



# Sheltie Connection

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Sunday of the month

**USSA club meetings are  
held the third Wednesday  
of each month.**

**This month's meeting is  
scheduled for June 25th  
from 7:00pm till business  
is finished!**

**Board Meetings are held  
prior to club meetings at  
5:45pm till 7:00pm**

**Club meeting place this  
month is to be announced**

## **Special points of interest:**

- \* Nationals Chair report
- \* Cheryl's Perils!
- \* Rescue report
- \* Vets corner
- \* Brags galore!
- \* Dog food alert!

## Summertime, Summertime!

Summer came fast upon us this year! Cold one day it seems and broiling the next. So is the weather in Utah! Who knows that tomorrow we may lose our gardens to a freeze!

Summer brings a plethora of chores around the house and yard. Always something to do! Then there's the never ending parade of family reunions, neighborhood parties, barbecues, and a wide variety of endless get-togethers and meetings! Too many things to do and not enough time.

Early summer brings us our line up of dog shows and the promise of new champions and points on

beautiful youngsters as well as the hope of a well behaved and carefully trained obedience or Agility dog earning a deserved leg or two. Nevertheless, the



**Ken and Sassy at Dead Horse Point, Utah**

march of time brings us a new day after a sultry summer night and we set our hats again at finishing one more thing, working one more session with a dog, getting our darlings brushed out from their much needed coat dump.

With all these things to do, it's hard to imagine that we actually can take time to just plain get away! Go for the sake of going and enjoy a bit of relaxation.

Enjoy it folks...time flies by and Nationals will be here

## Attention USSA Members!

It is only mere months now before the Nationals will be upon us.

There are many, many committee positions needing to be filled. Please consider this:

Each committee chair must in turn have people who

can help pull off their responsibilities during the Nationals in Ogden 2004. If you are a committee chair, you are beginning to get a feel for the amount of work it will require to successfully fulfill the duties you have volunteered. Everyone will be needed in

this club. If you have never been to a Nationals, then you can offer assistance in many different committees and if you are on a committee, see if you can help on another committee! Please be willing to go the extra mile! Thanks All!



## Notice To People Who Visit My Home

- 1 The dog lives here. You don't.
- 2 If you don't want dog hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture.
- 3 Yes, she has some disgusting habits. So do I and so do you. What's your point?
- 4 OF COURSE she smells like a dog.



**I like her a lot better than I like most people.**

- 5 I like her a lot better than I like most people.
- 6 To you she's a dog. To me she's an adopted daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and doesn't speak clearly. I have no problem with any of these things.
- 7 Dogs are better than kids. They eat less, don't ask for

money all the time, are easier to train, usually come when called, never drive your car, don't hang out with drug-using friends, don't smoke or drink, don't worry about whether they have the latest fashions, don't wear your clothes, don't need a gazillion dollars for college, and if they get pregnant, you can sell the pups.

- 8 The same applies for the cats, except they will ignore you...until you're asleep.

## Mad Cow used for dog food?

Associated Press

**Pet Pantry International** of Carson City, Nev., which issued the request Monday, said customers should search for two products: "Maintenance Diet" with a "use by" date of "17FEB04.

If found, the food should be held for pickup. The company's prod-

ucts are purchased by phone or e-mail and delivered by franchises to consumers homes.

There is no known risk to dogs and no

**"US consumers are being asked to return dog food that may have come from a Canadian cow that tested positive for mad cow disease."**

evidence that dogs could transmit the disease to humans, the Food and Drug Administration said. The voluntary return is a precaution to prevent discarded dog food from getting mixed with feed for cattle, goats or sheep.

Customers who purchased dog food since February should check their supplies and, if found, should call the company at 1-800-381-7387 Pet Pantry

## Hard work pays off for club member!

On Saturday May 3rd at Utah Valley Kennel Club "Tyson" earned his first UDX leg with a 197 in Open B and 194 in Utility B and took High Combined and also received our first OTCH point!

On Sunday, May 4th at Utah Valley Kennel Club show in South Jordan, Utah "Tyson" earned a 2nd UDX leg with a 199 in Open B and a 198.5 in

Utility B. He took High in Trial and a High Combined. He also picked up an additional 10 OTCH points!

OTCH stands for Obedience Trial Champion and 100 points are needed to become an Obedience Champion!

Yea Chrissy and "Tyson"! Well done and we wish you luck in completing his championship!



