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More things to do than time allowed!

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

November meeting will be held on **November 19th**, 2003 at the Sheriffs Posse Building on the Northwest corner of the South Jordan Equestrian Park 11000 south 2200 west South Jordan, Utah

Board meeting is scheduled at 6:00pm
General Club meeting will follow at 7:00pm

Directions to location are as follows:
From South, or North, exit I-15 at 10600 south exit and go west to 2200 west, turn south to the Equestrian center. The Sheriffs Posse building is located at the far Northwest corner down by the racetrack.

Attendees are allowed to bring dogs to the building but must also be responsible to pick up any messes inside or out ! Please bring supplies with you to accomplish this. This must be strictly adhered to in order to keep our privileges to bring our dogs.

The march of time goes forward as usual!

It always seems like there is enough time to do what we need to do...right up till you didn't get it finished!

Anyone who has procrastinated knows the true meaning of time. Suddenly time runs out and time to do a job well and completely seems an improbable task.

Now is the time to do what needs to be done.



Loose weight before the holiday's,

Finish fall home maintenance chores,

Give those dogs a bath,

Make that phone call to a relative you haven't spoken with lately,

Sit down and write down your game plan for the Nationals job.

There's nothing like completing a job well and well in advance. Watching everyone else scramble around at the last minute while your job is organized, on schedule, well done could only be satisfying!

While Fall is upon us, with



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peeks into the winter temps and weather, make sure you're not the one scrambling around!

Gather up yourself, and your beautiful fall leaves, and just "Do it!" The slow march of time just doesn't seem too slow anymore! One must be proactive in one's endeavors or quickly find the truth out about Procrastination!

New meeting location!

Finding a new meeting location central for most, and that will allow us to bring dogs has been quite the chore! Add to that our limited ability to pay.

Our new meeting location has the potential of being semi-permanent through the winter months. The

Sheriffs Posse Building at the South Jordan Equestrian Park has been gracious enough to not only allow us the use of their facility, but allow us on a contingency basis to bring our dogs if we wish. We hope that everyone will be able to attend, and that

should they choose to bring a dog, they will be responsible in it's cleanliness.

The building also has a kitchen and while we may use it, we must keep dogs out of the kitchen.

Thanks so much everyone for helping out in this area!

Thanks for your confidence in me as the new President of the Utah Shetland Sheepdog Association.

Before I begin, I want to send a hearty “Thanks” to the outgoing presidency for the fine effort they made keeping the club going for the last twelve months. I wish to thank Eva and Ava for more than nine years of use of their facilities hosting the club meetings and their unforgettable Christmas

parties.

This year is going to be fast, furious and a busy year for the club. The Nationals are knocking at our doors and the club has an opportunity to not only show off what a single club in

the west is capable of doing, but also show that Utah is

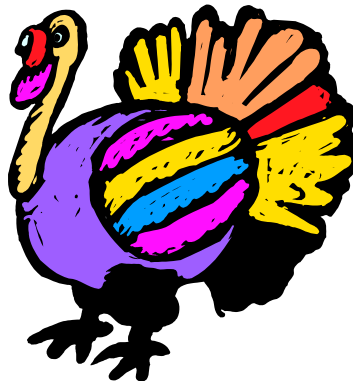
alive and well. I am confident that the club will continue to grow and prosper. I am excited to be part of this journey and look forward to working with you all to make this year a successful one. Thank you for your support and for making the club what it is today. I am honored to be your President and will do my best to represent you all. I am excited to be part of this journey and look forward to working with you all to make this year a successful one. Thank you for your support and for making the club what it is today. I am honored to be your President and will do my best to represent you all.

USSA MEETING MINUTES 22 October 2003

LIST OF ATTENDEES: Doug & Pam Parry, Ernie & Caren Ciampini, Steve & Rachel Holmes, Kevin & Julene Mathews, Charles & Cheryl Albrecht, Eva & Ava Pickering, Kathi & Kristin Sittner, Jim & Carla Wind, Barbara Soderborg, Barbara Pattee, Denny Daffron, Dale Kendrick, Judy Williamson, Jennie Lewis, Marie Miles, Caroline Lindeman, Kathy Cain, Stephanie Burdett, Cherie Hyde, Visitor

