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President's Message

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Deadline is the
last Sunday of
each month.

Club Meetings are the
3rd Wednesday
of each Month.

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First of all, I would like to thank Mel Stanley for the Rally demonstration and seminar he presented at our last club meeting. Based on the turn-out to the meeting, this looks like it will become a very popular event. I hope all who attended and did the course enjoyed themselves! Don't forget our fun

match coming up on February 27th. Should be lots of fun. Also, we are only about 2 ½ months out from our specialty in April. Please kick in to help where you can, contacting Cheryl Albrecht at sal1@allwest.net or 307-444-0531. The planning and preparation is coming along very well.

Our next meeting we will be a guest speaker, Dr. Dennis Law of the Cottonwood Animal Hospital. He will talk about the latest vaccination protocols for our dogs. Should be very informative.

Thanks for all your help and support over the last few months! See you on the 16th!

CLUB MAILING ADDRESS:

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USSABOARD@MSN.COM

We're on the web!
www.utahsheltie.org

Club Dues were Due by Jan 1st

Just a reminder that membership dues were due Jan 1, 2005. The dues are \$14.00 for a single membership, or \$18.00 for a family membership with two votes. You can turn your dues in at the club meeting to Charles Albrecht or they can be sent to him. His address is Charles Albrecht P.O. Box 725, Evanston, WY 82930. There is an updated membership application in this newsletter. **Dues MUST be received by Feb 28th.**

UTAH SHETLAND SHEEPDOG ASSOCIATION, INC

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE_____

NAME (s)_____, _____

ADDRESS:_____

CITY:_____, STATE:_____, ZIP:_____

PHONE(s): Home_____, Work:_____, Other:_____

E-MAIL:_____

BIRTHDAY(s): Month/Day:_____, _____

OCCUPATION(s)_____, _____

I (we) agree to abide by the Constitution & By-Laws and the Code of Ethics of the Utah Shetland Sheepdog Association, Inc. Enclosed is \$14.00 for annual dues & newsletter for a single membership or \$18.00 (2 designated members) for a family membership & newsletter.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE(s)_____, _____

SINGLE: \$14.00_____ FAMILY: \$18.00_____

CURRENT CLUB MEMBER

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Please circle the following area(s) in which you would be willing to participate:

Club Officer	Judge Selection	Trophy Committee
Committee Chairperson	Ring Stewarding	Hospitality Committee
Committee Member	Show Plans Committee	Show Set-up
Obedience Training	Advertising/Publicity	Other_____

Other skills (carpentry, artistic talent, computer help, etc), which you would be able to donate for Club use:_____, _____

*****DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE*****

Date Paid: _____ Date Announced at Club: _____ Date Voted in: _____

Paid Membership for: Single, \$14.00_____ Family, \$18.00_____

Send application & check or money order made out to USSA to:

Charles Albrecht, Treasurer
P.O. Box 725
Evanston, WY 82931

USSA PRACTICE MATCH, SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27TH.

Our Club will be holding an All Breed Practice Match at the Davis County Fair Park on Sunday February 27th. Registration is at noon, with Juniors at 1 pm followed by Conformation. There will be concessions, too. Cost is \$5 and Junior \$3. Everyone plan on attending and entering your dogs.

The Board is in charge, & would appreciate your help. Contact anyone on the Board to offer your assistance. Contributions for the concessions are also welcomed,: Popcorn, muffins, fudge, candy & treats of any kind.

Included in this Newsletter is a copy of the Flyer for the Practice Match. Everyone, please make copies & distribute to your veterinarian & post anywhere you can. Broad advertising for the match will ensure a larger participation, which is very important for all. Thanks for your help.

SEE YOU THERE!!

Notice!!

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

Our Club is preparing a fabulous Basket to be given to the host St Louis Club for the 2005 St. Louis National Specialty. Any Utah related or sheltie related item is welcomed and solicited. Our Club is using a wonderful embroidered Grooming Bag as the basket, and filling it with Utah/Sheltie related items. Please bring any item(s) to the Club meetings & give to Barbara Soderborg, who is chairing the Basket program.

Please contact Barbara Soderborg if you would like to donate anything to this basket. You can contact her by phone

(801) 561-4616 or e-mail

dutchgirl9908@aol.com.

.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

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

HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

WE NEED EVERYONE IN THE CLUB TO CONTRIBUTE AT LEAST ONE ITEM FOR THE SPECIALTY RAFFLE IN MAY! (WE NEED GIFT BASKETS, INDIVIDUAL ITEMS OR MONEY---ABOUT ANYTHING GOES!!! GIVE ITEMS TO CAROL & GENE COWLEY (souvenir.shelties@att.net or 225-3947) OR BARBARA SODERBERG (dutchgirl9908@aol.com or 561-4616) AT THE NEXT MEETING.

