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President's Message

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Well, this is the last time that you have to hear my rotten words of advice from the point of view of president. This has been a real thrill for me to do and I am grateful for the support of you all as a club and as friends. There really isn't a lot that you (the Club) can't do if you all put your minds to it. I am happy

that the nationals went over so well and that the nation of sheltie owners are still talking about our show. Thanks for everything and I hope that you all give the incoming board the same help and respect that I got from you. On a personal note... Thanks really goes out the board this year.. they did a great job keeping me on my

toes and running with the club and not pulling b a c k o n things. THANKS Cheryl, Charles, (Rachel), Pam, Caren, Barbara, Marie and Julie..

THANKS ALSO TO THE CLUB MEMBERS.... Kevin Mathews USSA President

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Kay Miller

Utah Sheltie Helps Flood Victims

Kay Miller's little Dusty (from Caren & Ernie Ciampini) and I are about to fly out of town to help those affected by the horrible hurricanes in Florida. We have had extensive training with the American Red Cross and are part of the national

team of volunteers who respond to disasters. It seems that every time we are sent out, Dusty ends up as a TV celebrity, in addition to providing lots of doggy love and comfort to those who are so terribly stressed out (either from being directly affected by

the disaster, or from working hard to provide assistance to those people.)

Right now I am just waiting for the phone call to give me our travel arrangements -- expecting to leave either this evening or tomorrow morning. September 4th or 5th.

In Memorial

Barbara Soderborg

On Tuesday, September 14, 2004, we laid down our wonderful, smart, little girl, Kenzie. It was only five years ago when Kenzie accidentally move into our home as a bright beautiful and very smart puppy. She stole our hearts especially the heart of Erik, my son, and instantly Erik became Kenzie's boy. She learned many tricks that gave us so much pleasure and we especially loved to hear her whisper. After asking her to whisper she responded with a quiet bark, then we asked her to whisper quieter after each try until she just blew the breath out of her mouth for the quietest whisper. Her greatest gift of love was when she had a littler of five little girls that all found homes with family and close friends who wanted a puppy just like Kenzie. It was Labor Day when we noticed Kenzie laying quietly in the shade all by herself and when getting up to greet us she vomited and laid down again. Silly us, we thought she had eaten to much food to fast and little did we know her pancreas was very infected and her liver was shutting down. When my son and I brought her to the doctor her gums were starting to turn yellow and we were told she needed exploratory surgery to find out what was wrong and she might not be able to pull out of the operation. We wanted a second opinion and took her to another vet who kept her throughout the day and night giving her antibiotics, fluids, and liver medication. By the next morning her blood values had more than doubled from the day before showing us that Kenzie's outcome looked very grave. The whole time Kenzie didn't make a sound to let us know she was in pain -- what a brave girl she was! It was at this time I had to make the decision to let our sweet little girl be put to sleep so her body could rest and she wouldn't be in pain anymore. As she was brought out of her crate she walked over to me wagging her tail in happiness as if to say, Good! I'm finally going home to my family where I belong. I held her sweet head and watched her trusting eyes locked onto my tearful eyes as the vile of death serum took our wonderful friend. It's still hard to believe that a dog so full of life runny and playing like a puppy suddenly became sick and is gone now. She will never be forgotten! I want to thank all my good friends who shared my pain and tears and helped hold my head up during this difficult time. Good bye for now Kenzie - we'll pick you up at the "Rainbow Bridge"





Kenzie on the left. Kenzie in the middle of the tub above.

Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge.

There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....

Author unknown...



Revised Slate of Officers for USSA 2005 Club

In accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the USSA, the following slate of officers for the 2005 club year has been prepared by the nominating committee, which consists of: Cheryl Albrecht, Barbara Edelberg, and Julene Matthews.

President: Dale Kendrick

Vice President: Cheryl Albrecht

<u>Recording Secretary</u>: Barbara Soderborg <u>Corresponding Secretary</u>: Pamela Parry

Treasurer: Charles Albrecht

Board Members:

Grant Horsley

Marie Miles

Cindy Wilkinson

Board Members Nominated from the floor:

Doug Parry

Denny Daffron

Julene Matthews

Elections will be held at the October club meeting.

Charbar Sheltie Brags!!!

