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President's Message

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First of all, I would like to thank Connie Simmons for sharing her knowledge about ring stewarding at our last meeting. I felt it was very informative.

I would also like to thank all the members who attended for their input and thoughts, as well as the professional manor everyone exhibited! Thank you!

As you all know, our specialty is just around the corner. From all

indications, things are shaping-up nicely. We still need everyone to keep pushing right up to the very end so this will be a very successful event.

Don't forget we have re-scheduled both April's and Mays meetings. We don't want you to show up for the meeting on the wrong night. The re-scheduled dates are in the newsletter. Because of these changes, the board meetings have been rescheduled as well.

The next Board meeting will be on April 7th @ 6:30 PM held at Doug & Pam Parry's home. All current members are welcome to come and listen. As I indicated in the last general meeting, please send me or any member of the board any suggestions you may have for the Board's consideration. After all this is **YOUR** club.

Again, thanks to you for all you do!

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Editor's Note:

I just wanted to thank everyone that wrote to express their support of the newsletter. All of the notes were appreciated. It is with great pleasure that I accept the request for me to continue as the newsletter editor.

Also, I have had a number of people submit educational articles for publication in the newsletter both from outside sources and also articles written by members of our club. Thank you very much for taking the time to write and find educational articles. I really appreciate it. I may not get every article in the next newsletter after submission, but they will all be published. I would like to have some for future newsletters, so please keep them coming!!! One of the main purposes of this newsletter is to keep us informed and educated on things related to our wonderful dogs!

Announcements

NEW MEMBERS

We always welcome new Club members and have included a Membership Application in this Newsletter for your use. Give a copy to anyone you know who may

.Attention all exhibitors and club members

If you know anyone who you think might be interested in showing and receiving a Premium List for our May specialty. Please give to or send their names to Cheryl Albrecht,

sal1@allwest.net

You can print off a Premium list by going to our web site at www.utahsheltie.org click on Upcoming Events

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Dale and Laurie Kendrick for the loss of their 14 year old Sheltie Shilo

And to Tricia and Richard Harris for the loss of their 12 year old sheltie wanna be Lacey

Notice!!

BASKET FROM USSA FOR THE 2005 ASSA SPECIALTY IN ST. LOUIS

It is almost time to send our UTAH BASKET to the 2005 Sheltie National. We have a few nice things but could always use just a little more! If you have ANYTHING you would like to contribute to this basket.....Please call Barbara at 561-4616 to make arrangements to pick up your item(s). e-mail: saltcityshelties@msn.com) Thank you

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

**Virginia & Doug Clark
Cherie & John Hyde**

Notice

Any club member who has or will be having puppies for sale now or in the near future let Pam Parry our club Breeder Referral know. Pam has several interested people looking for good Shelties who come from good breeder homes. Please let Pam know what requirements and conditions you have when selling your puppies. Pam's home phone number is 801-255-2584 and e-mail dparry6@aol.com. Thanks for all your support.

USSA SPECIALTIES

USSA BACK TO BACK SPECIALTY, MAY 20-21, 2005.

Our Specialty is rapidly approaching and there are still jobs that need to be filled by our Club members. Please contact Cheryl Albrecht at sal1@allwest.net to offer your help. Remember, many hands make light work & we need you.

We are having our traditional Club Raffle on Friday, May 20th at the Specialty. Please bring your contributions to Club and give them to Carol Cowley, the Raffle Chairperson, or to Barbara Soderborg, the Raffle Co-chairperson.

Specialty Free Luncheon
The USSA Specialty sponsored by the Utah Shetland Sheepdog Association will again be offering a Free Luncheon to all USSA Club Members and Sheltie Exhibitors. Lunch will begin approx. 1/2 hour after the show is completed on Fri. May 20th. in the bowery next to the conformation rings. Please come and enjoy our homemade luncheon and visit with all your Sheltie friends.

2006 USSA SPECIALTY SHOW

The Board will be appointing a Study Committee for the 2006 Specialty. The committee will study the pros & cons for various show Locations, show dates, a stand-alone specialty versus a specialty with an all breed club, etc. Would you like to be on the committee? Contact Dale or any Board member if you are interested in serving on this committee.

