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Deadline is last Sunday of each month

Due to the club hosted National show being held this month, there will be no meeting planned for the month of May.

Club meetings are the third Wednesday of every month. June club meeting will be June 16th

Club meeting for the month of June will be held at Bountiful Park. The address for the park and directions will be printed in the next newsletter.

Each of you are thanked for your attendance at meetings held at the Equestrian Center. We had good reports back as the condition the building was left. Thanks for being responsible about cleaning up after your dogs. Please plan on bringing supplies to clean up after your dogs at the park as well.

The club is concerned with maintaining a good reputation with the community and being known to set an example of good pet ownership.

Sheltie Connection

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It's All About That Beautiful Face!

National. It's here, and we are all exhausted before its here, but, the wonderful group that we are, we will pull off a show like people have never seen!

April will hopefully grant us about ten day's of wonderful mild weather and dry sky's to enjoy for our show. Contingencies have been made for any situation which might arise and we are certain that this will be a successful show with the group we have here.

When all is said and done, we will remember that we have done it all for the love of our beautiful shelties. Entered dogs, house companions, and working dogs

alike will benefit from our attention to details.

Thanks goes out in advance to all of our hard working club members who have volunteered time, energy and money amounting into the thousands of dollars in used vacation hours, lost work time, gas, supplies, phones, donated items for raffles and prizes, time spent shopping, arrangements for items, it all adds up...and is appreciated!!!



Ch. Laurelmist The Beach Comber
Owned by
Barbara and Gordon Millman
Handled by
Cheryl Sorensen

Presidents Message

Kevin Mathews

Hello all and welcome to April. Can you believe it, only 10 days till Nationals!!! Where has the time gone. We are well on our way to this being one on the best nationals that ASSA has seen. Our nationals is only 2nd in entry counts for the last 7 years. We were beaten only by Lansing, MI in the

total # of entries. Great job everyone! Our next meeting in May is going to go back to the basics. We need everyone there on time. I want to personally thank all those that came out to the welcome packet stuffing and plastics cutting party at the Ciam-pini's on March 13th. Like Ernie says "many hands

make light work", and thanks to Caren for the delicious lunch. We hope to see all of you out at the Nationals from the 15th of April thru the 25th of April. Thanks again

Kevin Mathews
USSA President

Annie's Story

by Tricia Harris

I have been asked a couple of times to write the story of Annie's death after the birth of her litter. I guess I have resisted for a couple of reasons; first it is a painful subject for me and second I wasn't sure what the lesson to be learned is.

Annie came to me through the incredibly selfless gift of Don Bickford, and because of the support and help of Cheryl Sorensen. I brought Annie home with me at the same time I picked up a new puppy. I was really concerned that I wouldn't be able to help her overcome her shyness while fussing over a new puppy, but believe it or not Annie is the one that won our hearts. She filled our home with love and we all became deeply attached to her. Many of you saw Annie in the show ring and saw how completely frightened she was there. Although I think she was improving some, she never liked the ring. But she was a different girl in our home. She was everyone's best friend here, and won the hearts of all of us.

We bred Annie shortly after the Logan specialty, and looked forward with great anticipation to the puppies. I was so excited that as the birth approached I gathered everything I thought I could possibly need from oxytocin to esbilac. Annie's temp was taken every 8 hours for the last ten days of her pregnancy. Her temperature finally dropped on Saturday July 26th about noon. I was full of excitement and went about the final preparations for the coming birth. Annie showed some signs of pre labor about 6 PM Saturday evening. I stayed up with her the entire night Saturday night, but she had not progressed to hard labor by morning. I continued my vigil through the day on Sunday until she finally started showing signs of visible contractions about 3 PM Sunday afternoon. I had read and reread almost all of my many Pacesetters and Internationals while quietly keeping an eye on her. Her water broke at about 3:45 Sunday afternoon and I patiently waited for her first puppy to appear. She continued to have contractions without delivering puppy and my concern began to grow. By 6 PM I checked for her cervical dilation with a gloved finger, and found that she was completely dilated and I could feel a puppy way up high. There didn't seem to be anything blocking that puppy but it was not moving down with her contractions. I contacted my vet and advised him on the problem, on his advice I gave her 2 shots of oxytocin 15 minutes apart. The shots did make her contractions harder, but did not produce a puppy, so I called the vet again. The vet came to my home where he checked her and said that the puppy was too big and would never be delivered naturally so we decided on a c-section.