THE BIGGER THE RAFFLE THE BETTER THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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.

PRIZES & TROPHIES FOR MAY 20-21 SPECIALTY

We need people to sponsor prizes & trophies for the Specialties. Please contact Cheryl Sorensen at se-quoya1@etv.net to sign up for prizes and/or trophies. Cheryl is the Chairperson for prizes & trophies and would appreciate your support. Your name will be listed in the Catalog as a contributor along with the trophy or prize you are supporting

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

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 30th. 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.

**ALL BREED
FUN
MATCH !**



FEB 27th 2005

SPONSORED BY THE
UTAH SHETLAND
SHEEPDOG ASSN.

DAVIS COUNTY FAIR
GROUNDS

REGISTER: 12-1 PM

PRICE: \$5, JRS \$3
CONFORMATION ONLY!

JRS START AT 1PM,
CONFORMATION TO FOLLOW

CONCESSIONS, FUN PRIZES,
INDOORS.

COME AND SPEND THE
AFTERNOON AND HAVE FUN
WITH YOUR HUMAN!

Reserved Parking Reservation Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Vehicle _____ Width _____ Length _____

Slide Outs Yes _____ No _____ Over 35 ft in length or with slide outs require two spaces

Power Requested _____

Breeds of dogs _____

Please indicate # number of dogs _____

Shower Facilities available on show site - paid overnight exhibitors only.

NO DOGS ALLOWED IN SHOWER BUILDING (They have their own bathing area).

Please check with Show Committee Members.

OVERNIGHT PARKING:

THURSDAY NIGHT _____ FRIDAY NIGHT _____ SATURDAY NIGHT _____

If you wish to park together, send in reservations together.

USE THIS FORM FOR COVERED GROOMING WITH POWER:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

THURSDAY _____ FRIDAY _____ SATURDAY _____

Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with payment to:

Pat Jenkins, MOUNT OGDEN KENNEL CLUB, INC.

PO Box 417, Richmond UT 84333 (435) 258-2749

Reservations close April 30, 2005

RESERVED PARKING

There will be no parking in the loading & unloading zones. 20 minute time limit.

THOSE PARKING NEAR SHOW RINGS MUST STAY UNTIL SHOWS ARE OVER! PLEASE INDICATE IF THIS IS A PROBLEM.

Overnight parking of self-contained vehicles will be available by reservation only. Spaces will be assigned according to the date on reservation envelope & mailed payment.

There are a limited number of electrical hook-ups (some with water). Tent camping on grass available, some with power. Covered grooming area with electrical hook-ups.

OVERNIGHT PARKING: \$20.00 PER NIGHT WITH ELECTRICAL HOOK UPS OTHER PARKING \$20.00 PER NIGHT: TENT \$20.00 PER NIGHT THIS INCLUDES YOUR UNIT & 1 VEHICLE ALL OTHERS MUST PAY \$10.00 PER NIGHT. DAY PARKING: \$5.00 per Day-Paid Daily.

COVERED GROOMING AREA \$10.00 FOR WEEKEND.