REMEMBER THE RAFFLE!!!!!!!

PLEASE WE NEED EVERYONE IN THE CLUB TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS RAFFLE ! DO IT INDIVIDUALLY OR GO IN WITH SOMEONE----BUT DO IT!!!!!!

WE NEED ALL OF YOU-----

WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE BASKETS OF ANY AND EVERY KIND!!

Anything Dog Related!

Your 2005 Specialty
Raffle Committee



RV PARKING AT OUR 2005 SPECIALTY

As club members we may RV park together at our Logan Specialty if we send in all of our payments and parking registration forms together. All club members who wish to RV park together at our Logan Specialty will need to send their parking registration information with payment to Pam Parry by April 11th. If you choose to park separately from the club you may send your RV parking in separately. Thanks, Pam Parry, 8410 So. Grambling Way, Sandy, Utah 84094

See parking registration form in this newsletter.

TROPHY SIGN UP SHEET - USSA SPECIALTIES MAY 20-21, 2005

Below is the Trophy sign-up sheet for the USSA Specialties. Please complete & return by the show closing date of May 4th, so your name & item(s) you are sponsoring can be included in the Show Catalog.

I wish to sponsor the Trophy (ies) for the below circled item(s).

FRI MAY 20th

BOB	\$20
BOS	\$20
BOW	\$15
WD	\$15 -
WB	\$15
RWD	\$15
RWB	\$15 – taken
JR Show	\$15
Sweeps—	Taken
Runner up—	Taken

SAT MAY 21st

BOB	\$20 - taken
BOS	\$20
BOW	\$15
WD	\$15 -
WB	\$15
RWD	\$15
RWB	\$15
JR Show	\$15
Sweeps—	Taken
Runner up—	Taken

FIRST PLACE IN EACH REGULAR CLASS - \$5.00 EACH

List below the 1st place class(s) you wish to Sponsor. Ex: 6-9 puppy dog, bred by dog, open sable bitch, novice bitch, etc.

_____	\$5	_____	\$5
_____	\$5	_____	\$5
_____	\$5	_____	\$5

Please list my name/comments in the Show Catalog, as shown:

Enclosed is my check made out to USSA for \$_____

Please send this form & Check made out to USSA to: Charles Albrecht, PO Box 725, Evanston, WY 82930 by closing date of May 4th.

Lacewood Shetland Sheepdogs

Tricia & Richard Harris



Janet Barber 2005

Starfall's The Enchanter, CD "Brock"

Ch Starfall's Next Generation X Starfall's Trial By Fire

Brock has had some pretty amazing wins. We couldn't be more proud of this beautiful boy!!

11/14/04 Sierra Vista Kennel Club
3/18/05 Louisville Kennel Club
3/22/05 Danville Kennel Club
2/26/05 Raleigh Kennel Club

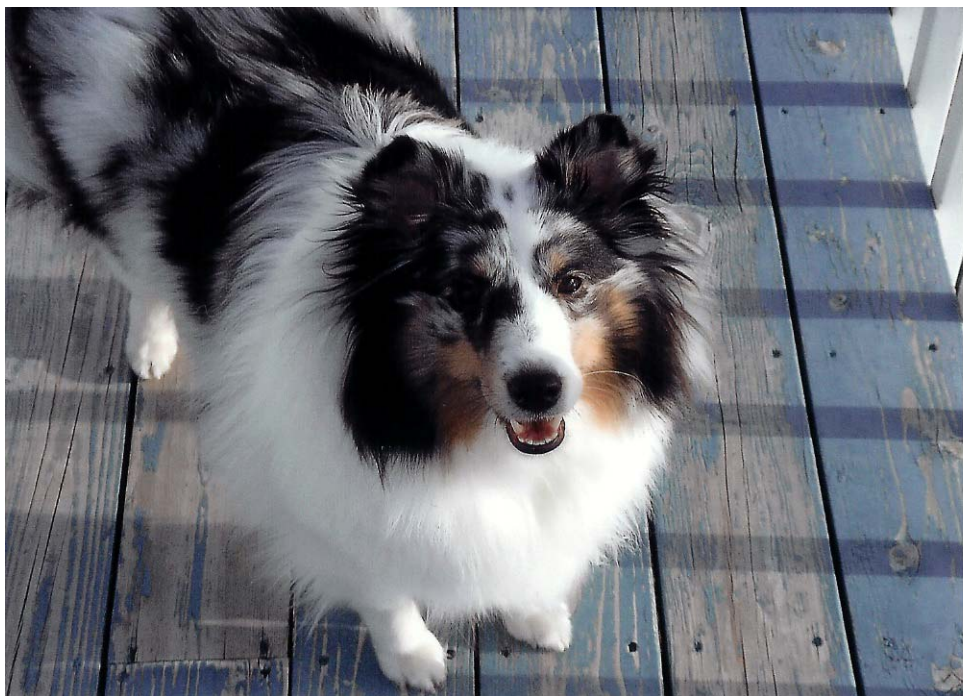
4 Point Major
4 Point Major
BOB over 3 specials (2 Pts)
BOW 3 pt major