I rushed Annie to the vet hospital Sunday early evening. We were still all excited to have the puppies finally on their way. I and my neighbor Diana went along to help dry off puppies. Annie vomited just before we left for the vet, but since she hadn't eaten much for 2 days while in Labor, it was just some yellow liquid. At the vet's office, Annie was put under anesthesia then placed on the surgical table on her back and prepared for surgery. I was asking all kinds of questions. Being a Nurse I wondered about everything, but was especially concerned about the difference in her breathing and the paleness of her color. I have to admit that I haven't ever seen a dog under anesthesia like this before and wasn't sure what was normal. Just as the vet finished preparing her abdomen for the incision he looked up at her and noticed that she had almost quit breathing. He pulled her on to her side and began resuscitating her. She had aspirated her own vomit and was nearly dead. As he began CPR on her, my heart hit the floor. I figured all the puppies and Annie were dead. The vet worked very hard to revive her, and after what seemed like forever he was able to get her breathing again. He intubated her (put a tube in her trachea to help her breathe) and put her on high flow oxygen. He then went ahead and prepared her abdomen again for the incision and began the surgery. By now she had been under anesthesia for a long time and the babies were really at risk both by the anesthesia and by the lack of oxygen during her respiratory and cardiac arrest. I wasn't expecting a very good outcome at this point. The vet delivered 3 puppies. 2 of them took a lot of work to get any response from. As the vet handed them over he said he didn't think there was much hope for them. We worked very hard for a long time and were able to get all three to breathe and respond. Annie was sewed up and allowed to wake up. She was having a great deal of difficulty breathing from the start. I brought her and the puppies home with me that night.

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It was getting late when we got home. I made her as comfortable as I could. She was in so much distress that she was unable to acknowledge or bond with her puppies. She was in too much distress to even try to nurse them. I stayed up for the second night to watch and feed Annie's babies. I made Annie as comfortable as I could on a blanket by my bed, where she wanted to be. I lay down beside her to hold her through one of the longest nights of my life. The next morning she was in so much distress that I got to the vet's office before he did. When he came in he started to try to help her breathe easier. He worked on her for a while, but within the hour she took her last breath and finally let her body relax.

My beautiful bi blue girl was gone. I held her tight and told her it was alright to go, and that I would take care of her babies. Her little heart finally gave out, she relaxed and was gone.

I am pleased to say that through grace of God I was able to hand raise her babies on a bottle. They are all alive and very healthy beautiful babies. You will meet her bi black son Lacewood Star Maker "Draco" in the ring soon. Draco is co owned with Don Bickford and Cheryl Sorensen.

Annie will always have a special place in my heart and the hearts of my family. We loved her dearly. Her picture hangs on my wall. We cherish her babies and I have done my best to keep my promise to her to take the best care of them I can.

If there is a lesson to be learned, I guess it is we never know how long we will have our cherished furkids. Making the decision to have a litter, comes with excitement and much joy, but also comes with risks.

--Tricia Harris--



"Annie" and "Stripe"

USSA CLUB MEETING MINUTES 3-17-04

ATTENDEES: Cheryl & Charles Albrecht, Julie Brown, Stephanie Burdett, Kathy Cain, Ernie & Caren Ciampini, Gene & Carol Cowley, Denny Daffron, Rachel Holmes, Dale & Laurie Kendrick, Jennie Lewis, Caroline Lindeman, Kevin & Julene Mathews, Marie Miles, Barbara Pattee, Kristen Sittner, Barbara Soderberg, Cheryl Sorensen, Ron & Chrissy Weatherston, Jim & Carla Wind, Cindy Workman. Meeting was held at the SLC Sheriffs Building.