January Club Meeting Rally Demonstration



Club Meetings

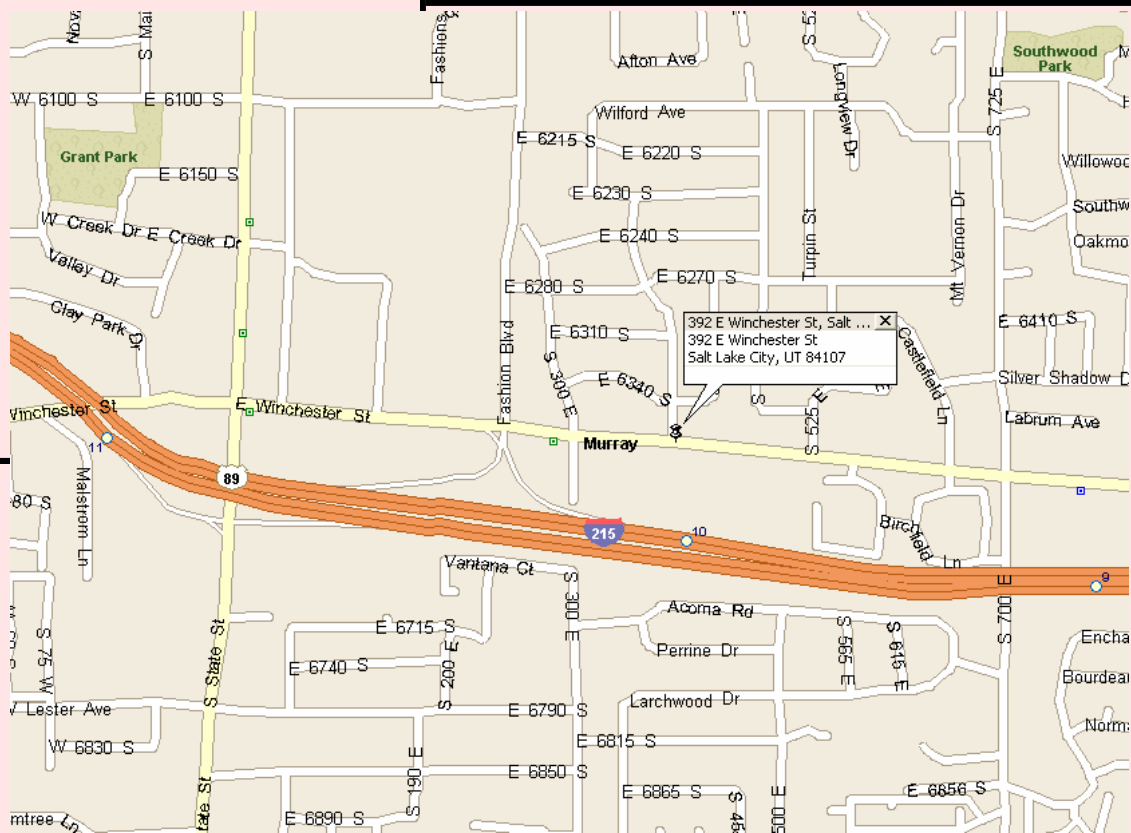
Our Next Club Meeting will be February 16, 2005 at 7 PM. We will have a guest speaker, Dr. Dennis Law of the Cottonwood Animal Hospital. He will speak on new recommendations for vaccines and inoculations, thyroid problems in Shelties and touch on orthopedics, such as hip dysplasia. We will meet at our new "Permanent" location at Dale's work place: 392 E 6400 S (E Winchester ST.), WCF building (Workman's Comp) If you are on State Street coming from the north, turn left onto 6400 S, go East past Fashion Place Mall, past Red Lobster, past Red Robin, on the east side of Red Robin is a road turn right and Dale's building is at the end of the road. If you are coming from the south on State Street turn right onto 6400 So. follow the above directions. Or coming on east 215 turn off the Fashion Place exit I think it's 290 E Exit !0).

NEW PERMANENT CLUB MEETING LOCATION

After having a couple of frustrating years of moving our meeting places all over the valley in an attempt to find a suitable location, we have finally found a permanent meeting place. Dale Kendrick, our Club President, will graciously provide his Office in SLC to the Club at no cost. The address is 392 East 6400 South. The Club will begin meeting at this permanent location on Wednesday February 16th. Thanks, Dale!!!!

See Map below for directions to the meeting place.

Map to our new permanent club location



What a Year for Windsor Shelties

Chrissy Weatherston

What an amazing year 2004 was, I did things I never thought I would do. We attended our very first ASSA Nationals, I showed in the breed ring in Blackfoot with Ashley, **Twincreeks Gone With Z'Wind**. Ron & I also celebrated our 25th Wedding Anniversary with a trip to Hawaii. As for Tyson, **U-CDX Hill View's Ain't Misbehavin', UD, ASCA-UD, CGC** show year, we started 2004 needing 7 UDX legs for our title and we had 13 OTCH points towards our championship.

January 23rd 2004 at the Golden Spike Dog Obedience show in Ogden we picked up our 4th UDX leg with a 197.5 and a 1st place in Utility B and a 196 and a 4th place in Open B. We also picked up 14 OTCH points.

January 24, 2004 we got our 5th UDX leg with 192 in Utility and 193 in Open.

On to Nationals what a great experience to compete with such beautiful working shelties. We got a 4th place with a 196 in Utility B but did not qualify in Open. Also at the nationals Ron showed Misty in Veterans and she placed 4th. Ashley got her first leg of her AHBA herding instinct on ducks at 6 month old and also was shown in the 6-9 month old sable puppy class by her co-owner Marie Crane. Ashley spent most the time herding Marie around the big ring.