Barbara and Charles Vann

Hi, this is my latest from this last weekend.

First time for Chrissy to be back in the ring for a few years, she was out being a Mommie.

Today, coming from the bred by class she was WB,BOW,BOB over two male specials.

Then she went on to a Group 3. What a fantastic day.

Oh yes, Chrissy is CharBar's Uptown Girl

Ch Apple Acres Lightning Rod,NA,NAJ X Ch Apple Acres Calendar Girl,AX,AXJ

The following day Sunday Chrissy was WB, BOS

Canadian brags

Chrissy the above finished her Championship in 4 shows.

"Frazier" Caledon Deuces Are Wild finished his Championship in 4 days and going BOB puppy four days.

Ch. Apples Acres Sharp Shooter finished his Championship, he is owned by Maria Gardella.

And:::::

I have 3 beautiful litters. one litter is with the co owner in Canada, Carol Stimson. You can see them at:

http://www.charbarshelties.com/FutureStars.html

Barbara & Charlie Vann CharBar Shelties Oregon

> This is PJ, just one of Barbara and Charles' beautiful puppies, you can see them all on her web site!!



"Joey" The Beggar

Caroline Lindeman



These are pictures of Caroline's "Deep Purple" grandson "Joey". This is his way of seeing what we're eating and reminding us that he wants a piece of it! My daughter Aimee caught him at the very height of his leap in the air (he's a real character and the only one of our Shelties that uses this method of beaging!) I've also

enclosed a picture of him NOT jumping just so you can see that he NORMALLY doesn't have prick ears!



"Win" Finishes Agility Titles

Cindy Judkins

WIN HAD A GREAT SEPTEMBER IN AGILITY. HE FINISHED HIS OPEN STANDARD TITLE AT THE IKC SHOW OVER LABOR DAY WEEKEND AFTER BEING AT THAT LEVEL FOR A YEAR.

THE NEXT WEEKEND AT THE SHOW IN FARMINGTON, HE FINISHED IS EXCELLENT A JUMPERS TITLE AND THAT ONLY TOOK 3 WEEK-ENDS. WIN IS OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ANGEL'S FINEST HOUR HT, OA, AXJ AND WAS BRED BY CAREN & ERNIE CIAMPINI.

Paramount Shelties Presents:



Cooper and Doug Parry with Paramount Shelties at the Logan Show. Cooper is our dream boy and has that sweet dreamy look we love. He's a beautiful boy. Cooper is out of CH Westar's **Dynasty and Accent** Glamour Secrets. Again a big thanks to Nancy **Bullat for sharing** Cooper with us.





May 2004 show in Logan UT. with our Cooper and Hope, Doug and Joanne Adams Our good friend Joanne Adams showed Hope at the Logan show. Hope took Winners Bitch. Hope is out of CH Braeleen's Matinee Idol and Accent's Glamour Secrets. She is a beautiful girl and she placed third in the 9 to 12 puppy bitch class at our National. Hope is all the Sheltie you always dream for and we were lucky enough to have our dreams come true. A big Thank you to Nancy Bullat for letting us have Hope in our family.

Paramount Shelties Cont.



Luke and Doug Parry at the Casper's shows this spring. Luke is a wonderful dog and is always full of fun and energy. He has that show attitude we all want our Shelties to have. Luke is out of CH Villagers Silver Screen and Souvenir-Iona Baby Grand. A big thanks to Gene and Carol Cowley for the breeding.

PARAMOUNT WINTER MIST NA NAJ O-NAC O NJC O-NGC TG-N TN-N RS-N GS-N JS-N

"Nick" is owned and trained by Marsha Monson. As you can tell by Nicks accomplishments he loves working with his mom, Marsha and loves performing in the agility ring.

At the last show in Colorado Nick earned the O-NAC and the O-NJC. He took 5 firsts and 2 seconds. Our next show is in St. George. It is a NADAC show.

He's the best dog.



Cody Wins Group I at Fun Match

Michael and I have some great news about our

Linda Cornelia

puppy. Yesterday Sept 26 2004, at the Sunflower Kennel Club of Olathe, Kansas All Breed Fun Match, our daughter who just had a baby son born 7 weeks ago, showed our 13 weeks old bi blue male sheltie, Cody. He won WD, BOB and Herding Group 1. It was his first fun match and a first for my daughter and Cody to show together. We had so much fun yesterday. His dam is Ch. Royal Hill Trouble In Blue and his sire is Am/ Can Ch Apple Acres Expedition.





