



Sheltie Connection

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We want to thank Eva and Ava Pickering for organizing our Christmas party.

Even though changes had to be made at the last minute as to where to hold our party, it went off without a hitch and I have not heard of anyone getting sick, thank goodness. Having the party at Chuck-A-Rama gave everyone a verity of food to choose from and as much as anyone wanted. That was great for those of us with a large appetite.

The turnout was great and for those of you that missed the party, you really missed out. The gifts that everyone brought were great and everyone was a winner. It's always great fun playing bingo and some are definitely luckier then others. But it was great fun and was so good to visit with our friends and reminisce about this past year.

The following members received awards this past year. They are:

<u>TITLE:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>BY/OWNER</u>
CD	Hillview's Amazin Grace	Stephanie Burdett
OA Agility trial	Lady Chelsea With Attitude	Kathy Cain
CH	Lower Gwynne Raisin an Angel	Ernie & Caren Ciampini
UD Utility Dog	Hill View's Ain't Misbehavin'	Chrissy & Ron Weatherston
OA Agility trial	Redcoat Irish I'm Not CDX OAJ	Jane Guidinger
2002 Olympics, Red Cross dog tag/title issued by USA Secret Service SAIR Team (Spiritual Care, Aviation Incident Response) Disaster Response, Assistance Dog Pastoral Care Dog - at St. Mark's Hospital R.E.A.D. Dog - title through Intermountain Therapy Animals	Dusty	Kay Miller

You can all be very proud of all your hard work. We certainly are! Good job all of you.

**A Happy
New
Year!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2003

2003 Officers

Jan 15	Club Meeting
Jan 24-26	Rescue Booth at GSDOG
Feb 19	Club Meeting
Mar 19	Club Meeting
March 29-30	Linda Quigen Seminar
April 16	Club Meeting or the 23
April 27	MOKA All Breed Match & Obedience put on by USSA
April 13-20	ASSA Nationals-Lancing, Michigan
May 16	Symposium by Susan Bentley
May 16-17	USSA Specialty at Willow Park, Logan
May 21	Club Meeting
June 18	Club Meeting or the 25
July 16	Club Meeting
July 31-Aug 3	Joy Charles, Pet Psychic
Aug 20	Club Meeting
Sept 7	Practice Match with MOKC-Obedience
Sept 17	Club Meeting
Oct 5	USSA Sanction Match

GSDOC all Breed Obedience Trial show is at the Weber County Fair Park exhibit hall 24, 25 & 26 of January, from 8-4 pm.

Sheltie Rescue of Utah will have a booth all three days.

We need your help!!!! Please bring to the Club on the 15th of January any new items we can sell or raffle at the Rescue Booth.

All items - large or small - are welcome and very much appreciated. Please give them to Julene Mathews or Cindy Wilkinson - Rescue Booth Chairpersons. Barbara Edelberg & Caren Ciampini are assisting.

If you can't attend the club meeting on the 15th of January, call any of these people and arrange to get your item(s) to them.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

PowerUp with Mary Ann Nortmann!!

A dog training seminar that will explore the drives that shape our dogs and how to use them to get your best performance. Here a just a few of the things that will be covered!!

€ Reading Drive

€ Evaluations

€ Drive shaping-How a good foundation and relationship allow you to perform in any sport

€ Developing stronger drives in older dogs

€ Handling drives that are too high

€ Behavior challenge course-how drives affect your dogs behavior

€ How different dog sports effect each other

€ When to correct your dog-are you sure it's disobedience?

€ Understanding drive and when to use it

The seminar is January 18th and 19th in Farmington Utah at the Davis County Fairpark.

It is indoors on a matted floor in a heated buidling. 8:30-4:30 pm both days.

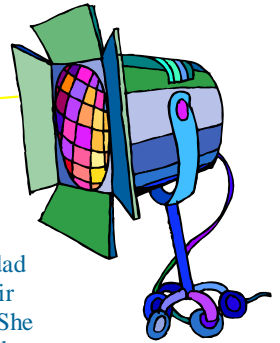
The fee is \$80. for both days...or \$50. for one day.

There is no limit to the number of people who can attend.