**U-CDX Hill View's Ain't Misbehavin', UD, ASCA-CDX aka "Tyson"**  
**With owners and friends,**  
**Ron and Chrissy Weatherston**



## Vets Corner: Food Allergies

By Dr. John Whiteley DVM

Do you find that your dog frequently vomits, has diarrhea, or shows any skin irritations, bad coat condition and/or hair loss? Any or all of these symptoms could point to allergies, and specifically to an allergy to your dog food. Ingredients in food that your dog cannot tolerate any result in a variety of negative reactions. Allergy and food intolerance is also called an adverse reaction to food and can create ongoing problems with both the skin and digestive tract.

There are many possible causes for these food allergies. However, some of the ingredients that cause most of the problems are frequently found in most common pet foods.

In dogs, the most common causes of adverse reactions are beef, dairy products, wheat, chicken and pork. Beet pulp can also be a cause for concern.

It may take months or years before a pet develops an allergic response to a particular food. However, once an adverse reaction begins with a certain

always be allergic to that food source. Because adverse reactions to food are most commonly associated with protein sources, your dog may need to be fed a protein source that he has not eaten before. Through the process of elimination, it may be discovered that your dog is allergic to many protein sources and will need a food with specially broken down proteins. Some "novel" sources of protein now available are egg, duck, salmon, whitefish, even kangaroo! Finding the right food to suit your dogs needs can be very important!

## Frozen Peanut Butter Yogurt Treats

### Ingredients

- 1-32 oz. Container of vanilla yogurt
- 1 cup of peanut butter

### Directions

1. Put the peanut butter in a microwave safe dish and microwave until melted.
2. Mix the yogurt and the melted

peanut butter in a bowl.

3. Pour mixture into cupcake papers and freeze.

Try this tasty treat on for size this summer!

Great treat to share with your four legged darlings as well as the two legged variety!



## Braggs on Gil!

May was good to us at the shows! South Jordan brought us on Saturday under Mrs Dany Canino Winners Dog and Best of Winners for two points.

Up at Logan, under Mr Robert Forsyth, Gil won his first major for three points. Gil has 8 points total now in about six weeks. We're sure proud of our little man!



**Saltaire Guilty Pleasures "Gil"  
And Cheryl!**  
**Thanks to Mrs Dany Canino on Gils win!**  
**Thanks Cheryl for your expert handling of Gil!**

Gil is also a Dad with our little English Bitch Kensils English Rose "Rosebud" who gave us three darling babies! We wish to

congratulate all the winners in the last few shows and know that we think our competition is the toughest ever! Everyone has had such beautiful dogs!

Thanks to all who supported our recent effort to benefit Sheltie Rescue.

To everyone who helped in so many ways to make the "Picnic Basket" Booth in Logan a success, we couldn't have done it without you! Thanks!



## Cheryl's Perils!

A continuing saga of Cheryl's travels! By Cheryl Sorensen

Well this trip back from Lewiston, Id with my 33 ft Pace Arrow motorhome and all those fancy bells and whistles, really topped one of my many adventures I've traveled with friends, Doug and mainly myself for twenty years showing shelties and collies all over the country!

Everyone has heard about our adventure to the 2001 Nationals with Julene Mathews, Cindy Wilken-son, Joan Parsley and Myself. But this past week tops them all!

One leaves the beautiful Interstate just outside Ontario, Ore and you travel Highway 95 to Lewiston, Id with breathtaking scenery, fishing villages (salmon) on an incredible river. The bane of all travelers who haul trailers and drive motor homes is the rugged climbs and descents. About seventy miles south of Lewiston is the White Feather Pass. We did great in low gear and I pictured myself driving stakes into the ground to make sure I was still moving.

A turtle pace going but got me to the top. Great, no overheating this trip!

Now I know you've figured out, ok so she has to come home this way too. Well, yes, I perused using all kinds of directions to get home, trying to avoid this grade, especially since we had just replaced all the brakes and rotors on our 33 ft beast.

The general consensus by all seasoned dog show folk was go back the same way.

I decided better safe than sorry and decided to leave Tuesday morning having dumped all the water. I fol-

lowed advice by watching the RPMs and staying off the brakes.

I had stalled the downgrade I was now looking down the throat of. Outside of Graysville, we climbed a grade that warned truckers to test brakes. Then a 7% downgrade for eight miles after that. I crested the hill and the panoramic view of

the Marydale wilderness and Craters of the Earth. My heart skipped, I dropped to a lower gear and ...down I went. I was cool the first turn at 35 mph. I was going good at the strait-away with a couple of sharp turns and seven miles to go. I tapped my brakes, then uh oh, 45 mph, the sign said 35. Well, things were getting tougher and I was getting worried.

A C.W. McCall song came to my mind "Wolf Creek Pass" about the telephone poles slipping by multiplied by 5. It was about his harrowing drive down Wolf Creek and pulls into Pagona Springs. I was worried to say the least.