Here are the pictures of our two pups that we are growing out.

September Meeting Minutes

Caren Ciampini

USSA CLUB MEETING MINUTES, 8 SEP 04

Attendees: Cheryl & Charles Albrecht; Ernie & Caren Ciampini; Denny Daffron; LaVar Griffin; Cindy Judkins; Dale Kendrick; Kevin & Julene Mathews; Pam Parry; Barbara Soderborg; James & Carla Wind. Meeting was held at the Ciampini's home.

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm.

Vice President Cheryl Albrecht introduced the Guest Speaker – Cindy Judkins.

Cindy Judkins presented a seminar on Herding, explaining the various levels of herding tests & herding certificates available both for AKC & for AHBA. She provided several videos demonstrating the various tests & explain the differences among herding with ducks, sheep & cattle. The seminar was very thorough and well presented, with the audience learning a great deal among the subject from the speaker, Cindy Judkins, who has titled several dogs in Herding.

Cheryl Albrecht presented Cindy with a Thank You gift from the Club.

Cheryl made a motion, 2nd by Julene to approve the July 21st club minutes. Motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was given by Charles & is on file. A motion to approve was made

by Dale, 2nd by Caren. Motion carried.

Everyone was reminded to check out the Club website.

Everyone was reminded to submit input for the Newsletter to the newsletter Editor by the last Sunday of the month.

There will be a Sheltie Rescue Booth for the Logan show on Sat. May 21st & Sun. May 22nd. Please volunteer to help staff the booth. Contact Barbara Edelberg or Jim Melton & offer your help, even for an hour or so.

Old Business: We are looking at options for the purchase of the replacement Club trailer. Doug has found a new trailer for about \$4300 & Dale has found a 2001 trailer which has some modifications for about \$4800. Doug will continue to research & determine which is the better trailer for the Club. The old trailer will be available for Book Price after the new trailer is purchased.

Julene gave a report on the Specialty. She needs volunteers.

Cheryl Albrecht rescinded her photography job offer as she is the Assistant Show Secretary. Julene advised that Bill Kohler will be the Photographer for the Specialty.

The Club was advised that the Club meeting location schedule for the next seven months is as follows:

Oct: Farmington Nov: So. Jordan Dec: Holiday party – no meeting

Jan: Farmington Feb: So. Jordan Mar: Farmington

Apr: So. Jordan

14. The annual Holiday party was discussed. Dale volunteered to co-chair this event with Laurie Kendrick. Three potential locations, menus & prices were discussed: Maddox in Perry, Granny Annie's in Kaysville & Golden Corral in Layton. These Locations were voted on & the Golden Corral was chosen.

The annual Holiday Club Party will be held on Saturday, 4 December at 1 pm at the Golden Corral in Layton. The price is \$10 per person. The Club will pay any remaining cost, tax & gratuity.

If any of your dogs have earned titles, let Caroline Lindeman know. The cutoff date is 15 November. Awards will be presented at the Holiday party on 4 Dec.

A motion was made by Cheryl, 2nd by LaVar, to present Phil Schmauder with a one time thank you gift of \$150 for all the time, monies & effort he has expended on behalf of the Club in producing a fantastic Website for all of us to enjoy. Motion carried. Cheryl will send Phil the check & a card of thanks from the Club.

2005 Sheltie Calendars were discussed by Barbara. A motion was made by her, 2nd by Julene, that the Calendars be sold for \$12.50 of which \$5.00 will be given to Sheltie Rescue of Utah. Motion carried. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the meeting; contact Barbara to reserve your 2005 Sheltie Calendar.

Barbara made a motion to order 25 Calendars ASAP with the Treasurer to provide the required \$188.75, 2nd by Dale. Motion carried.

Nominations from the floor were opened. Positions were opened & closed with no nominations, except: The following were nominated for a Board position:

Doug Parry, nominated by Ernie Ciampini Denny Daffron, nominated by Barbara Soderborg Julene Mathews, nominated by Barbara Soderborg

Brags were made.