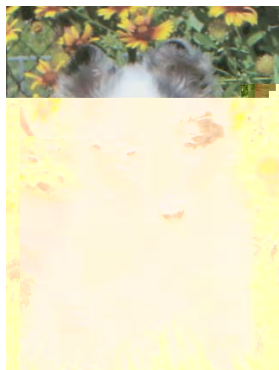
October of each year the Annual Club Meeting is held to elect new officers and to have the Annual Treasurer's and President's Reports given.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.
2. Minutes from 9-16-03 were read by Caren. Rachel moved, Marie 2nd to approve; done.
3. Treasurer's report made by Rachel Holmes. Judy moved, Barbara 2nd to approve; done.
4. Holiday party Dec 6 at 12:30 pm at Lehi was discussed. Gift exchange to be by Numbers, with gift being stolen no more than twice, and if you do not bring a gift, do not participate. Gift cost is to be \$7 to \$10 – new items. Prepay the \$10 each to Rachel by December 1st. Club will pay for the drink, tax & gratuity.
5. Marie moved, Judy 2nd to approve new member Janette McDonald; done.
6. Caren moved, Pam 2nd to install all new Officers by Acclamation; done.
7. If a Club member wants to be on the USSA 2005 Specialty Committee, tell Board at November meeting. Caren moved, Pam 2nd to approve; done.
8. Judy's form for Booklet was discussed. Will be on Website in November.
9. Club Directory was discussed.
10. Ernie gave the 2004 Nationals status for October. He again asked Committee chairpersons to give or email their committee members to him.
11. Eva spoke briefly & stated she will give her Annual Report at the next meeting, along with the Treasurer's Annual Report.
12. Eva moved, Barbara S 2nd to accept a new meeting location beginning November 19th; approved. New location: 11400 S 2200 West, Sheriff Posse's meeting room, at the Northwest end of the Equestrian Center.
13. Annual Awards were discussed. Send to Caroline by 26 November. Send: Title earned; dog's name; date; owners.
14. Brags were made.
15. Rachel moved; Dale 2nd to adjourn; approved.. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.
16. The 2004 local chairpersons met at 8:30 and adjourned at 9:25 pm.



Parry's Pride and Joy!

It's pretty obvious why Doug and Pam Parry are proud of this beautiful baby. Below is "Gabe" who finished recently. Just look at what a handsome boy he turned out to be!



The beautiful sable in the photo being held by Pam (hiding well!) is their "Spice". "Gabe" is now finished to his championship! Congratulations you guys. The Parry's are some wonderful members who are really shy to a fault!

Some time in the future, we hope soon, we'd like to learn more about them in a spotlight but the editor has been unsuccessful in obtaining this from them, but we want them to know we love them!!!

Livin' up to his name!!

The Kendrick's would like to announce the arrival of a new member of our family. We are happy to have a new puppy, Thistle Hill's Westward Ho! "Dusty".

Dusty came from the Thistle Hill kennel out of Arkansas owned by Nancy Tappe. His sire is Foxglove Ashburton Bottoms Up, "Jigger" and his Dam is

Foxglove Shutterbug, "Snap". Jigger was on the March 2002 cover of Sheltie Pacesetter. Both can be seen on the Foxglove website if you do an internet search on Foxglove. Dusty is six months old and a real snuggle bunny. He loves to cuddle and is the quietest Sheltie we have every met. He loves the snow and his squeaker frog. Dusty will probably be under 13 inches tall so he is a little guy but has he got a lot of fur!!!

We are heartbroken about losing Pirate but we decided to move on and Dusty has helped us do that. Watch for Dusty and Laurie in the obedience ring. (That is if Laurie ever learns how!!)



Membership booklet

Judith Williamson has generously offered to put together a membership booklet which will be available to all members upon its completion. Its purpose is to list members and their dogs so that we can be more familiar with each other and our dogs.

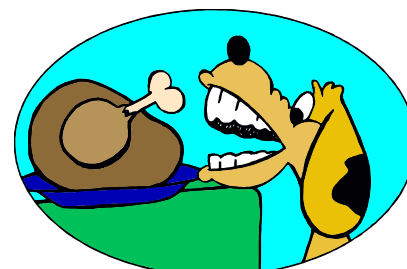
She has provided the sheet on the opposite side for members to fill out and give back to Judith. She will compile the information and prepare it for

availability. It was discussed that the book will be available in PDF format. With this method, there will be very little if any cost to the club for the booklet.

Please print off this sheet, and either hand deliver, mail to Judith or email it to her at jwilliamson@hotmail.com

We love to see our members making an effort to contribute! Thanks Ju-

dith, I'm sure we'll all benefit.



Name/s of members_____

Address_____

City/State and Zip Code_____

Telephone Number/s_____

Kennel Name_____

Related Interests i.e. Conformation/Showing, Performance/Agility, Obedience, Herding, Tracking

Services Offered i.e. Stud Service, Puppies-often/occasionally, Adult Dogs/Bitches for sale, Breed Information, Grooming, Grooming Information, Obedience Training, Obedience Advice, Agility, Tracking, Herding

Name of Dog/Bitch_____

Call Name_____ **Age**_____

Coloring-circle one: Sable and White, Tri-color, Bi-Black, Blue Merle, Bi-Blue

Titles Earned_____

Tests Performed and Results_____

Shimmer's finished!!!

