



Sheltie Connection

Newsletter of the Utah Shetland Sheepdog Association

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Club meeting location
is to be announced.

*USSA Club meeting
will be held on
May 21st!*

*Board meeting will
begin at 6:00 pm*

*General Membership
meeting from 7:00
pm until we're done!*

Special points of interest:

- * May specialty info
- * Tracking article by Kristie Rassmussen!
- * Report from the Nationals, Lansing, MI
- * Sheltie Rescue of Utah
- * Help wanted!
- * Vets corner
- * 15 minute dog treats

We do all of this for our dogs?

There you are, *finally* to bed that night. It occurs to you that you might actually *be* crazy!

You've suspected it for years now. The neighbors peeking through their blinds at you. They wonder "Have they got ANOTHER dog?" "Those people are nuts!"

You look at your day planner and notice that the dog events have begun exceeding any other time obligations. Hmmm. More evidence.

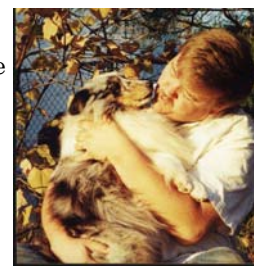
Dare I bring up the frightening Vet bill? It's a clue when the vet knows you on

a first name basis, and the vet technicians, and the guy that mows the vets lawn! They begin asking you to give them more advanced notice you're coming so they can rent something to bring your file out for your visit!

Your house is arranged for the convenience of the dogs! Don't deny it, the baby gates, rooms dedicated to crates, and equipment, and pictures, and files...yes, it's all there.

Just when you decide that yes, indeed, you must have lost your mind, a sweet sheltie face drapes across

your foot, one glance at the incredible soft beautiful



Kevin and Sylvester

ful, and endearing shelties you share your life with, and you know who's crazy...and it's not you!!! We just love them. Every thing we do for them is worth it!!!

Face it, you feel bad for the people who may never know how wonderful these

Calendar of Events

May 1st-4th All breed shows Equestrian Park, South Jordan

May 16th- 17th USSA Specialty shows Willow Park, Logan, (Susan Bentley seminar)

Sheltie Rescue of Utah benefit Food Booth

May 21st Club Meeting

June 25th Club Meeting

July 16th Club Meeting

August 20th Club Meeting

September 7th Practice Match with MCKC

October 5th USSA Sanctioned Match

Oct. 22nd Club Meeting

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Presidents Message EvaJean Pickering

Dear USSA Club Members,

Sheltie Nationals was held in East Lansing, Michigan from April 13-20. Three members of our club, Caren and Ernie Ciampini, and Judith Williamson, were fortunate enough to attend, and reported great happenings. The next Nationals will be right here in our own backyard, April 18-24, 2004 at the Golden Spike Events Center in Ogden, with our club hosting the event. I hope that all of you share in my excitement surrounding Nationals, which is only 11 1/2 months from now. We have the opportunity to indeed put on a fine show.

The West has had several consecutive seasons of abnormal weather. The prediction is that the mosquitoes will be out in full force this spring and summer. If your dogs are on seasonal heart worm medication, this is the time to get them back on their cycle. It is as the mosquito threat looks to be quite significant this summer. Let's protect our faithful friends.

The Utah Shetland Sheepdog Association is conducting the 3rd Annual

Specialty, Sweepstakes and Obedience Trial will be held at the Willow Park Complex, 195 South 100 West, Logan, Utah. I would like to encourage everyone to attend this delightful event, whether you are competing or not. The club, as well as our sheltie rescue efforts, can greatly benefit from your support. The schedule is as follows;

Friday—May 16th, 2003

Show hours 7:30am to 10:00 pm

Judging starts at 10:00am – breed to immediately follow with no lunch break— a 15 min break between dog and bitches

Obedience starts at 8:30am

Saturday—May 17, 2003

Show hours 7:30 am to 10:00 pm Judging starts 1/2 hour after best in show

(all breed)

Judging of this show will be outdoors.

Finally, I wish everyone a very pleasant and fulfilling upcoming season with your dogs, regardless of your pleasure. whether it is obedience, agility, conformation, tracking, herding, or going camping or hiking with your sheltie. I hope you can improve on last years' successes, and have even more fun, both with each other and your shelties. Thank you for letting me serve as your president this year.