In May we showed Tyson at South Jordan and he picked up his 6th UDX leg with a 192.5 2nd place in Utility B and 194.5 in Open B and 1 more OTCH point.

In June we showed at the Great Salt Lake Dog Obedience trial in Farmington and picked up his 7th UDX leg with a 193 4th place in Utility B and 195 4th place in Open B. We also headed to rainy Blackfoot we did not get anymore legs but did receive 4 more points. Tyson now has 32 OTCH points needs 68 more for his title. If you were in Blackfoot, and were around the breed rings on Friday, you probably thought I had flipped my mind and was in the wrong ring, I did notice some people do a double take, but no I wasn't, I

showed the girl



Ashley with Marie Crane at the National



Ashley on the Table

Twincreeks Gone with Z'Wind "Ashley" in the 9-12 month puppy class, and it was so much fun, I showed her again on Saturday, and a big thanks to Shanalee and Marie for all their help.

The rest of the year was quiet, Tyson had developed a sit stay problem, so he was pulled from showing the rest of the year, and will resurface in January at the Golden Spike Shows. We have been busy training and hopefully worked out the problems. And who knows you might just see me again in the breed ring on Ashley.



Chrissy With Tyson

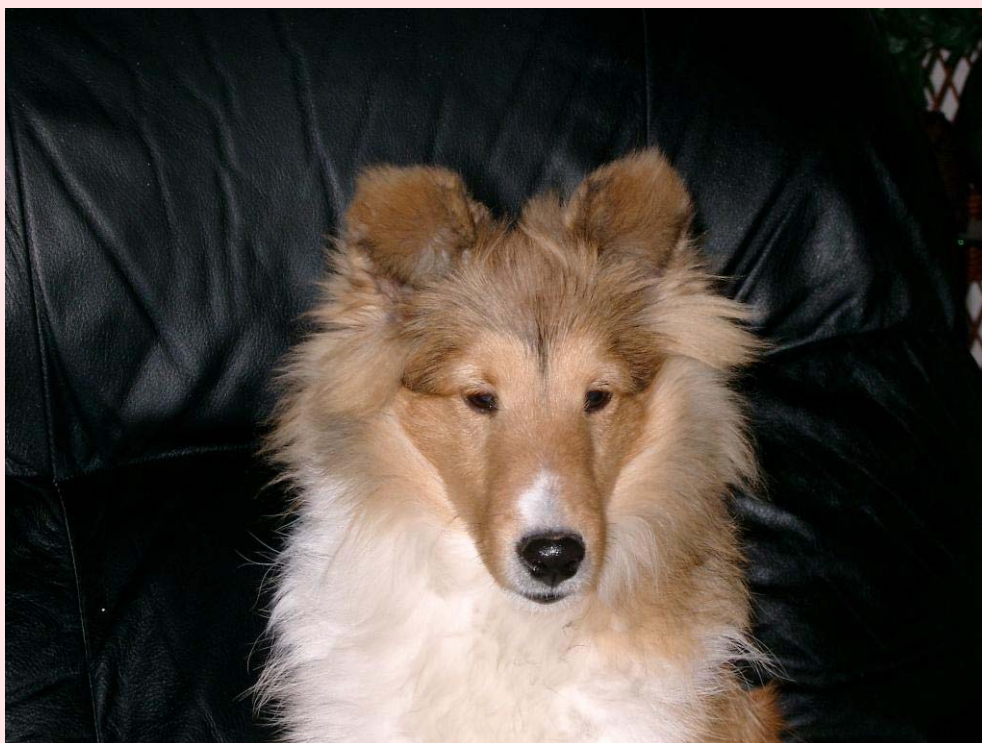
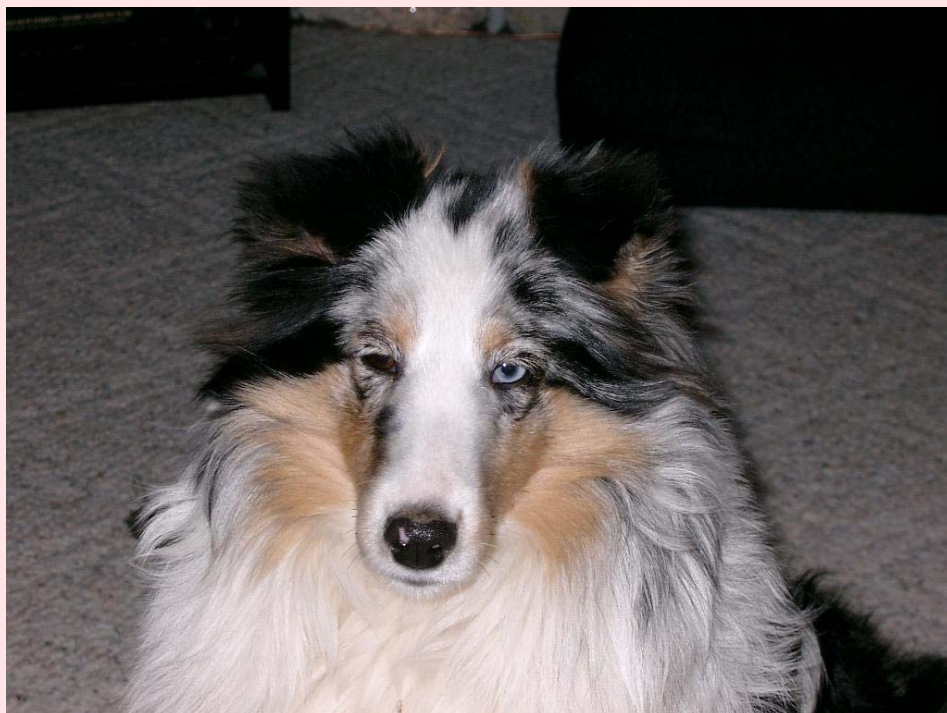
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SHALMAR SHELTIES HAS NEW HOPEFULS