Cindy Wilkinson's "Shimmer" as you know finished her championship!

CH Shalamar Star Stealer OA,OAJ "Shimmer" finished in Farmington with Suzi Beachams expert handling.

Cindy would like to thank everyone for their wonderful support and cheering and thank most of all her friend and greatest supporter Suzi Beacham.

Thanks everyone! Now, with any luck, Shimmer will be playing mommy to some "Johnny" puppies. Keep your fingers crossed!



Shimmer and Suzi! Yea you guys! Congratulations from all of us.

Cindy

Shanna Wilkinson was also successful with her beautiful and entertaining "Holly" Lakepoint Holiday Greeting. "Holly" finished her Novice Jumpers Agility title at the same show. Ask Shanna to show you Holly's great variety show of tricks! She's one in a million!!

Remember everyone that giving Turkey or Turkey skins to the dogs can be life threatening! Pancreatitis is sure to follow!



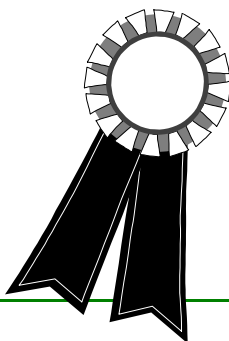
Wonderful Wins!

"Seeker" CharBar's Storm Seeker. Shariton's Air Jordan x Apple Acres-CharBar's Electra. I would like to thank Shannalee Michalsky for her fantastic handling of this boy.

Sunday at Boise went winners dog for a three point major. This was Seeker's second major. (yeah) He

now only needs two points to finish his championship.

Diane Orr



Tammy's little brags

I do have 3 babies by CH. Hill View Patriot Games out of Tara Hill Just Jody, Also one baby by CH. Hill View Patriot Games out of Iona In Vogue.(but he is not doing well so I need prays to keep this mighty mouse going). CH. Shady is loving every minute of the day on her couch:) Doing very well since her arrival home

from gone missing for 6 months. I've heeheehe been spaying the neighbors cats since they seem to wanta hang around here . I just don't want kittens having kittens any more , so I grab a cat or two a month and take them into my vet. Any body want a kitty for a companion?? Tammy & Clay Blakely Iona Shelties

New Member!

New member information!

Janette McDonald

5885 W 8800 N

Tremonton, UT 84337

Home #435-257-0475

No email address.

Welcome, Janette! We're glad to have you.



Babies are fun!!! These two are Julene and Kevins new babies, at one week old!

USSA Officers 2003-2004

President: Kevin Mathews

Vice President: Cheryl Albrecht

Recording Secretary: Caren Ciampini

Corresponding Secretary: Pam Parry

Treasurer: Rachel Holmes

Board Members: Barbara Soderberg Julie Brown Marie Miles

Christmas Party!

Plan on coming to the Christmas Party this year on December 6th! The party will be at the Dutch Oven Buffet in Lehi at 12:00pm. The club will be paying for Drinks and gratuity and so the cost is a reasonable \$10.00 per person. Please send your pre-payment money to Rachel Holmes. Money is due December 1st! Hurry, and bring a gift worth \$8 – \$10 for the game!!! See you all there!!!!



Winston doing his Weaves!!!

“Winston” finished both his Novice agility titles at the Lynleigh Farms agility trial over Labor Day Weekend with a 1st place in standard and a 4th place in jumpers. And we moved up to Open jumpers and got a first place with a clean run (no mistakes) in that too. Now he is Angel's Finest Hour NA, NAJ, CGC! Judkins!

From Cindy



“Laddie” finds loving and willing hearts

Sheltie Rescue of Utah

Laddie's Story

We got a call from a woman who told us she had adopted a Sheltie four years ago that she loved very much. His name was Laddie. With recent changes in her life she was hardly ever home and she felt it was unfair to leave Laddie alone so much of the time. She was hoping we could find a family for Laddie where he'd be loved and cared for and get the attention he deserved.

We were told that Laddie had been mistreated as a puppy. Possibly as a consequence of this he had some brain damage that was manifested by at least partial blindness in his left eye and a nystagmus (rapid, involuntary oscillation of the eyeball) in both eyes. Because the vision in his left eye was poor he frequently turned and tilted his head to use his right eye to see.