Sincerely,



Warmer seasons are more pleasant, but bring their own set of problems!

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Chloe and Destiny

Cindy Wilkinson's last name was inadvertently misspelled in the last newsletter. It was spelled as Wilken-sen. The correct spelling is Wilkinson. My apology to Cindy and her family!

Club Officers 2003

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PAST PRESIDENT: EVA PICKERING

New Champion!

We wish to congratulate Marie Crane on the completion of her "Willow" finishing her Champion title! Well done!!!!

We'll look forward to a photo of Willow for everyone to see soon Marie!



Saltaire Guilty Pleasures
"Guilty" and Cheryl Sorensen in
Lewiston, Id

Small Brag!

Julene and Kevin Mathews' Saltaire Guilty Pleasures "Guilty" did some nice things in Lewiston, Idaho and picked up two points on Sunday with a Best Of Winners and Monday Winners dog for another point! He's on his way with his first three points! Yea Gil!

Guilty also has a major reserve from the Apple Valley shows! This was his first day of being out!

On a sad note

Thinking of you with
deepest sympathy in your
loss.



Thanks!!!

Tammy Blakely wishes to extend her "Thanks" for inviting her to join our club! Big hug to her from us!!!!

May Specialty Luncheon

We are in need of at least 12 homemade salads and 12 homemade desserts for the USSA hosted specialty luncheon May 16th following our Specialty Show. We have had 6 people sign up for salads so far and 6 people sign up for

desserts!
We will need
at least 6
more of each
so get on the
horn folks
and let Pam



know asap what delicious dish you will be contributing to our luncheon!!! Thanks in advance from all of us who will enjoy!

Please contact Pam Parry and tell her what you can bring!!

Tracking Your Dog

Tracking is becoming more and more popular; especially since AKC introduced the VST. **Tracking** is a scent left by a human tracklayer that the dog must recognize and follow to the end of the track.

There are three levels of tracking: Tracking Dog (TD), Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX), and Variable Surface Tracking (VST). Once your dog has a TD, your dog can advance for a TDX and or VST. If your dog accomplishes all three titles, they become a CT (Champion Tracker). AKC introduced the VST because of areas being lost for TD and TDX.

VST is done in an urban setting; i.e. around university campuses.

Some of the variables of the Tracking Dog or TD title are: a track that is laid by a tracklayer between 440 and 500 yards that must consist of 3-5 turns and aged a minimum of 1/2 hour and a maximum of 2 hour. The tracklayer drops the glove at the end of track for the dog to find. In order for your dog to enter a TD test, they have to be certified by a judge that they are ready to pass the variables. It is kind of like having to get two legs (or passing twice) for a TD title. Once you get the TD title on your dog, you can move directly to TDX and VST; no certifications are needed.

If you like the outdoors and your dog is always using his/her nose, then train your dog for a tracking title. It's a lot of fun for both you and your dog. Tracking is a concentrated sport that involves time, commitment, dedication, and patience. Many people think that all the dog has to do is put

their nose down to the ground and follow a scent. Much training is involved and as more training develops,



Kristie and "Rosie"

more time is needed. *The feeling of you and the dog arriving to the "glove" at the end of the track is one of the*

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There are a lot of great books and videos to help you get started. Here are some thoughts and ideas I put together concerning tracking so get your dog and equipment together and get out and do something fun (this is the perfect weather to start):

Purpose of Tracking Tests

The purpose of a Tracking Test is to demonstrate the dogs ability to recognize and follow human scent; a skill that is useful in the service of mankind.

"Tracking by it's nature is a vigorous,

By Kristie Rasmussen

noncompetitive outdoor sport. Tracking tests should demonstrate the willingness and enjoyment of the dog in it's work, and should always represent the best in sportsmanship and camaraderie by the people involved." (quoted from AKC Tracking Regulations)

Some Things You Should Know Before You Start

- * The scent trail is there, they become aware of it, and instinct urges them to follow it.
- * You must generate whatever level of enthusiasm the dog requires; then you may draw on his wholly natural wish to please you.
- * Tracking is a win or lose situation— not a first or second place situation. It gives you a chance to learn from your dog.
- * A dogs scent is 40-50% better than a human. Any dog has the potential to track.
- * Your dog does not have to know obedience, the only commands you will probably use are sit, down, stay, leave it, and a retrieve. The retrieve is not necessary for training tracking.

