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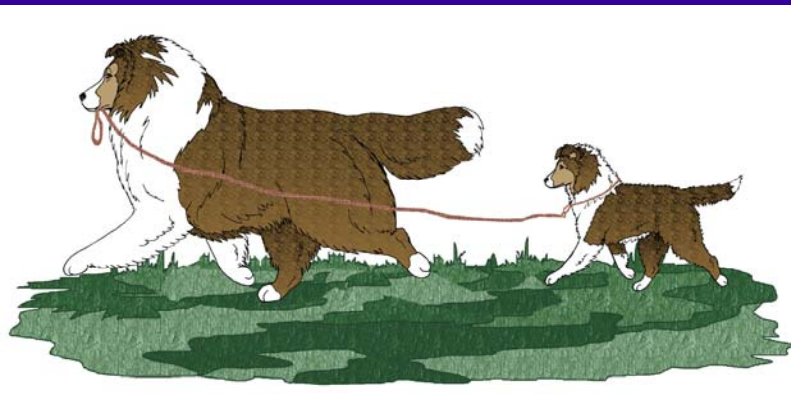
## President's Message

Tricia Harris

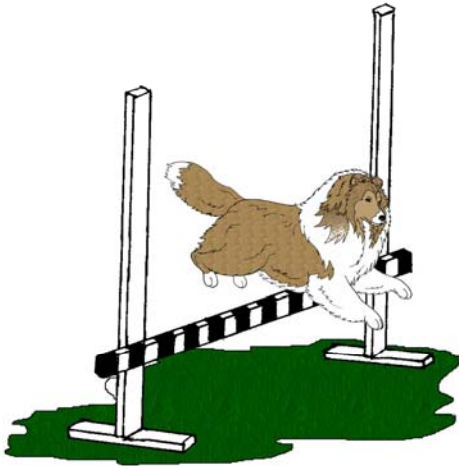
Well, A new year has come. I don't know where the last one went yet, but they seem to be flying by way too fast. I hope this year brings many good things for our club and that ISSA can get organized and have a very good year as well. We are all anxious to know what the attorney has to say, hopefully he will have the opinion done by our meeting in January. I want each of you to know that I am feeling very good about our attorney. He was hired to represent USSA. He was not hired to represent me or any other individual. He is, therefore, under a legal obligation to represent the best interests of USSA. I hope that all of us can accept the opinion as the right one no matter how much we may disagree with it. I know I personally intend to do that whether it is an opinion I like or not. I want us to do the best thing for the club and move on with enjoying our dogs and the friends we have made a long the way. There are many people in this club that I love and respect, and those people that I care about reside all over Utah not just in one part or the other. I hope that this year will see USSA and ISSA both having great activities and a wonderful year. I would hope that at sometime we can all be friends again. This is my sincere wish for the BEST YEAR YET!!!

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# Announcements



## **Notice**

Anyone that has puppies for sale, or is looking for a puppy or sheltie, please contact Barbara Soderborg. You can reach Barbara at 801 561-4616 or email at [saltcityshelties@comcast.net](mailto:saltcityshelties@comcast.net)

The January meeting will be held at the Sheriff's Posse Building in South Jordan by the Equestrian Center at 7 PM on January 18, 2006. This is the same place that we met last month for our meeting. The posse building is located at 11000 South 2200 West in South Jordan. To get there from 106th South exit go west to 2200 West, turn South to 11000 South. The Posse building is at the far Northwest corner of the racetrack. Right off 2200 West. If you are coming from the South then you may want to get off on Bangeter Hwy and go to 114th South. Go East to 2200 West, then turn North to 11000 South. The board will meet at 5:45 on the same day at the same place.

## THE DOG FLU

### Source: SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER REPORTER

A new, highly contagious and sometimes deadly canine flu is spreading in kennels and dog tracks around the country, veterinarians said Wednesday.

The virus -- which scientists say mutated from an influenza strain that affects horses -- has killed racing greyhounds in seven states and has been found in shelters and pet shops in many places, though the extent of its spread is unknown.