1. Meeting called to order by President Kevin Mathews at 7:10 pm. He showed everyone the wonderful Sheltie picture made & donated by Jim & Carla Wind.
2. Gift basket for Raffle was discussed & everyone urged to get their items to Julene.
3. Treasurer's report was given by Rachel; motion to approve by Caren, Dale 2nd, approved.
4. Website was discussed – over 10,060 hits as of March 17th. Caren asked everyone to let Phil know what a fantastic job he has done with the Website.
5. The May 19th meeting to be held at Bountiful Park was discussed.
6. Dorothy Christensen DM Study/request for \$100 per Club was discussed. Motion made by Ernie to send \$100 from USSA, second Julie Brown, approved.
7. The August Summer Party was discussed. Denny Daffron & Barbara Soderborg were assigned to plan the potluck party. The Club will provide the meat & drinks up to \$50.
8. Several brags were made & a brief break was taken
9. Pam set up displays of the Souvenirs for the 2004 show and everyone was delighted at the excellent quality & variety of Souvenirs being offered..
10. At 7:30 the time was turned over to Ernie. He gave his report of what still needs to be done.
11. 2004 Show attendees need 2 X Pens for loaners; please label with your name & give to Cheryl Sorensen for use at the Grooming Building.
12. Herding needs two 20x20 blue tarps; Dale will buy.
13. Dale will get feed; he has hay lined up.
14. Caren said she will make the gift basket for Betty McHugh.
15. Everyone was reminded of the Dry Run/Walk Through to be held at GSEC on Saturday April 3rd at 10 am. Everyone agreed to support this & to be there.
16. Pam Parry stated she still needs people to help sell Souvenirs on Wed, Thur & Fri – no volunteers at this meeting.
17. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Caren Ciampini, Recording Secretary



Shalamar Shelties

SHALAMAR SHELTIES

Two CHAMPIONS in 2 Weeks!!! We are so excited thta "Brodi" is now AM/CAN CH Hill View's Patriot Games. He finished on Friday the 13th in Vancouver BC. Then....in three straight shows...3 straight days...."Rider" became CAN Ch Shalamar's Freedom Rider by going Winners Dog/Best Of Winners all 3 days one of the judges being Mrs. Lenora Riddle!! Rider is sired by "Patriot Games"

Also during this same 2 week time frame.... Suzi's Shalamar's Downtown Julie Brown owned by Jan Leonard won a major and a major reserve....AND.... Ch Braelen Let Freedom Ring ("Johnny") won the HUGE Northern California Specialty by going Best Of Breed!!!! (entry of 87 with 9 Specials!!) under respected judge Melanie Williams.... and last (but not least)....Mindalyn In Demand (Indy) was WD for a major and received an Award of Merit over Specials....both Johnny & Indy are sired by Patriot Games. Indy now has 7 points - 1 major. What a great 2 weeks what a

great "wild ride"....

ALSO...

SHALAMAR SHELTIES ANNOUNCES that Am/Can Ch. Gairloch's King Of Hearts AOM will be standing at stud at Shalamar Shelties/Suzi Beacham's house...until late summer. His stud fee is \$450 and only \$350 to Champion bitches. He is VWD Clear by Vet Gen, OFA Good, Eyes Normal, Thyroid Normal. He is both a Ch. Benayr Here Comes Trouble CD ROM/ROMC ("TJ") and Ch Jade Mist Beyond Tradition ROM/ROMC ("Dillon") grandson.... 15 1/2", pure for sable. This Award Of Merit ASSA Winner will be out from the East Coast for the FIRST AND ONLY time....Don't miss out on the opportunity.

Rider also most recently won (hot off the press!)

*Winners Dog - Greater Spokane SSC - April 3 - Judge Gail Eads
Best In Sweeps - Greater Spokane SSC - April 4 - Judge Barbara Aulbach*

Congratulations Suzi!



Congratulations are in order to Cindy and Richard Wilkinson who's son Jason and his wife Nancy are proud new parents to twins! Boy and a Girl. They were a bit too anxious to see their parents so they are hanging out at the nursery in the hospital until they grow just a bit bigger! Congratulations!!!