Call Edie Schoepp at 801-969-3264 to get a registration form or more information.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

JUDITH WILLIAMSON



Our very first Sheltie came to our home in the spring of 1980. I purchased him for my twins at the time their dad and I divorced and he moved out of the house. I thought that getting a dog would help take their minds off their dad. We went to get a puppy but the breeder had a one year old male named Max that she suggested we take. She said that if at the end of the day the kids still wanted to have a puppy, we could bring Max back and she would give us a puppy. Well, that never happened! The kids fell in love with Max. We just kept his name the same. He was a sable and white Sheltie and was the dearest dog. He would chase a ball and retrieve it and also chase and catch a Frisbee. The kids were able to put their dad's leaving behind without having a major melt-down. Max was with us for 13 years and was still in good health when my daughter took him for a walk (on a leash) and he was attacked by a German Shepherd. The German Shepherd was running loose in his owner's unfenced backyard. Max did not survive the attack and we had to have him put to sleep. This was a very difficult time for my daughter and myself.

Our second Sheltie was a sable and white male named Zac. He was a lot of fun! He would jump up in my lap and howl along with us if we pretended to howl. He would follow me everywhere. If I went up or downstairs, he would run ahead of me and wait for me at the top or bottom. But I would sometimes tease him and turn around half way up or down and go in the opposite direction. He would race ahead of me a second time. Then I would turn around midway and go up or down again. By then he had caught on and would only go as far as I had gone and stay right on the step with me. When I tried to trick him a third time, he would bark and let me know that he had had enough of that game. We had him for three years when the meter reader came through our yard and left the gate open. Zac took off and we could not find him although we searched and searched! About a week later, our neighbor reported to us that he had been hit and was on the side of the road some distance away. We were devastated! I think that I cried over him for the whole week and I still get teary when I think of both Max and Zac.

Now we have four Shelties that bring peace and love into our home. Joshua is my grandson Robert's dog. Joshua sleeps with him every night and helps him feel safe while I'm at work during the nights. (I'm a psychiatric RN and work night shift at the Utah State Hospital.) Joshua likes to lay on the window sill of our dining room and survey the front yard and the neighborhood from his perch. He is quick to let me know if there is anything to be concerned about like strangers in the area. He has a beautiful red sable and white coat that is very full and he reminds me of the Lion King when he is sitting in the window looking over his kingdom. Cheers has a fitted coat that is a deep mahogany red sable and white. She has the sweetest temperament. She is very gentle with my grandchildren when they come over to visit and is never cross with them. When there is a thunderstorm, she will bark and bark and run around the yard if she is outside. She must think there is a big giant dog in the sky that she needs to warn us about. It is very humorous to watch. Cheers also like to lay on the window sill in the dining room and keep watch for us.

Our third Sheltie is a little female that is a year old. She is also sable and white and is the smallest of the three but she is still in size. She is the daughter of Cheers and her name is Éclair. She is named Eclair because I study French and I wanted to name her something French. Eclair means a pastry in French but it also means lightening. Her full name is Éclair du Ciel which means lightening in the sky. She also has a very sweet personality and is very interested in pleasing me. I am looking forward to doing some obedience training with her in the future. Éclair hasn't learned how to get up on the window sill yet so when I pull up in the car, her little face just peeks over the window sill to see who is there.

Our fourth Sheltie is an 11 week old female named Aurélie des Anges which means Aurélie of the Angels. She is the daughter of Cheers also. I am hoping to maybe show this puppy. She is very strong willed but also very lovely.

And I actually have a 5th dog named Spot that my son left with me temporarily but it looks like he won't be able to take him back so I am trying to find a home for him. He is very large (60 lbs), white with a few brown and black spots, a tail that curves over his back and a very loving personality. He actually thinks he's smaller than he is because he tries to climb up in your lap. And I think he might be part cat because he likes to brush up against you like a cat. He looks to me like the dog in the cartoon with the wolf that guards the sheep. I think he is part English Sheep Dog. He has a lot of coat but not as much as the real deal.

It's wonderful to go home in the morning after working all night to the 5 dogs. They bark at me and tell me all about their night and that I should hurry up and let them out so they can check everything out in the yard and make sure all is well. Their love and fidelity is sustaining and helps fill the void I sometimes feel with living without a spouse. I truly love the Sheltie breed and think that like Sara Lee, nobody doesn't like a Sheltie!



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