Dr. Robert Smith
Dorothy Collier
Debra Gschwender
Robert Slay

Brock's quality is really starting to shine in the ring. He is not only beautiful but a joy to have around.

Thank you Janet Turnage Nahikian for trusting us with this special boy and Linda Guihen for her expert care and handling of Brock to these wins!

Ginny and Doug Clark



Mistybrooks Joie dé Vie "Dupree"

We want to welcome Ginny and Doug Clark to our club. This is their new sheltie "Dupree." She was bred by Jan Williams (Mistybrook Shelties). Sire AM/CAN CH Wystone's The Impressionist "Degas" Dam: Silversong's Classical Romance Grand Dam: AM/CAN CH BISS Silversongs C'est La Vie "Laa-Laa" Congratulations on such a beautiful girl!!!!

Shalamar Shelties

Suzie Beecham

Am Ch Braeleen Let Freedom Ring went up to Canada and finished his Canadian Championship in three straight shows by going Winners Dog/Best of Winners all three days. So now, Johnny, is Am/Can Champion!!

Suzi's sable bitch "Sara" (Sharokee Sarasoda) also went up to Canada and ended up doing quite well. She was in 3 shows, where she took Winners Bitch 2 of the 3 days, Best Of Breed Puppy all 3 days, and Herding Group 1st Puppy one of the days....not bad for a baby!!!

Way to Go SUZIE!!!!!!

CHARBAR SHELTIES

CharBar's Uptown Girl "Chrissy" was WB,BOW for a 4pt major at the Lost Dutchman KC, in AZ. March 13, 2005

presented by Sue Healy of Scottsdale, AZ

The weekend before she was Reserve bitch for a 5 pt major, Chrissy is needing that last elusive one point.

Feb 19,2005 we had a litter of 4 sable pups, three girls, one boy Dam is APPLE ACRES TWENTY-FOUR KARAT, sire is Ch TARA HILL HOMEBASE.

This is our first sable litter in over 20 years!!!!

Feb 24, 2005 A litter of two Tri's one boy, one girl Dam is APPLE ACRES CHARBAR'S ELECTRA (dam of one champion), Sire is, CH SUMERSONG A WALK ON THE MOON.

March 13, 2005 another litter of three tri girls Dam is CHARBAR'S DIVINITY, Sire is CH IMAGINE QUICK DRAW.



INTRODUCING Our new girl

Apple Acres Aruba "Ruba"



We are holding a conformation handling clinic every other Monday and every other Saturday. The first Clinic was Saturday Feb. 26th. The next one will be Monday April 4th at 2:30 PM and then Saturday April 9th at 10:30 AM. The Class is in a small park at about 2174 Mountain Vista Lane in Provo. Everyone age 10 and over is invited. There is no charge. Come and share the knowledge you have and pick up ideas from someone else. If you have questions or need directions please call Tricia Harris 375-1192 or email triciamail@comcast.net. **This class is not sponsored by the USSA!!!**

Stephanie Burdett is collecting Sheltie hair, which she spins into yarn and makes things from. When you brush your dogs, if you could save the hair for Stephanie that would be appreciated. Just bring the saved hair to the club meetings and she can pick it up there or we will get it to her. What fun thing this is to see things made from the coat of our beloved shelties.