Mormon Muffins Help needed please!

MORMON MUFFINS

2 cups boiling water	1 Tbl + 2 tsp baking soda
1 cup shortening	2 cups sugar
4 eggs	1 qt Buttermilk
5 cups all purpose flour	1 tsp salt
4 cups 100% Bran Buds	2 cups 40% Bran Flakes
1 cup chopped walnuts	

Add soda to hot water & let cool. Whip shortening & Sugar until light & fluffy. Add the eggs slowly & beat Well. Add buttermilk, flour & salt & mix well. Add The soda water very slowly. Fold the two bran cereals Into the mixture very slowly; add the chopped walnuts.

To bake, spoon into greased or paper lined muffin Tins. Bake at 350 for 18 minutes. Makes 4 dozen

Recipe from The Greenery Restaurant, world famous for their Mormon Muffins.

We want all the Club members to have this so hopefully they will make a batch or two & give them to Cindy Workman for the welcome reception. The muffins don't need frosting at all, so they could be frozen until Sunday morning, then given to Cindy.

Anyway, thanks much!!! Caren

Hi all,

I made a batch of muffins tonight...very good, but I forgot an important instruction in the recipe!..yikes. The mixture should be put in the fridge for several hours or overnight before baking. This makes the bran buds soft & yummy. So please forgive my oversight & hope you haven't made any yet. They're still good, but are better after the batter has been in the fridge for a while.

Thanks again for making some for the welcome reception. Brownies of any kind are very welcome and sought after by Cindy Workman, too.



Dewey's Dance for Lily, or the Couple who Fell in Love with an Almost Toothless Sheltie

One of the saddest situations we encounter is when a family falls on hard times and can no longer afford to care for their Sheltie or even keep their home. They are torn and heartbroken but see no alternative to giving up their Sheltie. This was the case with Dewey's family. Their lives had been turned upside down and they were very reluctantly leaving the state in their

search for jobs for both husband and wife.

At 7½ years old, a shy and reserved Dewey was looking for a new home. This would be his third "permanent" home.

On arrival it was apparent that Dewey was having dental problems, but we never imagined the extent of those problems. Our new Sheltie Rescue boy was not neutered and, we discovered, was inclined to leave his "mark" throughout our home. That little habit would have to go!

Like many new arrivals, Dewey was uncertain and insecure. Most of his time was spent under the kitchen table. That was okay with us for awhile but we would be watching to see how and when we could help him integrate into our family life, socialize with us, and play with the other dogs. As it turned out, socializing with the other dogs came more easily to Dewey than socializing with us!

After a thorough physical exam, including a blood profile and urinalysis, Dewey was neutered and had a dental done at the same time. We were astonished to learn that fourteen teeth had to be removed. Some of the larger teeth that are usually difficult to remove, came out of Dewey with hardly any effort at all. Other teeth were so loose our vet was surprised that they hadn't already fallen out. Dewey must have been silently suffering with a great deal of pain in his mouth, making meals and eating a somewhat torturous task.

It was gratifying to watch Dewey blossom after recuperating from his surgery. With great enthusiasm, Dewey learned to chew food, biscuits, and greenies with his remaining teeth. As time passed, that enthusiasm grew into a non-stop song that began with the food preparation for each of his meals and ended only when his bowl of food was placed in front of him.



Dewey of Few Teeth
— still handsome, sweet and chivalrous



Playful and flirtatious Lily 'coached' Dewey, turning him into a proper Sheltie-boyfriend.

Jim and I learned how to give treats and Dewey, how to get treats from our fingers without the usual front teeth to help out. Dewey experimented with getting treats from my fingers using his gums and applying just enough pressure to acquire the treat, but not enough to hurt me. Bit by bit, Dewey began hanging out with us and seeking affection rather than living under the table.