A motion to adjourn was made by Pam, 2nd by Charles. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Caren Ciampini, Secretary 9 September 2004

Tragedy Strikes Collie Kennel In Charlotte

At about 5:30 this morning, Thursday, July 15th, a loud 'bang' was heard in the house. Wendy, Lori's roommate looked out the back window to discover that the kennel building was engulfed in flames.

Lori and Wendy went to see about getting the dogs out of the building but the flames were so intense they could not get close enough to the building to even open the doors. LoriMar and Row-Bar Kennels and households .

Being that the fire house is literally right around the corner the Firemen were at the property before the sirens had a chance to be turned on. The flames were put out quickly. But it was too late for the dogs. One of the puppies sleeps on his back against the run fence with his legs in the air . . . that's the way he was found. The fire investigator told Lori that the collies didn't burn to death, but they had died peacefully in their sleep (smoke inhalation).

The Fire Marshall's investigation indicates that a motion detector attached to the outside of the building that controls the yard lights overheated and melted the housing. It appears that hot pieces of the housing dripped down into the top of the door that was insulated with polystyrene. The styrene smoldered to the floor of the building that then, apparently, smoldered under the building and up the back wall. Once the air got hot enough to blow out the windows for the air to get to it . . . I think we've all seen the movie "Back Draft".

We lost four (4) six month old smooth s/w puppies ("Harry", "Jordan", "Erika", and "Lucy") out of Ch. Row-Bar's Southern Heritage, HT ("Clayton") x Ch. LoriMar's Irresistible ("Lizzie"), the 3 year old tri rough, 'Hunter" (littermate to Lizzie and out of Ch. Row-Bar's Northern Exposure ("Lance") x Larico's Row-Bar Westward Ho ("Phoebe"), and "Elizabeth", a 9 month old sable & white smooth bitch out of Ch. Ballyhara's Strike Up The Band x Ch. Majix Golden Pixie Dust. Amazingly, the 2 year old smooth blue dog, Row-Bar's Maverick, "Brett", got out of the building. We think that when the 'bang' went off that he jumped through the window or that the relief of the gases in the building blew the windows out and he went through it. Steve Johns was at the house, walked the yard and found him in the side yard traumatized. Once the firefighters discovered him also, they immediately administered oxygen and he was transported to the Emergency Veterinary Clinic within three miles of the kennel. He is currently fighting for his life. We lost him at about 9:25 this evening.

I was going to make this my editorial for the Fall Newsletter, and still might, but felt I should let you know that it is important that you consider what can happen in a virtual twinkle of an eye to your collies. Yes, it could happen to you. Please share this with as many folks as you can . . . not just collie folks.

How much do your collies really mean to you?

When you put one down due to a health problem, even at an older age, you cry and remember it in your prayers and comment "I'll meet you at the other side of the Rainbow Bridge" and then concentrate on the rest of your brood. You 'knew it was coming'. It was tough but you could cope.

Loose one in an accident, suddenly, and you are beside yourself. Hurt, confused, ticked off because it happened but you have the rest of the 'kids' to concentrate on and you move on. It was tough but you could cope.

Now, go look at each of the ones you have in the kennel, in the house, the one that sleeps on your bed at night, the puppies, and the 'ole lady that got you started and imagine, if you can, loosing ALL of them at once in a matter of minutes. There was nothing, absolutely nothing, you could do but watch it happen. Everything you had worked for to establish your line that was coming into it's own is gone. You've shown some of them at a match and had comments at ringside such as "where did you get that one, he's exquisite" and you have proudly said, "he's mine, he's my breeding." But in a flash, literally, they're gone.

Believe me when I tell you, it is devastating. It's like loosing all your children or grandchildren, which they are anyway, in one fell swoop. Nothing wrenches at your heart and soul like it. Go hug each of them right now, tell them how much you care for them and remember how much love they have given you without asking for anything in return . . except loving them as they love you and keeping them safe and secure.

If your collies sleep or are housed in a building away from your sleeping quarters, please, please install a smoke alarm in the building and wire it to your security alarm IN THE HOUSE. If you don't have a security system, wire the smoke alarm to a horn, siren, or other loud noise making devise on the outside of the building pointed toward the house. . . and check it to make SURE you can hear it inside without trying. Consider a fire sprinkler, but attach it to the smoke alarm. More deaths are attributable to smoke inhalation than fire or heat at the point of a fire. If you have any type motion-

detecting device to turn on lights, get it off the building. Take it down; DO IT NOW, DO IT RIGHT NOW. Stop reading this and go take it down off the building. Don't use them. Putting it off 'till tomorrow could cost you your beloved collies . . . all of them and everything else in the building x-pens, feeding bowls, water buckets, crates, grooming stuff . . .everything.