Some Things to Start Your Dog's Training for Tracking

1. Play hide-the-glove with your dog at home. Start out making it easy for the dog by hiding the glove and helping your dog find it (it would be useful to use a buckle collar on your dog at this point). As soon as the dog finds the glove, reward the dog with lots of praise and/or a food reward. Gradually increase the intensity of hiding the glove. Start hiding the glove at first in front of furniture, making it easy for the dog to find.
2. When it becomes really easy

Tracking cont.

iture (even try hiding the glove up at a higher level-mabe on the arm of a chair or back of a couch). This is when the dog begins to use their nose.

3. You can increase the dog's training at this time by playing hide-the-glove outside. Hide the glove behind bushes and trees (even try hiding the glove inside bushes). When you start the game outside, put a leash on the dog (go ahead and put the dog's harness on and attach the lead to the harness) and go with the dog to find the glove.

4. Use words at home when you play hide-the-glove that you would use training to track. For example: let's track, find it, sniff, whee's the glove, go find, track, smell, etc.

5. Read the AKC Regulations for Tracking-very important! Regulations can be ordered from the AKC website at www.akc.org

Equipment For Tracking

Here is a list of tracking equipment to get you started:

- Non-restrictive tracking harness to fit your dog made of leather or nylon.
- Flags to mark tracks (flags can be made of wood, PVC pipe, or

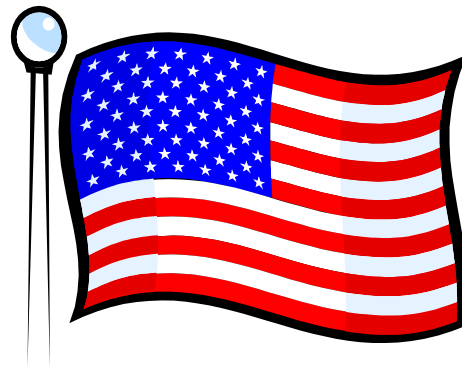
- Turn stakes (or in a bushy area toilet paper, colored clothes pins, and surveyor's colored tape can be used).
- Tracking lead 35-40 feet long.
- Gloves for your self to keep your hands from rope burn (yes, some dogs can be very fast).
- Clipboard, paper, and pencils for mapping trails.
- Food and/or toy rewards.
- Water for your dog and you (a small bottle to carry the water in while out on the track).
- Track layer
- Field
- Dog
- Your full concentration.
- Emergency kit for your and your dog.
- Optional Equipment:

Fanny Pack

Vaseline

Compass

"Read the AKC Regulations for Tracking-very important!"



Our love and support goes out to Doug and Cheryl's Erik Sorensen who's been actively fighting in Iraq off of the SS Kitty Hawk. We are thinking of him and all our troops! Come hom

Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order to Brian Sorensen and his new wife Laura on their recent nuptials! Brian is the son of Doug and Cheryl Sorensen.



There's a rumor that Erik is also soon to be wed!

A Dog Named Sex

By Morty Storm

When I went to City Hall to renew my dog's license, I told the clerk I wanted a license for Sex. He said, "I'd like one, too!" Then I said, "But this is a dog." He said he didn't care what she looked like. Then I said, "You don't understand. I've had Sex since I was nine years old." He winked at me and said, "You must have been quite a kid."

When I got married and went on my honeymoon, I took my dog with me. I told the motel clerk I wanted a room for my wife and me, and a special room for Sex. He said, "You don't need a special room for Sex. As long as you pay your bill, we don't care what you do."



My Dog named "Sex"

I said, "Look, you don't seem to understand, Sex keeps me awake at night." The clerk said, "Funny, I have the same problem."

Well, one day I entered Sex in a contest, but before the competition began, the dog got loose and ran away. Another contestant asked me why I was just standing there, looking disap-

pointed. I told him I had planned to have Sex in the contest. He said, "Wonderful! If you

sell tickets, you'll clean up!" But you don't understand, I said. "I want to have Sex on TV." He said "They already have that on cable. It's not a big deal anymore."