Then Lily arrived! Lily was found during a huge snowstorm in December, barely alive, on a front doorstep. She's somewhere between 11 and 13 years old. But best of all, from Dewey's perspective, Lily was never spayed! Dewey was head-over-heels, couldn't-stop-salivating in love with a capital "L"! If he was under the table at all it was to watch Lily nearby. Dewey couldn't help but follow this little girl wherever she went. Dewey had his own special dance that he performed only for Lily — Dewey had totally come to life!

Lily, a very social girl, didn't hesitate to tell Dewey which of his antics she liked and which she didn't like at all. Lily "coached" him often until Dewey settled down and behaved like a proper Sheltie-boyfriend. Lily liked to wave a toy in front of Dewey and then lay down and start chewing on one end of it. Dewey would lay down next to her and chew on the other end of the toy — a very happy pair.

One day an Application for Adoption arrived with a note attached. The note asked about meeting Dewey if he was still available. We were excited that someone was interested in Dewey but wary as to why they were drawn to him in particular. We felt Dewey would have the best chance of reaching his full potential in a home, like the applicant's home, without competition from other dogs. But we also felt very protective of him. Dewey would only be placed in a home where he would be loved and cherished for who he is, for the rest of his life.

Over the course of several telephone interviews, I became aware that Norie and Mike were a sensitive, caring, and patient couple. Just the kind of family I'd hoped to find for Dewey.

Norie and Mike had lost their Sheltie to cancer several months earlier. They wanted another Sheltie, but needed



Dewey and Maddie playing and enjoying the snow. Maddie was Dewey's rival for Lily's affections.



Dewey's first visit with Mike and Norie was far more successful than we had expected.

time to grieve their loss. Unbeknownst to us, Norie was visiting our website regularly to see who was available. She was immediately drawn to Dewey but wasn't ready to adopt just yet. Each time she visited our website and saw Dewey, she became more and more interested in meeting him. When she was finally ready to consider an adoption, Norie sent us her Application for Adoption and that note, asking about Dewey.

We were surprised to see how readily Dewey approached Norie and Mike on their first visit. This was the same Sheltie we had to coax out from under an end table with chicken and American cheese when he arrived at our home several months earlier. We were even more surprised when we saw that Dewey was more strongly drawn to Mike than to Norie. Dewey always seemed to feel safer with females. We were told that their previous Sheltie, who was originally Norie's dog, also was strongly drawn to Mike and that every pet they encounter reacts to Mike in this same way.

The feelings between Norie, Mike, and Dewey were clearly mutual. We couldn't have been happier. The following week, Dewey went home with Norie and Mike to start his new life.

We miss Dewey. But we continue to be surprised with Dewey's progress in our weekly follow-ups. When he hears the garage door open, Dewey goes to greet Mike while keeping on eye on Norie. He greets visitors and welcomes them to *his* home. Best of all, Dewey doesn't spend any time under the kitchen table anymore.



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Cindy Judkins taking the ring by storm!

At the NADAC agility trial on March 13-14, Mark (Angel's Mark My Word), owned by Ciampini's and trained by me, finished his Novice Jumpers title with 2 clean runs. He placed 4th and 2nd place in big 16" classes! He now officially has the initials, "NJC" after his name. This was a big accomplishment for a shy little sheltie!

Also, Win (Angel's Finest Hour) was a speed demon as usual but did manage to

bring home a clean run with a first place in Novice Standard.



West Nile Virus

Let's try facts!

Last year, Colorado had the most cases of West Nile virus ever experienced in a state.

In Colorado, they had thousands of human cases, thousands of horse cases, and thousands of bird cases. Oh yes, and 4 dogs. Dogs are not very susceptible to West Nile Virus. I have heard that it is not a terribly bright idea

to spray your dog with mosquito repellent. Also Bounce dryer sheets and Avon Skin so Soft are urban myths and in a controlled study Avon Skin so Soft kept mosquitos off about 3 minutes. Heartworm IS a big deal and your dog should be protected against that.

If you also have horses, they should be vaccinated against West Nile Virus in spring and

then AGAIN in August. This disease is devastating to horses.

For humans, "From dusk til dawn, put your DEET on".

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From the Agility World...