Hindsight is 20-20. Put your yard and run lights on a remote switch that can be turned on at the house. Take advantage of the experience of our loss and don't let it happen to you! For god's sake, don't allow yourself to hear, "you were warned."

Take care and God bless . . .

Thanks Lori's DAD at the LoriMar Collies

Hello again,

Since I too have a kennel building that houses collies when not enjoying there turn in the house, I will share some extra hints my husband and I have come to realize were good ideas but NOW could be made even better.

Remember we never want to hear this type of story again. Lori's building was not old and it was well constructed.

- 1) I have inside/outside runs with double swing doors, allowing the dogs to exist when they wish through out the day and night. This may be something you wish to explore. Mason Co. sells these excellent PICKWICK* doors/ with heavy gage Plexiglas clear fronts for apx. 120.a piece. http://www.masonco.com/ (under accessories)
- 2) I and you should check all outlets on your wall on a regular bases to see if they are hot, whether you are using them or not.
- 3) Any air condition units should be wired with extra heavy electric wire that can handle more than the load of the air condition unit. Yes, there is a difference.
- 4) Use surge protectors on all appliances, such as your mini refrigerator and microwave you may have in your kennel. And all fans and radios.

Check all cords to be sure they have not been accidentally been damaged. Or chewed by rodents. Any frayed wires should be replaced.

Clean all fans regularly to de clogged them of dog hair.

- 5) If possible install intercom system that can remain OPEN so you can hear what is going on in the kennel. Mine is Novi brand and has three channels but you must have minimum of two boxes that sell for apx. \$ 60.00 each.
- 6) Have yourself a smoke detector install and leave your Intercom on the wall hear this smoke detector. Be sure to check the battery regularly.

I really like Tom's idea better of connecting something to a LOUD HORN. I will have to look into this. Better security system to include the kennel, not just the main house.

Maybe I will extend the outside runs another ten or so feet without a cover, oh how can anyone think of everything. It is impossible. Things are still in the hands of Gods.

- 7) Have fire extinguisher on the inside and outside of the building and on the outside of your house. Check them regularly. They can be purchased in quantity from places like Sams'.
- 8) Do not use inexpensive electric cord, buy heavy duty ones. I have noticed at dog show the cords connected to some people's dryers are HOT.
- 9) As Tom stated do Not have any motion detectors on the kennel building itself but on an outside pole. I would imagine you would need to speak with your electrician not to have it wired from the same building.

I had all my motion detectors disconnect long ago because of nighttime movement that would trigger the lights too often. I never would have realized that was a blessing in disguise.

I have a string of Xmas large bulb lights strung on the fence, when I leave the house, I trip the switch and I have enough light to get to the outside kennel. On my return back to the house I turn them off. This is connected to the outside house outlets.

All of these precautions can be used for your own HOME as well. Check for hot outlets, buy heavy extension cords etc.

- ** I am sure there is more I could do, but I can't think any longer for the tears that are still falling down my face. My heart breaks for Lori, Wendy, Steve and family for all their collie children lost. God help them all recover.
- ***This is the second tragedy this year for a dog owner I know. Five dogs died in a friend's air conditioned garage while his housekeeper had the dogs put out of her way while she cleaned. The garage, vehicle and all dogs were lost. The barking dogs saved the house since that is what caused her to notice the fire.

No one knows the number of days we can all enjoy; Be careful and take care everyone, give your dogs an extra hug.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER-20TH ANNUAL MEETING
ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD
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NOVEMBER 17TH-CLUB MEETING
DECEMBER-CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY
DECEMBER 4TH AT 1PM AT THE GOLDEN
CORRAL IN LAYTON
LORRAL IN LAYTON
JANUARY 19TH -CLUB MEETING
FEBRUARY 16TH -CLUB MEETING

Elections will be held at the October 20, 2004 club meeting. Come and make your vote count.