Well, my wife and I decided to separate, so we went to court to fight for custody of the dog. I said to the judge, "Your Honor, I had Sex before I was married." The judge said "The court is not a confessional. Please stick to the facts." Then I told him after I was married, Sex left me. He said, "Me too."

Well, last night Sex ran away again, and I spent hours looking all over for him. A cop came over to me and asked, "What are you doing in this alley at 4 o'clock in the morning?" I said, "I'm looking for Sex."

My case comes up Friday.

More Brags! (and we're glad we have some!)

Suzi Beacham:

Ch Hill View's Patriot Games has his first pointed offspring at the age of only 20 months!! His son, Braeleen Let Freedom Ring (age 7 mos) ...was RWD in Yakima, WA on Sunday-April 27th and WD in Yakima, WA on Monday-April 28th for 2 points!!!...from the 6-9 mos puppy class!! "Johnny" is his call name and his is owned by Kathy Brown of Braeleen Shelties in California.

Marie Crane:

AT the Spokane Sheltie specialty

April 5th 2003 under the expert handling of Shannalee W. Michalsky; my first homebred CH Twincreaks Willow O'The Wind, under Mr. Guy Jeavons of "GrandGables Shelties": Now Ch Willow is going to be taking the spring off to play Mommy : o)

RWD that day was also exquisitely handled by Shannalee from the 12-18 month puppy class, Twincreaks Vintage Spirit. Harley was Bred by Shannalee of Akadia Shelties and is co-owned by myself and Shannalee!

Harley is out of Akadia Hell's Bell;s

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Ingredients

1 lb chicken livers

1 cup flour

1 cup corn meal

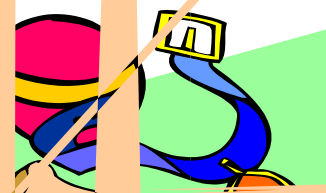
1 Tablespoon garlic powder

1 egg

Place chicken livers and liquid in blender, liquefy. Add egg, mix a minute more. Pour ito a bow. Add

the flour, corn meal, and garlic powder. Mix. Spray with Pam. Pour mixture into a bowl. Bake 15 minutes in a 350 degree oven. Cut into small squares with a sharp knife. Freeze for storage. No spoilage.

Your dogs will likely love them frozen!



Sheltie Rescue Of Utah

Sunday April 27th, Sheltie Rescue of Utah was invited to provide concessions at the MOKC sanctioned match. Julene and Kevin Mathews and Caren Ciampini took responsibility for that event. We did very well, and with the generous donation of Nancy and Bruce Silk's famous potato salad, we made a profit of over \$230.00 YEA! Every cent helps. Rescue is not a cheap proposition. We don't as a general rule, get dogs into rescue without any problems. We get them *because* they have problems. That can get expensive.

May 16, 17, 18th, SRU will host a food vending booth at the specialty and All breed shows in Logan. Friday we will offer breakfast only. We will close so we can participate in our specialty and luncheon. Saturday and Sunday we will be there all day serving breakfast and lunch items as well as some various other goodies. We appreciate those who have offered to volunteer time to help serve in Logan.

We appreciate all those who have offered to volunteer time to help serve as well as those who support us other ways!

We also appreciate those who choose to support us by purchasing our products. We need more help if you can spare an hour or two to assist us. Please contact Kevin Mathews to volunteer.

We will be taking into our rescue out of Idaho a Dear old girl "Chrissy" who is 14 years old. Her family has had her since she was a puppy, but Chrissy has become increasingly intolerant of children, so her family has asked us to take her. We will need a home to provide Hospice/end of life care for Chrissy. She will have her medical needs evaluated and treated by Rescue and she just needs a kind loving and caring home to love her gently till she has to go to the Rainbow Bridge. Please consider helping us care for Chrissy. We need a Hospice home for her. Please contact Barbara Edelberg at 942-4762.

Another dog we recently have taken into rescue, "Sassy" comes to us from Idaho. SRU was Sassy's last chance in life. He was turned over from

Idaho Humane Society following several failed placements. Sassy is very much overly protective of the female in the house due to her being "Grandma's" dog during her recent illness and subsequent death. Sassy ended up at the Humane Society in Idaho, but following several failed placements, SRU agreed to take him because the alternative was death

row for Sassy.

