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Deadline is last Sunday of each month

USSA club meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month.

This month's meeting will be held February 18th at 6:00pm board meeting followed by the general membership meeting at 7:00pm

Club meeting location for the month of February and March will be at the Salt Lake County Sheriffs Posse Building located at 11000 South 2200 West at the Northwest corner of the Salt Lake County Race-track at the Equestrian Center. If you need further direction to find the site, call 801-259-0845.

This has been a wonderful site for us to meet and be able to bring our dogs as well. Please be aware that you are expected to pick up after your own dogs both inside and out. Bring whatever supplies you will need to accomplish this task.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

If you are able and willing to assist with goodies for club meetings, please contact Denny Daffron at 801-745-6616
Denny has graciously accepted the position of club meeting

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Love leads us here!



While January brought us a deep freeze here in Utah, hanging onto the piles of snow now frozen into chunks of deadly gray ice blocks, and shards of crystals frozen and refrozen, we welcome the sun again for February and leave the inversions behind with hope.

Even the dogs didn't want to be out in that kind of cold. I guess that's why we have concocted holidays and colorful celebrations in a society, to break up the monotony of winter. We welcome February with thoughts of love and companionship which certainly in our world include our furry four legged compan-

ions.

We are comforted by the thoughts of our dear friends and family members and spend our indoor time rightfully so spilling out our appreciation for the gifts they share with us, for what would



This beautiful picture of "Mathew", who owns the Albrechts was taken in Sept 2003 at Jackson Hole, Wyoming Beautiful!

our lives be without them.

As we begin an energetic year in our club, we are grateful that we have our dogs, our friends, and a place to meet as a club

where we can bring all together. Spring is at our door soon and the indoor rest time will come to an abrupt end.

Cuddle up with a furry

Kevin's Message

Welcome to February. We have only two months before the Nationals are upon us. Let's all get excited and help each other with our jobs. That way it makes lighter work for all!

Switching gears, for those

that haven't made it to a club meeting recently, you have missed some fun meetings! They are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Salt Lake County Sheriffs Posse building. This

USSA Club President

month it is on the 21st of Feb at 7pm. You may bring your dogs and the more the merrier!

Your participation IS noticed and appreciated.

See you there! Happy Showing! Kevin

Albrecht's Pride and Joy

We are so proud of our Matthew (Angels In Seventh Heaven). He participated in conformation in the New DESERT SOUTHWEST CLUB, sponsored by the Yuma Kennel Club and the Imperial Valley Kennel Club from Fri Nov. 28, 2003 until Monday Dec 1, 2003 in Yuma, Arizona.

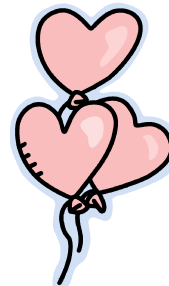
He received his first Reserve under Judge Patti A. Long Smith. We were so excited, we could hardly stand it. His sire is CH Lower Gwynne Raisin an Angel, Baci and his dam is Angels

Good Golly Ms Dolly, Dolly both owned by Ernie and Caren Ciampini.

Congrats from all of us! We hope he continues his success!



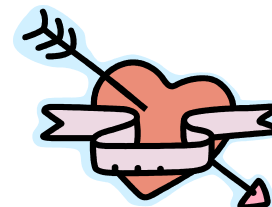
Matthew enjoying the beach after a hard day in the ring.



Tyson and Chrissy at work

Tyson (Hill View's Ain't Misbehavin') picked up his 4th UDX leg on Friday Jan 23, 2004 with a 1st place in Utility B and a 4th place on Open B. He also picked up 14 OTCH points he now has a total of 27 points only 73 more to go. On Saturday Jan 24, 2004 Tyson picked up his 5th UDX leg.

Robbie (CR Sir Robbie of Skye) took 1st place on Friday in the Veteran Class with a 198 and on Saturday he took 1st again with another 198. Now on to nationals.



Tyson and Chrissy are a great team it seems!

Shanna and Holly win 1st place

Shanna and Holly at the Golden Spike Kennel club show on Saturday January 24th did themselves proud by not only qualifying in Novice A class but did 1st in their class of 17!!

We've always known what a beautiful and talented pair they are, but now they are proving it amongst some tough competition!!

Congratulations to the both of you!!!



Club Dues, Overdue

We Love you all so much, we can hardly stand the thought of you not being included! Each of you are important and are certainly needed in the club. Please, if you have not paid club dues yet, do so asap!