My brakes were getting mushy and I saw smoke. I had four miles to go. I decided to try to calm myself and get off the road. The turnout was the White Feather overlook of a battlefield across the way but I couldn't get there due to traffic coming up too heavy. I decided I had to pull off! The Lord was with me and I did get off. The brakes were smoking bad. Boulders sitting on the cliffs edge marked the canyon below me. I thanked God I could call Doug and

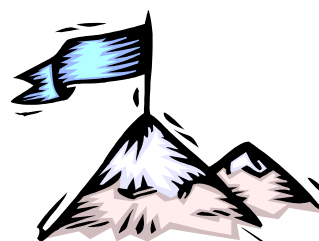
tell him I loved him as I pictured myself hitting the ground below.

When I stopped, I saw smoke. I put it in park, shut off the engine and jumped out of the motor home shutting the door behind me because I had Joe sitting second seat. I realized my lights were on and as the door shut, I had a flash realization the door was LOCKED! Not just the driver door, ALL the doors. Joe stared inquisitively at me from the now locked motor home. My stomach was still at the top of the mountain! I was a bundle of nerves descending that day and I still had another four miles of that canyon to go. My cell phone was locked in the motor home, but there would have been no signal anyway. No help there. I had smoking brakes but they weren't on fire, but no motor home key's on me.

I calmly strolled around the motor home, once then twice. I tried all the doors but alas they were still locked. I looked at the windows but they were all closed and securely locked.

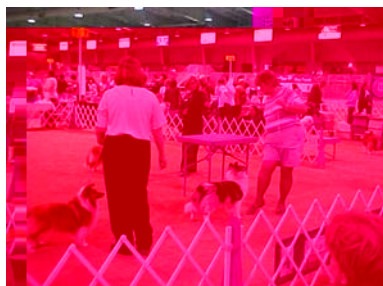
**"I calmly strolled around the motor home once, then twice. All doors stil locked!"**

All the other vehicles passing me were struggling with their own set of problems, as I saw smoking brakes on them as they descended the tough mountain.



**What goes up, must come down!**

I knew I had some tools. I decided I could break a door lock, so why not a window lock? Now I hate telling but, I



**Cheryl and "Stripe"**



## Cheryl's Perils cont.

I stood on my tackbox by the window but it was just not high enough. I emptied a mesh crate of oil cans, brake fluids and such and in my hurry, the cans started rolling down the hill with me hot on their trail. This should give you some idea of how steep the hill was anyway.

I stacked tack box on top of the crate but it still wasn't high enough to get me to the window. I then placed a plastic container I had used for dog food and carefully climbed up on top of this tipsy precarious mess and balanced myself and tried to pry the lock

on the window. I almost had it and one tap on the window too many and the center window shattered! Oops!

Ok, at least now I could get in, but with my recent shoulder surgery, that arm didn't work. So I stood on the pile of stacked things and tried to get enough courage to endure the pain I knew it would take to hoist myself in through the window. No one had stopped and I am certain that was a sight to behold seeing this fat middle aged woman poised precariously on a hill against a motor home. My lights were on and I knew I had to get in that motor home!

I said a prayer and jumped for all I

was worth and grabbed the counter. I was half in, half out and stuck. My arms wouldn't work, I had no foothold, and my legs were flailing about behind me. I saw in my minds eye a picture of myself dangling out the window of my motor home. Oh my! It didn't take a rocket scientist to figure out looking at the picture that the dumb lady hanging from the window had locked herself out! I could hear the questions now "What do you mean no extra hidden set of keys?"

Well I hung there and laughed at my predicament. It was better than crying! I managed to hoist myself through the window and shut down the lights. I made it home after all,

## Nationals Chair report Ernie on the job!

We just received the final approval from the ASSA committees for us to hold our Agility Seminar...hooray! Here is a picture of Marquand Cheek and his wonderful dog who has a MACH 5 in Agility...yikes that is awesome! Here also is his resume, which speaks wonderfully for itself. We are very lucky to have him instruct the Seminar and know it will be a tremendous success!

Herding Trials for the 2004 Nationals are coming together at long last. This weekend the Nationals Course Director Vicki Chalk is coming to Ogden to review our facilities, inspect all the equipment, offer suggestions based

on her vast knowledge in this area, and help us put together our final Herding budget. Steve Holmes and Julie Brown

are working hard to make the Herding Trials a huge success, and we all feel confident that they will be. Appropriate sheep have been located and Julie is raising ducks to fulfill that need. Big thanks to Steve, Julie and Vicki for ensuring our 2004 Herding Trials will be fabulous!