Suzie Beecham

SUZI BEACHAM OF SHALAMAR SHELTIES HAS TWO NEW "HOPEFULS" AT HER HOUSE.

FIRST THERE IS "LUNA"...SHE IS A DARLING LITTLE BLUE MERLE BITCH THAT SHE CO-OWNS WITH LYN LEININGER OF VILLAGER SHELTIES. LUNA'S NAME IS "VILLAGERS MOONLIGHT ROMANCE"...HER SIRE IS CH. HOMEWARD HURRICANE ROM AND HER DAM IS CH BENAYR VILLAGE TRAMP.



HER OTHER YOUNG HOPEFUL "JORDAN" IS SIRED BY CH BRAELEN LET FREEDOM RING (BRODI SON) OUT OF BRAELEN EVE OF SOCIETY (DAM OF 2004 ASSA FUTURITY WINNER)...HE IS A DARLING LITTLE SABLE BOY. WATCH FOR THEM IN THE RING THIS SPRING!!

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From Force to Food

Over the past 20 years, a dramatic evolution has occurred in dog training techniques. Today, top professionals pair success with a better understanding of Man's best friend.

By Gina Mireault

Something Old

When Patty Ruzzo of the Tails-U-Win Canine Center in Manchester, Connecticut, began her competitive obedience career in 1965, few training techniques existed, and equipment consisted of a six-foot leash and choke collar. Old-fashioned by today's standards, the "jerk and pull" method was the only one available (or acceptable for that matter).

"Obedience was about making the dog do something," Ruzzo notes. Because the notion that dogs were stubborn and willful was prevalent, methods based on force seemed appropriate at the time. Julie Daniels of White Mountain Agility in North Sandwich, New Hampshire, recalls, "Those training methods were both shocking and impressive to me because they often got results." In addition, no alternative theories or methods existed, notes Terri Arnold of Steppin' Up in Freetown, Massachusetts. When she began training in the late 1970s. "Compulsion was in. It was unacceptable to use food." Compulsion techniques involved actions such as giving a sharp jerk to the training collar, and speaking harshly when the dog performed incorrectly.

"The dogs weren't too miserable," recalls Ruzzo, "because there was much good being done, too." Handlers were also taught to lavish praise on their dogs. Daniels agrees that those early experts are sometimes mistakenly remembered as being entirely focused on punishment when, in fact, "They emphasized praising everything the dog did correctly."

Leslie Nelson, also of Tails-U-Win, concurs. Nelson entered the dog sport in 1970, training her Afghans in obedience. "We were taught to use lots of praise and petting as reinforcement, but correction if the dog failed to do what it knew." This emphasis on reinforcement early in the careers of these top trainers may have initiated the positive-reinforcement movement that swept the sport soon after.

Something New

Those previous methods resulted in enormous success for each of these trainers, including national tournament wins, perfect scores, and Obedience Trial Championships with a variety of different breeds. Yet each trainer had a strong sense that compulsive techniques were more problematic than their success stories would indicate.