Dr. Cynda Crawford, an immunologist at the University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine who is studying the virus, said it spreads most easily where dogs are housed together, but it can also be passed on the street, in dog runs or even by a human transferring it from one dog to another. Kennel workers have carried the virus home with them, she said.

News of the illness has some dog care givers in Seattle on alert.

A puli was brought to the Capitol Hill Animal Clinic last month exhibiting symptoms of the flu, said assistant vet Anna Arena. The dog owners told clinic staff members that it had come from a boarding facility or day care center where other animals were infected, and the puli was given antibiotics, she said.

The clinic also treated a young lab with similar symptoms -- such as sneezing and runny nose -- but didn't know if that dog had the same flu, Arena said.

Central Bark, a dog day care center in Seattle, gave out notices to its customers about two weeks ago to watch out for a flu, said dog wrangler Amber Anderson. The center hasn't had any problems with the flu, she said, and it asked dog owners to keep their pets home if they got sick.

Dogs may be picking up the illness from local dog parks, she said.

A few dogs at Wags2Whiskers became sick recently with a cough, said owner Jean Peters. She didn't know what was wrong with the animals, but for about the past 2 1/2 weeks, the Belltown dog day care has taken its other clients on leash walks instead of visiting the local dog park, where she thinks they picked up the cough.

She was surprised to hear of a new flu.

"That's really scary if it's killed some dogs," she said.

How many dogs die from the virus is unclear, but scientists said the fatality rate is more than 1 percent and could be as high as 10 percent among puppies and older dogs.

Immunologist Crawford first began investigating greyhound deaths at a racetrack in Jacksonville, Fla., in January 2004, where eight of the 24 greyhounds who contracted the virus died.

"This is a newly emerging pathogen, and we have very little information to make predictions about it," she said.

She added that because dogs have no natural immunity to the virus, virtually every animal exposed will be infected. About 80 percent of dogs that are infected will develop some symptoms, Crawford said. She said the symptoms are often mistaken for "kennel cough," a common canine illness that is caused by the bordetella bronchiseptica bacterium.

Both diseases can cause coughing and gagging for up to three weeks, but dogs with canine flu may have fevers as high as 106 degrees and runny noses. A few will develop pneumonia, which is sometimes fatal.

Antibiotics and fluid cut the pneumonia fatality rate, she said. The virus is an H3N8 flu closely related to an equine flu strain. It is not related to typical human flus or to the H5N1 avian flu that has killed about 100 people in Asia.

Experts said there are no known cases of the canine flu infecting humans. But with the approach of the human flu season and fears about bird flu in Asia, there is much confusion among some dog owners who have heard of the disease.

Crawford said she was fielding calls from kennels and veterinarians across the country worried that they were having outbreaks.

"The hysteria out there is unbelievable, and the misinformation is incredible," said Dr. Ann Hohenhaus, chief of medicine at the Animal Medical Center in New York.

Dr. Ruben Donis, chief of molecular genetics for the influenza branch of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said that there is currently no vaccine for the canine flu. But he said one would be relatively easy to develop because a vaccine that prevents the related horse flu exists.

## **The Kiss...**

**He had just saved her from a fire in her house, rescuing her by carrying her out of the house into her front yard, while he continued to fight the fire.**

**She is pregnant.**

**The firefighter was afraid of her at first, because he had never been around a Doberman before.**

**When he finally got done putting the fire out, he sat down to catch his breath and rest.**

**A photographer from the Charlotte, North Carolina newspaper, "The Observer," noticed this red Doberman in the distance looking at the fireman.**

**He saw her walking straight toward the fireman and wondered what she was going to do.**

**As he raised his camera, she came up to the tired man who had saved her life and the lives of her babies, and kissed him, just as the photographer snapped this photograph.**



## Calendar of Events

January 18th — Club Meeting  
February 15th — Club Meeting  
March 15th — Club Meeting  
April 19th — Club Meeting