Raffle Items: All of us need to help in ensuring we'll have a tremendously successful raffle. Cindy Wilkinson is working hard gathering super sheltie related items, but she needs all our help. Please take it upon yourselves to either give her some seed money for some items-\$25 from each Club

Member is suggested-- or please seek out contributions and find at least three (3) \$25 sheltie or doggie related items for our Club raffle. Our Club is widely known for our awesome raffles-thanks to Cindy and her dedicated crew who is mainly Cathy Cain, Julie Brown, Steph-

nie Burdett, Marie Miles, Jennie Lewis and all those other super people who always help. Let's all help them make this the best one ever!!

Thanks to everyone for supporting our 2004 Nationals in so many ways. We appreciate you!

Ernie



Marquand Cheek and his wonderful dog who has earned a MACH5!

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## Sheltie Rescue Food Concession is a Major Success!

The Mount Ogden Kennel Club, USSA and others held three consecutive AKC sanctioned dog shows the week-end of May 16th to 18th in Logan, UT.

The Mount Ogden Kennel Club very generously donated booth space for Sheltie Rescue of Utah at these shows. We organized and operated a food concession, raising funds that allow us to continue our work: rescuing Shelties! We offer a great big THANK YOU to Mount Ogden Kennel Club!!!

Many people contributed to the success of this food concession. Among the most active of those people were Kevin and Julene Mathews who did an awesome job estimating food, costs, putting together the booth itself, preparing food, and manning the booth every day. One of the most popular dishes was Kevin's Dutch Oven Cobbler in a variety of flavors all of which were so popular that people were reserving servings in advance!

Additional help came from: Caren and Ernie Ciampini (who offered tons of experience in planning similar concessions and in estimating the amount of food we'd serve), Cheryl and Doug Sorensen (who

helped prepare ingredients and also generously supplied a trailer, a grill, and other equipment

and supplies for use in the concession), Jim Melton (who flipped burgers), Barbara Edelberg (who served customers and managed the raffle), Denny Daffron (who flipped burgers and served customers), Pam Parry (who served customers), and Cindy Wilkinson (who is our Queen of Fundraising, always managing to acquire wonderful items for raising funds and who also served customers).

To all of these people, and everybody else who gave moral support, bought food, and/or helped out in ways that we may have overlooked, we offer sincere



**Visit <http://SheltieRescueUT.org>**

## Seven Shelties Currently in Rescue Seek Loving Permanent Homes!

Help! Sheltie Rescue of Utah Inc., needs both foster homes and permanent loving homes for our Rescues

Two year old Autumn came via the Tooele Shelter who called for help.



who seem to be growing in number.

If you or someone you know would love to have a new family member to love and cherish, or would be interested in helping foster a Rescue, please

contact Barbara at 942-4762 or Julene and Kevin at 566-4037. Our recent Rescues include Maggie, a pretty 7 year old tri-color rescued from the Humane Society. She is being treated for intestinal bacteria and a urinary tract infection but is otherwise in great health.



Six year old Sassy was labeled "vicious" (hah!) and was sent to us, as a last resort, by an Idaho shelter.



May we introduce to you all, Marquand Cheek ! Marquand has agreed to do our Agility Seminar at the 2004 Nationals!

Marq has instructed at two Clean Run Camps and at two Power Paws Camps and has conducted multiple seminars on his own. As an instructor, he concentrates on improving the handler's course strategy and positioning. Marq emphasizes accuracy, consistency and speed with a confident and upbeat handling style.

Marq discovered dog sports in the 80's in obedience where he earned a CDX on a shy one-eyed rescue sheltie and a UD on another Sheltie. In '94, Marq's wife, Rebecca, urged him to try the new sport of agility. He's been a student of the game ever since. Marq became an AKC judge in 1996 and judged at the first AKC FCI Invitational in 2000.

Marq is a frequent writer in the monthly Clean Run agility magazine with featured articles on course strategy and training. His articles include course handling analyses on the AKC national events and at the annual FCI Agility World Champi-

onships. You may have seen Marq, Rebecca and their Shelties as featured in a one-half hour Animal Planet show called PET STORY.

In '98, his Sheltie 'Wyatt' earned his USDAA Championship (ADCH) before he was three and finished the year in the Top Ten of all four USDAA National in 1998 and fourth overall in 2000.

In '99, his 'Wyatt' became the first dog ever to capture the new AKC MACH title and finished 8th at the t1de9 Wtt.8(98)5(l)oWf3(n)2iWas



## Great things from great dogs and owners!

Suzi Beahcam's Braeleen Let Freedom Ring "Johnny" now has 9 points from the 6-9 month puppy class. He has had quite a "whirlwind" first few shows. He currently has 1 RWD Specialty, 1 Best in Sweepstakes, 1 Runner-Up Sweeps, 2 RWD All Breeds, 2WD All Breeds, 2 Best Of Breeds over specials, 1 Herding Group 3, and



"Johnny" and Suzi Darling Team!