"I didn't like that it didn't work for all dogs," Ruzzo recalls, "and I just never liked using force." For her, training "often felt like fighting with my partner." Suzanne Clothier, an animal behaviorist in St. Johnsville, New York, and author of *Bones Would Rain from the Sky*, agrees: "I always had a good relationship with animals, so the training techniques were in direct contrast to that." She observes, "Using correction created resistance, and set up a struggle between the dog and the owner."

Arnold, Daniels, and Clothier began to compare the compulsive techniques for teaching obedience to the food-based methods they had once used to teach tricks. Arnold remembers thinking, "Why does my dog hate obedience training, but loves doing tricks?" It seemed apparent that noncompulsive methods could translate to obedience as well.

Since food was still prohibited in most public dog-training circles, Arnold began using food to train her Sheltie at home, occasionally sneaking treats to her in class. She observed a notable difference in the dog's attitude.

Ruzzo began observing farmers with their working Border Collies. With only a soft voice, the farmers could exert tremendous control over their dogs in a highly arousing environment. One farmer told her, "You don't put obedience into a dog. You bring it out of him." She felt inspired to make a drastic change. "I threw away my collar and leash. I didn't trust myself to use them without using correction." Without the leash, Ruzzo says, "I learned to use everything else I had—my voice, body, emotions, energy—all the things I was not using when I had the leash on."

Yet without a systematic training plan or evidence that food training could work for competitive obedience, Ruzzo and Arnold found themselves going it alone.

“All the people around me were laughing and saying, ‘Wait until she gets in the ring!’” remembers Arnold, who decided to train on her own. Nelson, who invited Ruzzo to join her staff, recalls introducing food training into their competition obedience classes. “We didn’t know what we were doing!” she laughs. “But the dogs and handlers were all having a ball.” Nelson made another key observation: “We weren’t doing any harm. The worst we could do was slow down their progress.”

Despite their noble motives, none of the trainers knew how to maintain the dog’s behavior or happy attitude without “the cookie,” as Ruzzo calls it, especially in the ring. Arnold’s dog easily differentiated between the places where he would and would not get food, and her dog’s performance fell apart in the ring. “I was an ineffective food trainer,” Nelson admits, “so I would still rely on correction when I didn’t know what else to do.” Furthermore, she adds, “I didn’t know how to take those wild and crazy dogs in the beginner obedience classes and teach them without compulsion.” Without a theory or systematic approach, they floundered. Yet they remained driven by what Clothier describes as desire to “get things right with the dog.”

Something Borrowed

As they struggled along, at least two major events in the dog world opened the door to positive training techniques. The sport of agility officially began in 1986. Agility trainers relied exclusively on non-correction techniques, focusing on speed rather than the precision of competitive obedience. Food training was not only acceptable, it was desirable.

A few years later, the work of the renowned experimental psychologist B.F. Skinner made its way out of the ivory tower and into the hands of dog trainers. It took an unusual route, via Karen Pryor and Ted Turner. As animal trainers for Sea World, Pryor and Turner taught whales and dolphins to perform a variety of behaviors reliably, in front of thousands of people, without ever using a leash, collar or correction. Dog trainers, including Nelson and Ruzzo, who attended a seminar given by Turner, wanted to know how. “It was life-changing,” recalls Ruzzo. “He validated everything that was in my mind and put the science behind it.” Nelson says, “I was convinced it could work and that we just weren’t doing it right.” Among the lessons they needed to learn were the difference between a lure and a reinforcer, how to systematically shape a behavior, how to generalize a behavior to a new context, how to use different schedules of reinforcement to maintain a behavior over time, and how to delay reinforcement.

More than just relying on stimulus response, Turner emphasized the need for a dog-owner relationship based on trust and cooperation, which grows out of a reinforcement history between partners. This relationship is essential to Clothier’s methods as well. “When people are relying on equipment to manage behavior, they haven’t entered into a social relationship with the dog. When you strengthen the relationship, it affects the whole behavior of the dog.”

In addition to training specific behaviors for performance events, positive reinforcement was extended to behavior problem-solving. Clothier and Nelson avoid aversive techniques to solve everything from excessive barking to aggression. Clothier tries to take the dog’s perspective to understand how an undesirable behavior is useful to him. “The war cry of dog training ahs historically been ‘You can’t let them get away with that!’ But a dog’s behavior is just his own best guess at what to do in a certain situation. He may need to learn new skills or a new response.” Punitive techniques are typically unnecessary and ineffective, and can even worsen a problem, all the while undermining the relationship. Clothier warns, “Compulsion is easier to use in the short term, but it fixes nothing in the long term.” Nelson agrees. “I know punishment can work because I use to use it,” she says, “but I’ve found something so much more powerful.” Skinner himself was not an advocate of punishment, proposing that any behavior could be effectively shaped, changed, and maintained with reinforcement which ultimately allows an organism to discover an effective (i.e., reinforcement-obtaining) response, instead of simply avoiding an incorrect response.