We have some wonderful brags from some folks participating in Agility on March 27th.

Cindy Wilkinsons "Shimmer" picked up a 100 score and won first place gaining her Agility Excellent title that day!

Shanna Wilkinson and "Holly" qualified with a second leg in Open.

Julie Brown and "Juno" qualified on

her run to gain an OAJ title after gaining first place in her class!

Linda Eastmans "Chaps" run by Shanna Wilkinson gained a NA title with a 100 score and first place in his class.

Christine Ross and "Shadow" after running their first course in Agility won first place in their Novice class to qualify.

We'll look forward to a photo in the next newsletter!

Congratulations to all of the winners.



Welcome Reception for National Show

2004 ASSA NATIONAL SPECIALTY WELCOME RECEPTION

The Utah Shetland Sheepdog Association cordially invites all attendees of the 2004 ASSA National Specialty to our Welcome Reception to be held in your honor. The Reception is from 4-7 PM and will be held at the Host Hotel, which is the Comfort Suites. The reception will be held in the Cactus Room, which is directly past the Registration Desk in the lobby.

Come to the Reception to meet our USSA Club members and to renew friendships with attendees from near and far. For those folks who are staying at the RV parking at the Golden Spike Event Center, we will be providing transportation to the Reception and return. We don't want to miss meeting you at the Reception, and we want you to be able to visit with your fellow sheltie fanciers who will be at the Welcome Reception at the Host Hotel.

The USSA is offering all attendees a delicious Dessert Bar, with a variety to please everyone's taste. There will be an array of delicious gourmet cookies, decadent brownies and a Utah original – World famous Mormon Muffins! There will be coffee, waters and another Utah original – plump raspberries from the high Bear Lake mountain region floating in a refreshingly light raspberry lemonade.

We look forward to seeing all of you at this event so we can meet you and welcome you to Utah and to the 2004 National Specialty here in Ogden, UT. We welcome you here and hope to see you at the Welcome Reception to be held in your honor.

THE CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP BY PROVIDING DESSERTS FOR THE WELCOME RECEPTION FOR SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 18TH!

Cindy Workman is the Club Chairperson for the Welcome Reception on Sunday April 18th from 4-7 pm being held in the Cactus Room at the Comfort Suites.

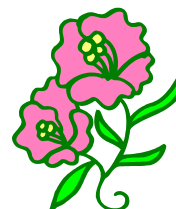
Cindy needs your help in providing desserts for the 400 + people we expect to attend the welcome reception. What she needs: Brownies, Bars and Mormon Muffins. Yes, Mormon Muffins! We have a unique opportunity to offer a Utah Original dessert...which are delicious as well as a wonderful representation of how good Utah cooks are.

Please call her at 801-223-9053 or email her at: cinwork@pxi.net

Let her know what you will bring. Your taking a little while of your time to prepare some wonderful desserts for our Club Welcome Reception will be greatly appreciated.....by the Club and by the guests who will partake of the 'goodies'. You will find a copy of the Mormon Muffin Recipe in this newsletter. Thanks!

Cindy will email you the recipe for the Mormon Muffins if you don't have it. The recipe is very sim-

Teamwork!!! A scrapbook moment



Anyone who doubts the work involved in putting on a National show, ought to take a look at these two pages showing just this one day!!! What a great team folks! Big pat on the back for us!



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Calendar of Events!!

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

May 19th Club Meeting

June 16th Club Meeting

July 21st Club Meeting

August Summer Party

September 15th Club Meeting

October 20th Annual Meeting

Ch. Laurelmist The Beachcomber "Perry" came to visit Cheryl Sorensen and began his show circuit Labor Day weekend and eight weeks later "Perry" finished in Arizona with four majors, a couple of Best of Breeds, Group pulls and an Award of Merit! Congrats to Barbara and Gordon and Thanks for letting me share this beautiful boy! Cheryl Sorensen
"Perry's" gorgeous photo is on the front page. Congratulations to you as well Cheryl!

'Spring Fling' The Plastic!... Many Hands Make Lighter Work