Send dues written to USSA

C/o Rachel Holmes

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Sheltie Rescue Works with Good Samaritans

● Saved from the Storm ●

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Sarah opened her front door to find a small ball of fur on her snow-covered mat. As she stood staring at whatever it was, it turned and looked up at her. Sarah immediately realized it was a small dog, apparently lost and certainly

freezing in the huge snow storm. Not giving it a second thought, Sarah reached down, scooped up the limp dog, carried it into the kitchen and set it down on a blanket. To her alarm, the little dog was not just limp and exhausted but seemed to have no energy and, even worse, no interest in anything.

Sarah decided she couldn't chance waiting. She wasn't sure that "Little One" was going to make it at all. Sarah bundled her up and rushed off to the vet to find out what, if anything, could be done.

It took a good week with special meals, antibiotics, and lots of TLC, but Lily, as she's now known, went from freezing and semi-comatose to being a bright, active, and happy Sheltie-girl learning to live indoors in a warm household.

Next on Lily's agenda was potty training. A 10 pound Sheltie, probably between 11 and 13 years old, is now a mostly house-trained, 12 pound Sheltie.

Sarah and her family took on the enormous task of saving a life. Lily gave them her love and devotion in return. Thanks to Sarah (who couldn't keep Lily) Lily is alive and well and is now part of the Sheltie Rescue of Utah program.



● Last Minute Intervention Halts Euthanasia ●

John was worried. Something was wrong with his cat. As John sat in the waiting area of the veterinary clinic he noticed a woman with a frightened dog. John struck up a conversation with her and discovered she was there to have Matty euthanized. Matty's Mom and Dad had moved into a nursing home a year ago and then passed away. Nobody in the family was willing to care for Matty.

John was so distraught at the idea of killing a dog simply because nobody would take responsibility for its care that he could barely speak. When he did, it was to say, "Oh no. There must be some way we can save this dog." The vet's staff provided John with Sheltie Rescue's phone number. John was soon talking with Caren Ciampini. John arranged to cover all boarding and medical expenses if Sheltie Rescue would bring Matty into our program and find him a home. John generously paid a hefty bill for Matty who needed eighteen teeth pulled. Matty, whose life was saved by John's last minute intervention, is now seeking a home through Sheltie Rescue.





USSA CLUB MEETING MINUTES, 1-21-04

List of Attendees: Cheryl & Charles Albrecht; Julie Brown; Stephanie Burdett; Kathy Cain; Ernie & Caren Ciampini; Gene & Carol Cowley; Denny Daffron; Steve & Rachel Holmes; Grant & Cherie Horsley; Jennie Lewis; Caroline Lindeman; Kevin & Julene Mathews; Marie Miles; Doug & Pam Parry; Barbara Pattee; Barbara Soderborg; Cheryl Sorensen; Cindy Wilkinson.

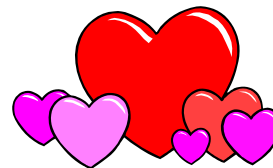
1. Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm, who read the Agenda, which was approved.
2. Various announcements: the Holiday party was very successful; there are newsletter delays due to computer problems; calendar of events will be updated for the next several months.
3. Minutes for previous meeting was read by Caren; Marie moved & Ernie 2nd that they be approved; motion carried.
4. Rachel gave the Treasurer's report; she was asked to break out the figures for ASSA and USSA separately, and she will do so beginning with the next report. Treasurer's report was approved.
5. New applicants to the club were introduced by Ernie – Grant & Cherie Horsley, & they were voted in as new members.
6. Caren gave a report from the 2005 Specialty Committee's meeting & its resultant recommendations. A discussion ensued. The committee unanimously recommended Julene Mathews as Show Chair for the 2005 Specialty recommended to be held on Friday with BBKA at the Davis County FairPark in Sep 2005. Julene accepted the position.
7. Club Insurance was discussed by Kevin; our current insurance is going up too high for us to remain with that Co., a new Insurance Co approved by AKC was discussed. It is \$265 from Dec-Dec and prorated per month= \$238 from Feb-Dec. Ernie moved & Gene 2nd that we purchase the new insurance – motion carried.
8. Announcement was made by Kevin regarding the grand opening for Lead Me on Dog Training at 4790 So Hanauer St on February 6th from 6-9 pm. He recommended that people drop by if they can.
9. Kevin announced that the current meeting location in the Sheriff Posse's building may have to be changed unless we can pay about \$45 per month...he is still negotiating that cost. Kathy Cain moved & Charles 2nd that we meet there for 1 month & donate \$1 each in addition to cover the cost. Motion did not pass. Steve moved to have Club pay the \$45 per month for Feb & Mar & Julene 2nd. Motion carried. Kevin will still try to get the price reduced.
10. Ernie showed the Club members a metal Badge that shows our USSA Logo, all 3 shelties from the 2004 Logo & the person's name. The metal badges can be made for \$2 each if people would like to purchase one. He will pass around a sign-up sheet for the badges. If people aren't at the meeting, he asked that people be advised to call him & he will order the Badges for them.
11. Ernie presented a recommended Budget for USSA items required in support of the 2004 shows – total was \$360.00 for various items. Rachel moved & Cheryl 2nd that the budget be approved. Motion carried.
12. Various brags were made about the wonderful shelties in our midst.
13. Denny announced there are refreshments.
14. Steve moved & Julie 2nd that we adjourn. Motion carried & meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Caren Ciampini, Secretary
January 31, 2004