We were also told that Laddie had required some sort of urinary tract surgery as well as being neutered. What was noteworthy about this surgery was that it was done very poorly. So poorly in fact that it was difficult to identify where Laddie's urine came out. The opening of the urethra was difficult to find. Possibly related to this was a behavioral quirk, we were told Laddie had a habit of lifting his leg as though to urinate inside the house, without actually urinating or marking at all.

Other than what was described, Laddie was said to be in good health and that people who met him always fell instantly in love with him. Laddie is a small-sized sable and white meas-

uring in at the shoulder between 13 and fourteen inches tall and weighing 20 pounds.

We thought we might have a prospective adopting family for Laddie. Since his owner was going out of town she agreed to sign our Release Form and turn him over to us so we could get to know him, evaluate him and then introduce him to a family that we thought might be a good match.

Laddie came into our home on Tuesday evening, November 4th. It took a little time to adjust to his head movements and the rapid movement of his eyeballs. But it's absolutely true that he's a joy and very easy to love.

I knew immediately that we had medical issues to look into because the hair growth from his neck to his rump was abnormally short and there were even some bare patches. His teeth were in desperate need of a dental and it looked like a few would be extracted. Looking at his underside it appeared that his genital area was inflamed and there was something strange about the anal area but he wouldn't let me get a good look at it. He also acted as though he had some tenderness on his underside.

Tearful owners who appear to really love their dogs turn over Shelties to us who are said to be in good health, but who are often in dire need of veterinary care.

A full blood panel revealed Laddie's BUN to be

at 130. Normal is about 24. Laddie was in kidney failure based on this BUN. On the phone with my vet I said --- but he's not acting like a dog in kidney failure. He was also not concentrating his urine — another bad sign that his kidneys weren't working.

An extensive ultrasound the next day showed his kidneys to be atrophying and obviously suffering from chronic kidney disease. This was probably the result of Laddie having a kidney or urinary tract infection that went untreated over a very long period of time. When such an infection goes on for a long time the body adapts and just gets used to it — which is why Laddie behaves like a healthy dog — but the kidneys continue to deteriorate over time.

The ultrasound could not tell us whether Laddie has weeks, months or a year or more before his kidneys can no longer sustain him. In the meantime he's being treated with antibiotics, pain killers, B complex vitamins and a prescription kidney support diet. The cure for a kidney or urinary tract infection is usually just fourteen days of an antibiotic like Baytril. That Laddie went untreated for so long and now has a death sentence is just heartbreaking.

I am grateful that Laddie is with us, enriching our lives as a part of Sheltie Rescue of Utah, Inc.'s Hospice Program. I am angry that there is so much ignorance about the care and health of dogs that Laddie's health care could be so badly neglected so easily, as is the health care of so many other Shelties, by owners who cry when they turn them over to us.

Barbara Edelberg and Jim Melton

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www.utahsheltie.org

Calendar of Events!!

November 19th Club Meeting

Christmas Party

It's Nationals!!!!

Local Chair Committee Meeting November 12th!

For:

Advertising - Cindy Judkins
Agility & Agility Seminar - Connie Sharkey, Cindy Judkins, LaVar Griffin
Banquet - Gene & Carol Cowley
Catalog Marking- Chrissy Weatherston
Equipment - Doug Parry
Grooming - Cheryl Sorensen
Grounds Clean Up - Ron Weatherston
Herding - Steve Holmes, Julie Brown, Dale Kendrick
Hospitality - Eva & Ava Pickering
Hotel Liaison - Kevin Mathews
Obedience - Shelley Stanley
RV Parking - Doug Sorensen
Security - Ernie
Souvenirs - Pam Parry
Symposium - Julene Mathews
Tickets - Nanette Pahl
Tours - Cheryl & Charles Albrecht
Transportation - Ernie
Welcome Packets - Cindy Pestotnik
Welcome Reception - Cindy Work-

man

Hi all,

The above Local Chairs will meet at Ernie's home on Wednesday, November 12th at 6:30 pm. Only the Local Chair need attend - not all the committee members at this time.

I have been giving status to all of you about the 2004 Nationals for many months, which I am sure has been both interesting and boring, and now it's your turn to give your status about your event instead of listening to me! Each Local Chair will present the current status of his/her event and what if any remains to be done. Also please plan on explaining to everyone what needs to happen on the day of your event to ensure its success, and how you plan on accomplishing these tasks. If more help is needed, or if you are experiencing any problems, please let us know so collectively hopefully we can help resolve any issues you may have.

There will be drinks and snacks at this status meeting, and we will take as much time as we need to take to have each Local Chair cover their event and any concerns.

Thank you in advance for preparing for this status meeting; for attending this meeting; and for presenting your status of the event you are in charge of. It will be a great opportunity to learn about the super 2004 Nationals coming up.....it's getting closer & closer!