SRU feels that with proper and vigorous training with Sassy, that he will be place-able. He's a darling Sable Merle boy who is an energetic fellow. He bonds very quickly to the female in the home and has bonded to his foster mom. We will be watching Sassy's progress.

We have recently placed successfully "Stetson" and are watching his progress in his new wonderful home.

"Autumn" is a very sweet natured oversize sheltie who is with us working on issues with racing out the door, running away and chasing cars.



"Mitten" from another rescue! Finding a placement with a home check here.

Did ya think we were done with brags??? Well, No!

Cheryl and Doug Sorensen:

Our little "Kelly" Sequoya Love Note Picked up 2 points in Lewiston. Kelly is the second in our Tyson litter for points!

We were excited that our "Joe" Ch Largo Meet Joe Black went Breed three of the four day's up in Lewiston. Joe is still with me and is owned by Richard and Celia Calvin.



**Sequoya Love Note "Kelly" owned by Joan Parsley and Cheryl Sorensen
Sire: Ch Caledon Letter Perfect II
Dam Canosa Crimson Dawn**

Food for Thought...

Sometimes the majority only means all the fools are on the same side!

I don't have to attend every argument I'm invited to.

Real friends are those who, when you feel you've made a fool of yourself, you don't feel you've done a permanent job.

Club meeting minutes Wednesday March 19th 2003

In Attendance:

Barbara Patee	Pam and Doug Perry	Linda Eastman	Steve & Rachel Holmes
Barbara Soderborg	Denny Daffron	Cindy Wilkinson	Dale & Laurie Kendrick
Cindy Judkins	Melvin & Shelly Stanley	Yin & Marke De St Germain	
Julene & Kevin Mathews	Charles & Cheryl Albrecht	Barbara Edelberg	Jim Melton
Kathy Cain	Julie Brown		

Meeting called to Order 7:09 pm

Welcom extended to visitors, New Members greeted and Linda Eastman and Barbara Soderborg welcomed back.

Announcements:

Help is needed for the specialty: Setup and Cleanup, Catalog sales and Raffle, Stewards, etc. Donations for the raffle and any donated trophies should be brought to the Aril meeting, and club members are encouraged to participate in any way they can.

For information about upcoming events, pictures, activities and specialty: check out our club website; Utahsheltie.org also Club Newsletter, and UtahDogEvents.

Ron Weatherston's mother passed away recently, also Julene Mathew's Harley has passed away; our sympathy goes to Ron and Julene.

The April meeting will be April 23rd, instead of the 16th so as not to conflict with the Nationals dates. Board meeting from 6-7pm and Club meeting 7-9pm

Linda Guihen seminar. Members great event. Only \$30.00 to audit nations top Sheltie handler. AS of to participate for the event to be

Julie Brown discussed the ducks she is raising and training for the Nationals 2004

urged to sign up for a spot in is and \$50. With a dog to learn from this meeting, we need many more profitable.

Vice President:

Deb Nendell has resigned her post and the club Constitution requires the board to appoint a Vice President. Nominees were chosen in the board meeting, and will be contacted and the new Vice President announced to the membership as soon as the appointment is accepted.

2004 National Show Chair Ernie Ciampini

Ernie announced that the sheep that had been arranged for the National herding trial will not be available to us after all. The flock has contracted a disease which means they cannot be shipped interstate. Club members are asked to let Ernie know if they know of anyone who has sheep which are suitable. They must be docile and accustomed to being worked by dogs and people. Ernie discussed some leads he's been following to find another flock by nationals time.

Ernie asked Julie Brown to discuss the ducks she will be raising for the National Herding Trial in 2004. These ducks will need to be exposed to our Shelties in controlled situations to get them ready for the Nationals.

Club Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 23rd, 2003

In Attendance;

Charles and Cheryl Albrecht	Caroline Lindeman	Julene and Kevin Mathews
Julie Brown	Stephanie Burdett	Kathy Cain
Ernie and Caren Ciampini	Gene and Carol Cowley	Denny Daffron
Steve and Rachel Holmes	Jennie Lewis	Marie Miles
Doug and Pam Parry	AvaJane Pickering	Melvin Stanley
Ron and Chrissy Weatherston	Jim and Carla Wind	Cindy Workman

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

Agenda Approved with the addition of Marie Miles to talk about the specialty

Minutes Read from the March 19, 2003 meeting and accepted.