Positive Is Not Permissive

Today, reinforcement-based methods are as widely accepted and promoted as they were prohibited and shunned just 20 years ago. However, Nelson is quick to warn that positive training does *not* mean permissiveness: “People often don’t know how to change a dog’s bad habits without using aversives, so they just tolerate it or lower their standards.” Clothier adds, “The word punishment is a loaded term. People don’t want to do that. Yet, dogs say no to each other effectively.”

She insists that positive training also means having rules and saying no to the dog. Ruzzo agrees.

"Some people think that positive training means letting the dog do whatever he wants, like drag the owner around on a leash," she says. Arnold adds, "Even dogs employ discipline with each other in a pack."

Clothier and Arnold worry that many people engage in overmanagement to prevent bad behavior, rather than training good behavior. Both are dismayed at the public's growing reliance on devices such as head-halters, crates, and gentle-leaders, all of which signal that the dog has simply not been trained well enough in the basics.

So how does one maintain a positive training paradigm without lowering one's standards? Arnold suggests investing heavily in training the basics during the first four to five months of a puppy's life, and understanding that learning to stay, come, and walk on a leash are not extraordinary feats for a dog. The owner who maintains these standards is not being too demanding, and the dog will benefit tremendously by having the freedom to go more places.

Nelson says that using a voice or tonal change is very effective once the dog and owner have a relationship based on trust, cooperation, and a reinforcement history. When that relationship is solid, dogs pay considerable attention to their owners and this replaces or prevents problem behaviors. Leadership is central to that relationship and is established in a variety of ways, including grooming, sleeping, feeding and game playing. "Dog trainers stopped using the word alpha, and need to return to that," Arnold notes, referring to the notion that the owner should be a dog's leader, rather than an equal partner.

The Good Trainer

So what makes a good trainer? Is it the method she uses or is it something about the trainer herself? Nelson, Clothier, and Ruzzo agree that traditional compulsive techniques require exceptional timing on the part of the handler. "To use compulsion effectively you have to be a really good trainer, but to use positive reinforcement, you don't," says Nelson, adding that there are other advantages of food-based training. "It's easier, and it's a safe method to put in the hands of a novice."

Arnold believes that a good trainer "gauges the dog's perception of what is being presented, and changes the training accordingly." Similarly, Daniels observes that effective trainers "pay attention to the feedback the dog is giving" by constantly asking the dog, as Clothier says, "Does this work for you? Is this right?" Ruzzo finds that providing a lot of feedback to the dog is also important.

Clothier provides a more graphic image of good dog trainers, which she describes as "naked on the mountain in Tibet"—meaning they don't rely on tools, techniques, and equipment to get results. "They rely on the relationship they have with the dog, and use that as the primary vehicle to influence behavior."

Dog Training in the Future

With such dramatic changes in only two decades, where will dog training go next? Nelson believes there will continue to be innovations in reinforcement techniques, which she finds exciting. Ruzzo is convinced that non-correction methods are here to stay, given their success. Clothier's ultimate hope is that people will "shut up, stand back, and take the dog's perspective to understand his responses." She adds, "If we just listen to our dogs, we can learn so much. That's the trick"

(Gina Mireault, a psychology professor and dog trainer from Vermont, is a two-time winner of the AKC Gazette fiction-writing contest.)

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 TRAILER INVENTORY

ITEMS MISSING

The USSA Trailer was inventoried on January 22, 2005 & the below items are missing. Everyone please check your homes & garages for these items & bring the items to the next Club meeting on Wed., Feb 16th. Thanks!!

ITEM	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	MISSING
PVC Stands, for rings	0	14	14
Bucket, w/handles	2	5	3
Coffee Pot, 30 cup Chrome	0	1	1
Banners, Club	0	2	2
Water Jug, 1 qt	1	2	1
Cooler, small, blue	1	2	1
Basin, pink, plastic	3	6	3
Cash Boxes, metal	0	3	3
Rebar Stakes W/Rings	0	28	28
Eraser	0	1	1
Chalk, full box	0	1	0
Stakes, dog sign, wood	0	23	23
Latex gloves, box of 100	0	1	1
Badges, Judge	5	8	3
Badges, Steward	4	8	4
Badge, Chairman	0	1	1

USSA CLUB MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2005
DAVIS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