2 BOB puppy Herding group First Puppy! Mindalyn In Demand, his litter brother was also Runner-up in Sweepstakes at our specialty in Logan, Utah and also has to his credit 1 Best In Sweeps. They are sired by Ch Hill View's Patriot Games out of Mindalyn. This Time Next Year.

Congrats to you Suzi and Marie Miles!

## Thanks!!!

Dear Sheltie Club,  
I would like to "Thank you" for inviting me to your recent specialty. I enjoyed meeting everyone of you and your dogs. It was a pleasure to be a part of your event. Your club did a fine job and the stewards were great. 'Thank you' for the thoughtful judges gift. I will remember you each time I use my engraved pen.  
Sincerely,

## Get a dog...

If you want someone who will bring you the paper without first tearing it apart to remove the sports section

Get a dog

If you want someone willing to make a fool of himself simply over the joy of seeing you,

Get a dog

If you want someone who will eat whatever you put in front of him and never say its not quite as good as his mother made it,

Get a dog

If you want someone always willing to go out, at any hour, for as long and wherever you want

Get a dog

If you want someone who will never touch the remote, doesn't give a dang about football, and can sit next to you as you watch romantic movies,

Get a dog

If you want someone who is content to get up on your bed just to warm your feet and whom you can push off if he snores,

Get a dog.

If you want someone who never criti-

cizes what you do, doesn't care if you are pretty or ugly, fat or think young or old, who acts as if every word you say is especially worthy of listening to, and loves you unconditionally, perpetually,

Get a dog.

But, on the other hand, If you want someone who will never come when you call, ignores you totally when you come home, leaves hair all over the place, walks all over you, runs around all night and only comes home to eat and sleep,

Then my friend, Get a Cat!

(you thought I was talking about men

## Inner Strength

If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills,

If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time,

If you can overlook when people take things out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can face the world without lies and deceit,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without liquor,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

If you can do all these things,

Then you are probably the family dog.



## Specialties, Logan, Utah

The USSA specialties on May 16th and 17th held up in Logan, Utah was a smashing success. As per usual, the winners were happy and the rest not so happy!

The Weather started out a bit questionable for set up with a thunder bumper, but the rest of the weekend was beautiful with cool mornings and tolerable temperatures to enjoy. The Logan fairgrounds were a wonderful sight for a dogshow with a stream running through the park, plenty of tree's and a bonus demolition derby to compete with during Saturday's specialty. The trophies offered were beautiful and many comments were made as to the talent behind the glasswear and the darling trophies offered!

It was obvious how much planning and work had been done to put together such a successful weekend.

Our obedience entry was the largest for our club and everyone who won class placements were rewarded with darling and thoughtful prizes.

Our club raffle was loaded with wonderful things, some hand made, even a donated gold pin!

Our luncheon was as expected divine with delicious dishes prepared by our talented club members. So much



**Our Specialty in Logan was very successful! Congratulations to all the winners on both days!**

work was noticed and enjoyed by more than we've ever had attend specialty luncheons!

Such a successful weekend couldn't have been done without many

many people helping! Thanks to all who pitched in where needed! You are all very much appreciated!



**The specialty was well attended and the trophies were beautiful!**

**All winners are posted at the club website [www.utahsheltie.org](http://www.utahsheltie.org)**



## Working out the kinks in the system

As time rolls along, I'm finding that there are some things that seem inevitable.

1. If it is critical that nothing be altered or changed on your computer, it will likely crash that second.
2. If you think you have upgraded enough...your wrong.
3. SAVE ,SAVE, SAVE!



**Computers are a necessary evil these days!**

4. Whatever program you need now, is the one you have never heard of, nor never up to this moment ever thought you'd need.
5. The computer expert you

always rely on, is unavailable if you need them on an emergency.

6. (in my case here) If you think for one minute, you have the newsletter perfect, when you transfer to PDF format, it will mess up your fonts just enough to leave off an occasional last sentence, which leaves everyone hanging on your last word and wondering "What the heck????"

So, sorry if I miss a last sentence or two . I'm working on the problem.

Julene ps, maybe you cant read this!



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Calendar of Events!

June 25th club meeting (location to be announced)

July 16th club meeting

August 20th club meeting

September 7th Practice match with MOKC

October 5th USSA Sanctioned Match

October 22nd Club Meeting

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