Treasurer's Report Read and accepted.

Announcements

Local show calendars available at \$1 each

For information regarding upcoming USSA events;

utahsheltie.org is our website

USSA newsletter (Julene Mathews editor)

UtahDogEvents website (Debbie Nendell editor)

Next club meeting to be on Wednesday, May 21, 2003 form 7-9pm at a location to be announced.

Ron Weatherston welcomed at new VP

With only days notice, Ron undertook our portion (obedience) of the Fun match to be held April 27th

Shelley Stanley and Chrissy Weatherston to judge obedience.

Set up at 8:30am, registration at 9 am, starts at 10 am

All who can, please come to help!

**Next club
meeting location
to be announced!!**

Specialty

Marie announced that Suzi Beacham has donated much glassware that she will have engraved. Please, contact Marie for the trophy list, we still need lots of help.

We still need raffle items, everyone should try to get businesses to donate.

Kevin Mathews is doing food all three days of the show. Volunteers are needed to help-all proceeds are to benefit Sheltie rescue. Many delicious items are on the menu so come hungry!

The address on our entry form is wrong. The correct address is 500 west 400 south Logan. Corrections will go out with show acknowledgements.

2004 ASSA National Show Report

Ernie and Caren Ciampini went to the show. The show was well thought out and organized. There was a super welcome room and nice welcome packets. The raffle had 39-42 high end items everyday-our club members need to start getting donations together. Workshops were fun and informative. Ernie had lots of interesting stories and ideas from the show. He'll write them up to go in the newsletter. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm

We spent 12 days to, being at and coming home from the Lansing, Mi 2003 ASSA Nationals. Here is a brief summary of my experience there.

The local show chairperson, Priscilla Gardner, was very helpful to me in every way. She introduced me to all the chairpersons and I spent time with each of them. I also spent time with each of them. I also spent time with the ASSA board and with

Guess What, The other colors ARE Shelties!

What a beautiful variety of colors we have in our breed.

Anyone who has seen a really exquisite bi-blue is hooked. Did you know our breed original color was black? Our little original "Toonie dog" was black and tan.

When breeders began working with certain types to get a look, they bred from the information we have now, not just Collies of a variety of colors, but also Spaniels and Pomeranians. Even Fox terriers have been rumored to have been interbred with Shelties to perfect a certain type! Blue Merle undoubtedly came from the Collie. Since Bi black is recessive, and what our breed began as, then how did we get such a variety of colors in our breed? There will be debates over the issue till the cows come home, but whatever the outcome is, truth is, that our shelties come in a

wide variety of beautiful colors. Bi black, Bi blue, Blue merle, Tricolor, even sables come in a wide variety of shades from pale sable to deep red.

White factoring can account for the amount of splash on our coats and the Irish patterning plays into a whole different gene. All these factors make for an interesting and wonderful variety of colors and shades.

When we go to the shows, all those varieties of colors become even more evidence of the reason we fell in love with the

breed of our choice! When you go anywhere there might be shelties, make an effort to see each dog with the special type they may



This dog is a Bi-Blue Merle, beautiful in every way!

have. If you close your eye's to the incredible variety and beauty of each color offered in

So like the beautiful Rose Garden we admire, so should we admire the variety of sheltie colors!

our breed, you have missed



beauty much as you'd miss the beauty of a Rose garden with it's incredible variety. Each special rose in the garden is named and cherished for it's originality and uniqueness.



Vets Co

Mast cell tumors are the most common type of skin tumor in dogs, accounting for 20% of all skin tumors. They appear small and round, but they can even be large and painful. Some of these tumors are benign and require no more than a simple excision, however others are malignant and even fatal. Proper diagnosis is a key to controlling the disease. These tumors develop in dogs of all ages, however they are more common in older dogs. Heredity seems to play a role in the development of these tumors.

There is no exact cause known for these tumors, but there is a wide range of variables that could be the cause. Because these tumors are not found in humans, much research has been done, but the information is unknown.

The tumor can be either benign or malignant and can be found anywhere on the body.