Ernie has a word...

Ernie will be contacting all the committee chairpersons individually for a 'one on one' and that there will be a 2004 Nationals Committee meeting in March...date to be determined.
Please also remind people: Bring goodies for raffle items & welcome packets items.
Next Club meeting to bring a "Utah" stuffer item(s) for the welcome basket from Utah.



For Sale This is the largest of the puppy pens at 48" with two pans!



For Sale Puppy Playpen

Ideal for raising puppies. Vinyl coated floor grate, side door and lift up top for easy access.

Only used twice.

\$175.00

Call Caroline 985-3244

Individual Badges for USSA Folks!!

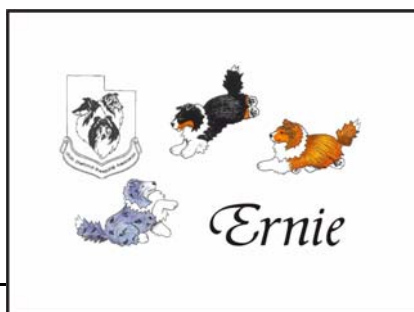
Ernie can have a darling metal Badge made for you to wear during the 2004 National Specialty, if you want one. A copy of what it looks like is attached. You can have it read how you want it to, i.e., first name only; both names; first name & Job (at 2004 show), etc.

They are only \$2.00 each, so if you want one, please call

him at 801-731-

6420 or email:

ciampini@relia.net.



For Sale

I have a few pets available for sale if any one hears of any good forever companion homes available :)

Tammy Blakely



Stripe finishes his MXJ title in Agility!

Cindy Wilkinson's Stripe finished his MXJ title in Agility in November in Las Vegas.

A very talented dog, Stripe is the FIRST sheltie in Utah to achieve the MXJ title. He has always been fun to watch! Interested in pleasing Cindy during

Cindy Wilkinson's "Stripe" in the very final jump that completed his title!!

a run, he always

tries his best.

Cindy wants to say what a wonderful dog Stripe has been to work with. He is a special dog and a talented one at that!!!

Stripe will be retiring is the plan now and will enjoy his days with his special mom and sleeping with his special buddy "Ryan". What a great ca-

Parry's Pride



We hope to have a sucessful 2004
show year!

The sable pictures are of Hope.
She is out of Ch. Braeleen,s Mati-
nee Idol and Accent's Glamour
Secrets. The
The pictures of Luke and Mystic
are brother and sister out of Ch.
Villagers Silver Screen
and BISS Souvenir-Iona Baby
Grand.



The pictures of the
newborn puppies
are from our own
breeding out of
(Cooper)
Accent Paramount
High Noon and (Shally)
Paramount Toon Time
Girl.

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Ray's "Bandit", A Lucky Family Friend

I feel compelled to share with you all the story of "Bandit". Don't worry, he's still very much alive and a very big part of the Stapp family.

What's special about "Bandit" is that he is such an integral part of the Stapps.

When first approached by Ray to purchase a puppy, I thought it was a grand idea and had

seen Ray frequently in the groom shop with his Grandmother Florence and her old dog "Gigi" now waiting for her at the bridge. Ray told me how he had owned a sable sheltie before and now having seen my Harley at the shop, he voiced a resonant desire to have a sheltie that looked just like Harley. Well, I had a "Corey" litter about that time out of one of Don Bickford's sires and lo and behold one of those puppies was a bi-blue with a perfect checkerboard face. I knew that puppy was meant for Ray.