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ATTENDIES: Dale and Lindsey Kendrick, Pam and Doug Parry, Charles and Cheryl Albrecht, Barbara Soderborg, Tricia Harris, Michael Cornella, Ernie and Caren Ciampini, Jennie and Lonnie Lewis, Marie Miles, Gene and Carol Cowley, Judy Williamson, Cindy Wilkinson, Kevin and Julene Mathews, Ron and Chrissy Weatherston, Tomi Hamblin, Kristin Sittner, Melvin and Shelley Stanley, Julie Brown, and Denny Daffron

Guests: Thelma Garthe, Marsha Monson, Janissee Foresti and her two daughters, Cherie Hyde, Cristina Thomas, and LaRae Bowers, show chair of the Mt. Ogden Kennel Club

Dale Kendrick called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

WELCOME: Dale welcomed everybody to the meeting.

NOVEMBER CLUB MINUTES: Ernie Ciampini made a motion that we accept the minutes as written. Caren Ciampini seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Charles Albrecht gave us the financial report. The report is on file. Charles talked about moving the \$18,000 into the Layton National Bank and there were some questions that were answered. Mike Cornella made a motion that we make the deposit into this bank which gives a higher interest rate. Pam Parry seconded the motion. The motion carried. Tricia moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report. Ernie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2005 FUN MATCH: Ernie reported that the Aussie Club is having their match on the same date and suggested that we split the cost of the building, which normally would be \$150.00. Our fun match will begin at 12:30. There was a discussion after which Judy Williamson made a motion to split the cost of the building. Carol Cowley seconded the motion. The motion carried. The fun match will be on Sunday, February 27th.

2005 SPECIALTY: Dale told the club that Cheryl Albrecht will be the new Chairperson as Julene has stepped down due to difficult personal problems.

WEBSITE: Dale talked about our website telling the club that he is trying to get it on the server as soon as possible. He told us that the site would only allow one password. Any more than one password would cost the club money. There was some discussion on the password after which Barbara Soderborg made a motion to have the password a part of our webpage for club members only. Under this password-protected area we could put things that we want to keep only for members to see. Tricia seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CLUB REFRESHMENTS: Judy asked to send around a list for members to sign up for a month in which they could bring the refreshments. The list went around to members to sign up for a month which would work best for them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committees are being formed for various areas to help the club. The following positions were filled:

Sunshine: Marie Miles

Trailer: Doug Parry

Holidays & Summer Party: Pam Parry

Refreshments: Judy Williamson

Dog Fanciers Association (DFA): Ernie Ciampini

DFA CALENDARS: Dale announced that we have DFA calendars for sale. They are \$1.00 each

SHELTIE CALENDARS: Barbara reported that all the 2005 Sheltie calendars have been sold. The Board decided not to re-order any more 2005 calendars this year. Sheltie Rescue wanted some more calendars but we will turn it over to them to place the order. If they do order more calendars, we will let our members know and if anyone would like to buy one you could purchase it from Sheltie Rescue. Barbara Soderborg sent a check for \$130.00 to Barbara Edelberg for Sheltie Rescue from some of the proceeds of the 2005 Sheltie Calendar.

BY-LAWS AND CONSTITUTION: Dale announced that Barbara Soderborg has brought copies of the club By-Laws and Constitution for those members that do not have them.

NEW MEMBER: Cheryl Albrecht announced that Janisse Foresti would be joining our club. She will be voted upon at our next club meeting.

BRAGS: Cindy Wilkinson announced that Shanna Wilkinson and her dog Holly have achieved their Excellent Leg title in Agility.

Tricia Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Cornella seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Mel Stanley took the balance of the time in this meeting to discuss what Rally is all about. After talking about the rules he asked those who wanted to go through the course with their dogs to do so. Mel answered questions from the members and gave help to them as they went through the course with their dogs. Thanks Mel!

Recording Secretary
Barbara Soderborg



The Club has DFA (Dog Fanciers Association) calendars for sale for \$1.00 each. These are a great way to keep track of all the doggie events throughout the 2005 year. Plus you can write, on the calendar, additional events as they come up.

Extremely handy! If you would like to purchase a calendar, please contact Charles or Cheryl Albrecht at 307-444-0531 or email at sal1@allwest.net We have 11 left.

Calendar of Events

February 16th — Club Meeting
Feb. 27th — USSA Fun Match
March 16th — Club Meeting
April 20th — Club Meeting
May 18th — Club Meeting
May 20-21 — USSA Specialty Shows
June 15th — Club Meeting