DRIVES

First in a series of articles by
Jane Guidinger

What drive does your dog drive in?

Dogs have four drives that can be used in training: Pack, Food, Fight, and Prey. The balanced dog in all four drives is the best to work with, but to build balance, you must evaluate what you have in the first place and then use parts of each drive to help blend. These drives can be tested when looking at puppies you want for performance work.

PACK DRIVE

How would your dog react if you walked up behind him with an alpha body posture and totally silent? Does your dog solicit petting or like to snuggle with you? How does your dog get along with other dogs and people? These are just a few ways to determine how much pack drive your dog has. If your dog views you as the alpha leader he should turn and make eye contact with you when you walk up behind him. Dogs with pack drive like to be petted, groomed and played with. They get along with other dogs and people. Wolf packs can only survive if they work and hunt together. Pack leaders (hopefully you) demand respect from their dogs. Becoming a better alpha will help your dog in training and general behavior. Become you dog's whole world. Feed him, train him and play with him. Just requiring a few behaviors, like sitting at the door and making eye contact before being allowed outside, or requiring the same before he gets fed will add to his pack drive. If you want to run agility with him he better have some pack drive or he will drive through the course without you. Building more pack drive will make a big difference in his world and make him a better dog, in return he will give you the loyalty and respect that only a dog can give.

Grooming Issues or...Keeping the beauty up!

by Julene Mathews

Puppies are the most fun! A scruffy puppy can clean up so quickly and look darling whether you bother to trim feet and ears or tape those ears up where they ought to be. Just give them a bath, brush them out and you are sure to get tons of attention everywhere you go. We get hooked on that feeling. As the puppy grows, being vigilant about grooming and health issues can mean quality of life! Just look at a lovely puppy belonging to someone else and it's easy to forget the work to keep them beautiful as they grow up.

Life stages bring their own issues whether you own just a lap dog (or foot warmer) or a dog you are campaigning in the ring. As a dog grows, health issues may stand in the way of completing a promising career in the show ring.

There are things we can do to help our dogs live longer healthier lives. They depend on us to do this, they cannot know the consequences of today's habits leading to tomorrow's chronic health problems.

As a puppy grows, maintaining a proper weight is very important. Growing bones and joints cannot develop correctly under the strain of an improper weight burden.

Feed the correct amount of fats, proteins, carbohydrates and vitamins you will find in a reputable dog food. It means a longer life without problems brought on by people food as treats and supplements to a diet not prepared for the excessive sugars, fats and food colorings. The incidents of diabetes has dramatically increased in canines, brought on by well meaning household member (s) who cannot or will not understand the health consequences of giving in to a sad puppy face way too often. Maintaining a proper diet is the foundation to a lifetime of minimal health issues.

We have learned so much about proper diet for our dogs and their consequences to health.

Auto Immune deficiencies are rampant in shelties. As a groomer by profession, I see an across the board view of shelties from pet stores, backyard breeders, and reputable breeders. I see them in a variety of sizes, ages, and types. It is in my opinion an alarming trait to see with predictable regularity problems such as hypothyroidism, lupus, seizures, hip dysplasia, cataracts, skin disorders, bad teeth (which is related to the immune system as well) and a variety health problems related to weak immune systems.

Most of these problems can be controlled or prevented by wise management of a dogs health as they grow. Simple issues such as a lack of proper toenail trimming means that a dog must rest back farther on a foot to accommodate that long nail, which translates throughout the skeletal and muscular systems of that dog. The dog must compensate for that long nail by twisting toes, over extending a pastern, which effects the elbow, and the shoulders, That in turn effects the back, and the neck. Keeping the toenails at a proper trimmed length means a more comfortable dog, and a healthier dog.

Brushing a dog means that dead skin is sloughed properly, the oils are moved out to the ends of the coat, the dead hair is removed for better air movement which means the dog breathes better and is more comfortable year around.

Ear cleaning means that any built up exude inside the ear which may contain bacteria causing infections is removed, and parasites are controlled.

Each of the stages of life brings special grooming issues and needs. Being aware of those needs, and familiar with your dogs normal state of being means a greater chance of preventing health problems. It is of vast importance that as your puppy grows to adulthood, then to middle age, on to their senior years, that we maintain a grooming regimen appropriate for that dogs particular needs. Your dog is relying on you to help them have a better life!



