent for being quite persuasive in a nice way with folks. Her club raffles are legendary at this point, she also serves this year on our club board of directors. We have all benefited from her talents!

Cindy is passing on her great love and sense of commitment for the dogs to her family.



"Stripe" in Agility!

**Photo's make the
newsletter fun!!**

If I ask you for spotlight information, Please give it to me or I'll write something anyway!!! Fair warning people!

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

Hot news!!!!

Just off the Press

Due to the Legacy Center closing earlier times for the summer, unfortunately the club will have to re-locate meetings to a different spot. This is effective after the April meeting!

So! Back to the drawing boards folks. Put on your thinking caps and lets find an indoor location for meetings so we don't have to worry about the weather. We have too much important business to worry about rain, wind, heat, etc., we need an indoor location of possible.

USSA AKC Specialty show May 16, 17 2003 Willow Park, Logan

This years shows should be exciting!

We have so many beautiful and competitive dogs just in our area!

Friday's show will begin judging at 10:00 am our Friday judge will be:

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| <u>Mrs. Bonnie Smith</u> | Breed classes |
| <u>Mrs. Susan Bentley</u> | Sweepstakes |
| <u>Miss Bonnie Lee</u> | Obedience |

Suzi Beacham is our show chairman and Cindy Wilkensen is the obedience chairperson at this show.

We are pleased to have ShannaLee Waller-Michalsky on site for pictures. She has proven to be talented with photo's so she will do a wonderful job for us all!

The show will be at Willow Park, Logan. 195 South 100 west, Logan

Saturday's judging is also slated to begin at 10:00 am

We are pleased to have judge Saturday's events:

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| <u>Mrs. Gloria Cronin</u> | Breed classes |
| <u>Mr. Tom Cronin</u> | Sweepstakes |

Our show secretary this year is Rachel Holmes

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If you have not received a premium as

yet, you may download the premium off the club web site listed above on this page. We have some lovely prizes this year for the shows and Logan is such a charming town to visit. Don't forget a visit to the Gossner cheese factory on the west side of town, or there is even an historic working farm in town if you get a chance to look around a bit!

The USSA will host a lovely luncheon following judging on Friday. The club members are talented cooks and previous years have brought a wonderful variety of delicious dishes to choose from. There will also be Hot dogs and Hamburgers barbecued to add to the menu. Everyone kind enough to have supported the club by coming is certainly invited.

We'll see you all there with bells on!!! Please check the premium for further details on the show. Don't be late!!



Aren't they all winners??



Sassy's Birthday Party ! Presents are Donations to SRU

It was a very sad time for Evelyn Boss. She had just lost her wonderful Sheltie, Muffy, to stomach cancer. She wrote a letter to a Sheltie discussion group and told them how her heart was broken and how she didn't want to go on without another wonderful little Sheltie to hold and love.



A compassionate member of the discussion group responded to Evelyn. Julene Mathews wrote back to Evelyn, empathizing with her grief and letting her know

that she might have a little girl Evelyn could adopt.

While the little Sheltie-girl, Sassy, was growing and learning about the world — not yet old enough to go home with anyone — Evelyn passed the time getting her home ready for the arrival of her new baby girl. When the time was right, Evelyn and her husband flew to Utah and met Sassy and her family.

Evelyn describes meeting Sassy's Mom and the flight home... "While getting acquainted, Marilyn, Sassy's mother, came over to me and stood there just staring at me. I looked into her eyes and it was

as if she was asking me if I were going to take her baby. So I hugged her and told her not to worry because I would take very good care of her baby and I promised her Sassy would never want or need anything ever again. I promised her I would love her little baby until she took her last breath. At that moment Marilyn walked away, went over to Sassy and Gillian, and just watched them play."

"After meeting Sassy and the rest of the wonderful family we took our baby home on a United Airlines flight. She even got to ride in the

first class cabin. We were frightened Sassy would be upset by the flight but she wasn't — she loved it! She was out of her crate more than she was in it and had lots of attention from passengers and crew between naps." Photos of Sassy's journey from Utah to California can be seen at <http://hometown.aol.com/sheltyluvr/Candy.html>

Sassy's birthday parties have traditionally been an occasion for making donations to rescue groups. This year, as in the past, Evelyn asked her guests to make a donation, rather than bring gifts. Evelyn recalled that Julene and Kevin Mathews were very active in Sheltie Rescue of Utah (SRU). Evelyn wanted not only to honor her warm friendship with Julene and Kevin (Evelyn refers to them as Sassy's grandparents) but also wanted to support Shelties and Rescue. So Evelyn decided to ask Sassy's guests to make donations to Sheltie Rescue of Utah. The result was a very generous donation totaling \$120!