Ray came to the house and with his special sweet Grandmother, together they took Bandit home.

Bandit quickly took over the house and family. They included him in everything from what they would tell me. A bit overindulgent in his diet, and always, always trying to do the right thing with him, life seemed great.

Bandit had his moments of worry, like as a year old, he ran the fence so

hard (as our shelties are so famous for doing) that he was found after a hard limp one day to have a stress fracture in his hip. They babied him along with that, it healed, and it didn't

slow him down one bit. He went off to the mountains with them, he went to the desert, he went fishing, he went traveling to and fro, from here to Timbuktoo! Still does!

One day I received an alarming call from Ray. He asked

whether seizures was known in my lines. I knew of no problems and was mortified to learn that Bandit was very sick and seizing. All the tests had been ran, the bloodwork, everything that would tell them that at least Bandit had not been poisoned. They tried in vain to stop his seizures and ruled them to be "idiopathic" in nature. Meaning they had no idea the cause. We fretted as I saw Bandit slide from a happy active youngster to a near dead suddenly old looking and very miserable dog. They maintained him on Phenobarbital or Sodium Bromide, the drugs of choice to treat seizures in dogs.

One thing that always bothered me was that Bandit seemed to always have a bit of a stuffy snotty nose. This just isn't normal, but he was being treated and they were doing all it seemed possible.

I thought, when I gave him a bath one time, that "This may be his last groom, he looks terrible", and I felt that Bandit's quality of life had dwindled away and that his very life was in danger it seemed, then, something miraculous happened.

We don't know the exact cause or rea-



son, but whatever was causing that bad nose,

the green discharge, whether it was a June grass that had migrated to his sinus's or, whether he had gotten an abscess high up in his sinus cavity, causing an immense amount of pressure on his brain, whatever it was, suddenly and miraculously broke. Just when death was whispering his name. It broke. It drained. He lived. He lived!

Bandit is again the dog he was meant to be. No more seizures, not one from that day forward. He was removed from all medication, his coat glossed up again, he regained what seemed like years to his demeanor. Bandit, like a cat got another life. A second chance was granted.

I hear again the stories I look forward to hearing, about his wonderful life as the companion he was meant to be.

Each puppy I send out the door is special, each one unique. Bandit doesn't care one iota for his Grammy J" as I



like to refer to myself to puppy buyers. He is busy living his second

chance life. My special checkerboard dog. When Ray brings pictures to me of all their travels and tells me how much they do with Bandit, it gives me a thrill.

I hope miracles can be there always for our dogs. I thank God there was one there for him. Always a miracle.



All the bloodwork had been done , everything that would tell them at least he hadn't been poisoned.

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Calendar of Events!!

January 21st Club Meeting

February 18th Club Meeting

March 17th Club Meeting

April 15th-25th **Nationals!**

Life after Nationals (sigh)

(For May, there's rumor of an after Nationals party

Date/Place to be announced!)

Dog treats

There are many, many ways to make delicious, nutritious and fun snacks and treats for your darling four legged spoiled kids!

After just a short search on the internet, I found so many, but the ones below looked terrific and easy to make. With so many choices of dog treats to purchase at premium prices, making treats may have seemed a bit extreme just a short time ago, but no longer! Now we know that the many chemicals, food colorings and preservatives used in commercial dog treats may look appealing to the buyers, but, they hold little nutritional value for our pets. Take a few moments and make a

worthwhile treat for your pets.

GARLIC AND CHEESE Dog Cookies

1/4 cup cheddar cheese, grated

2 Tbs. safflower oil

1/2 cup Rice Krispies cereal

1/2 tsp. ground garlic

1/4 cup swiss cheese, grated

Combine cheeses, garlic and oil.

Using plastic wrap, shape mixture into a log about 1 inch in diameter and 8 inches long. Roll log in Rice Krispies. Refrigerate. Slice into half-inch rounds and serve.

Bad Breath Banishers

- 2 cups brown rice flour
- 1 Tablespoon activated charcoal (find this at drug-stores, not the briquets!)
- 3 Tablespoons canola oil
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh mint
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 2/3 cup lowfat milk

Preheat oven to 400F. Lightly oil a cookie sheet. Combine flour and charcoal. Add all the other ingredients. Drop teaspoonfulls on oiled sheet, about 1 inch apart. Bake 15-20 minutes. Store in airtight container in the refrigerator.