How My Service Dog Dusty Has Changed My Life

By Kay Miller

A few months, my life was saved by Dusty – my little 5 year old Shetland Sheepdog. It was 7AM and I was swimming alone in our pool at home. Nobody was anywhere nearby. As I was winding down from my regular half hour swim, Dusty gave me his dreaded warning – an intent stare accompanied by a monotone bark. I knew that in just 15 minutes, I would be unconscious as the result of an atypical seizure. Immediately, I got out of the pool and thanked Dusty. Knowing that I still had at least 10 minutes of conscious time remaining, I changed from my swimsuit and lay down on my bed – noting the time. Ten minutes later, I awoke confused with Dusty laying beside me and watching me intently. I realized that Dusty had clearly saved my life this time. Without him and his life-saving warning, I would have been unconscious in the pool –breathing water rather than air. I would have been dead.

Many times Dusty has warned me of an impending seizure – giving me the time I needed to get myself out of a dangerous activity and into a safe situation. But, one of these times he also helped 300 other people and saved thousands of dollars. He and I were flying via Delta Airlines from Salt Lake City to Philadelphia. As usual, he was seated beside my feet on the airplane. About an hour into the flight, Dusty gave me his warning. I pressed my “Flight Attendant Call” button. When the attendant arrived, I explained that I would become unconscious within about ten minutes. I told her that it was a form of a seizure and that it was not a medical emergency – emphasizing that there was no need to land at the nearest airport and take me to the hospital (their normal procedure when they find an unconscious passenger). I explained that I would not do the typical shaking, that I would just appear to be asleep, and that I might be frightened, confused, and child-like when I awoke about ten minutes later. As I told her, she should treat me like a child if I acted like a frightened child. “Just tell me, ‘Mommy will be here soon’ and then I should be OK.” Everything happened as expected and they were prepared. Because of Dusty’s warning, 300 other passengers did not have to experience terrible delays in their schedules, and Delta did not have to pay the huge expense of an unscheduled landing.

Yeah, Dusty!! He certainly has changed my life! An unexpected benefit is that I have been able to reduce the amount of seizure medications that I take – due to the calming effect his presence has on me. Especially when I hold him against my chest, I can feel the stress and tension flow from me. He is very loving and extremely devoted to me, and I love caring for him and helping him to develop.

In addition to the excellent blood-lines and early life with Caren and Ernie Ciampini, he has received top-notch training from Gateway to Canine Partnerships in Salt Lake City. He is both the joy of my life and my little life-saver.

Club Meetings



In our March club meeting we had a guest speaker, **Connie Simmons**, from the Mt. Ogden Kennel club come and talk to us about ring stewarding. We learned a lot about what is required to be a ring steward. It is important to understand the rules governing rings in order to make the judging run smoothly.

We learned the responsibilities of the outside ring steward, and the responsibilities of the inside ring steward. Mrs. Simmons gave us a handout on these responsibilities and a TEST. It was a very enlightening evening.

Thank you very much Mrs. Simmons!!

Our next club meeting will be April 13, 2005 at 7 PM at 392 East 6400 South in the Workman's Compensation building, conference room. Amy Knollinger, a comparative Ophthalmology Resident, from the Eye Care For Animals Clinic will be the guest speaker at our next club meeting. Amy will talk to us about why it is so important for us to C.E.R.F. our dogs and the eye diseases that plague the Sheltie Breed. Come to the meeting and learn about the things we should know about Sheltie eye diseases. Come with all your questions about C.E.R.F. and canine Eye diseases!!

**USSA CLUB MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2005
WORKMANS COMPENSATION FUND BUILDING
(DALE KENDRICK'S WORKPLACE)**

Club Meeting Minutes are on file

Calendar of Events

April 7th — Board Meeting 6:30 Pam & Doug's House
April 13th — Club Meeting 7PM
April 17-23 — ASSA Sheltie National
May 20-21 — USSA Specialty Shows
May 25th — Club Meeting 7PM
June 15th — Club Meeting
July 20th — Club Meeting

