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DECEMBER 2007

Merry Christmas

Sheltie Connection

President's Message....

Jim Newman

First this month on behalf of the club, we want to congratulate those that received invitations to the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Long Beach. Congratulations to Shanna Wilkinson, Ty Short, Shannalee Waller-Michalsky, and Peggy Newman. For those that are going we wish you the best of luck.

As I sat down to write this message this month, knowing how busy we all will be in December getting ready for the holidays. I remembered one Christmas when I was very young. That Christmas morning, my brothers and I had sneaked down the stairs far enough so we could look through the banister and see the tree and presents. We knew better than to go all the way downstairs until mom and dad got out of bed. It was always a long wait to us. I could never understand why mom and dad were not as excited as my brothers and I. When I had my own kids I found out why, they were just plain tired from staying up late Christmas Eve.

As I have gotten older Christmas has taken on a more spiritual note and I try to remember that every year, the gifts are great but the real message we should all remember, it is a time of love, a time to forgive, and a time to extend best wishes and blessing to all.

On behalf of the club I extend an invitation to all members to come and join us on December 29th for our annual holiday/awards dinner. In the mean time everyone have a Merry Christmas and I extend a wish to all that the New Year brings to you your deepest desires.

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Oh No, the Mistletoe!

As you prepare to deck your halls, walls, and general surroundings, be aware of a few holiday greens that may be dangerous to your pet.

Holly and mistletoe: Ingesting these festive holiday plants can lead to serious diarrhea and tummy upset. It's possible that mistletoe may also cause cardiovascular problems.

Poinsettias and lilies: Both are known to upset Bowser's belly and bowels, but poinsettias are particularly irritating to the mouth and can be poisonous.

Holiday trees: Keep thirsty pups away from tree water. It's often mixed with fertilizers, which tend to upset the stomach. And if the water has been sitting for a while, it may harbor potentially harmful bacteria.

Pine needles: If swallowed, they can pierce the stomach or intestines.

Ornaments: Breakable tree ornaments, angel hair, tinsel icicles, and ribbons should be kept out of your pet's reach. Ornaments, hooks, ribbon and rubber bands can be safety hazards. They can be ingested and swallowed, causing serious and possible fatal digestive problems.

Alcohol: Don't share a "little" alcoholic drink with your pet this holiday season...or any time. It may seem like a fun thing but the effects can be harmful, even fatal. A 30-pound dog, for example, would be considered "under the influence" with just two tablespoons of whiskey. Two teaspoons would make a five-pound cat comatose and a tablespoon could kill the same animal. Alcohol is toxic to puppies and kittens and their "sipping" from you holiday spirit glass can lead to heart and liver complications.

NEVER give **ham, steak, or poultry bones** to your pet. Ingestion of these can lead to severe intestinal disease such as perforations or obstructions. Ingestion of excessive fatty food may cause severe vomiting and diarrhea

Notice

Anyone who has puppies for sale, or is looking for a puppy or older dog, please contact Barbara Soderborg.

You can reach Barbara at 801 561-4616 or email at utahshetlandsheepdogs@hotmail.com

WELCOME

To new Member:

Happy Birthday

We want to wish the following members a very happy December

1 Shanna Wilkinson
3 Rachel Holmes
3 Richard Harris
3 Gene Cowley
21 Mel Stanley
25 Kirsten Edlefsen Bean
26 Ginny Clark
28 Kay Miller
31 Jennie Lewis



* If we miss your birthday please let us know so that we can add you to our list.



Merry
Christmas

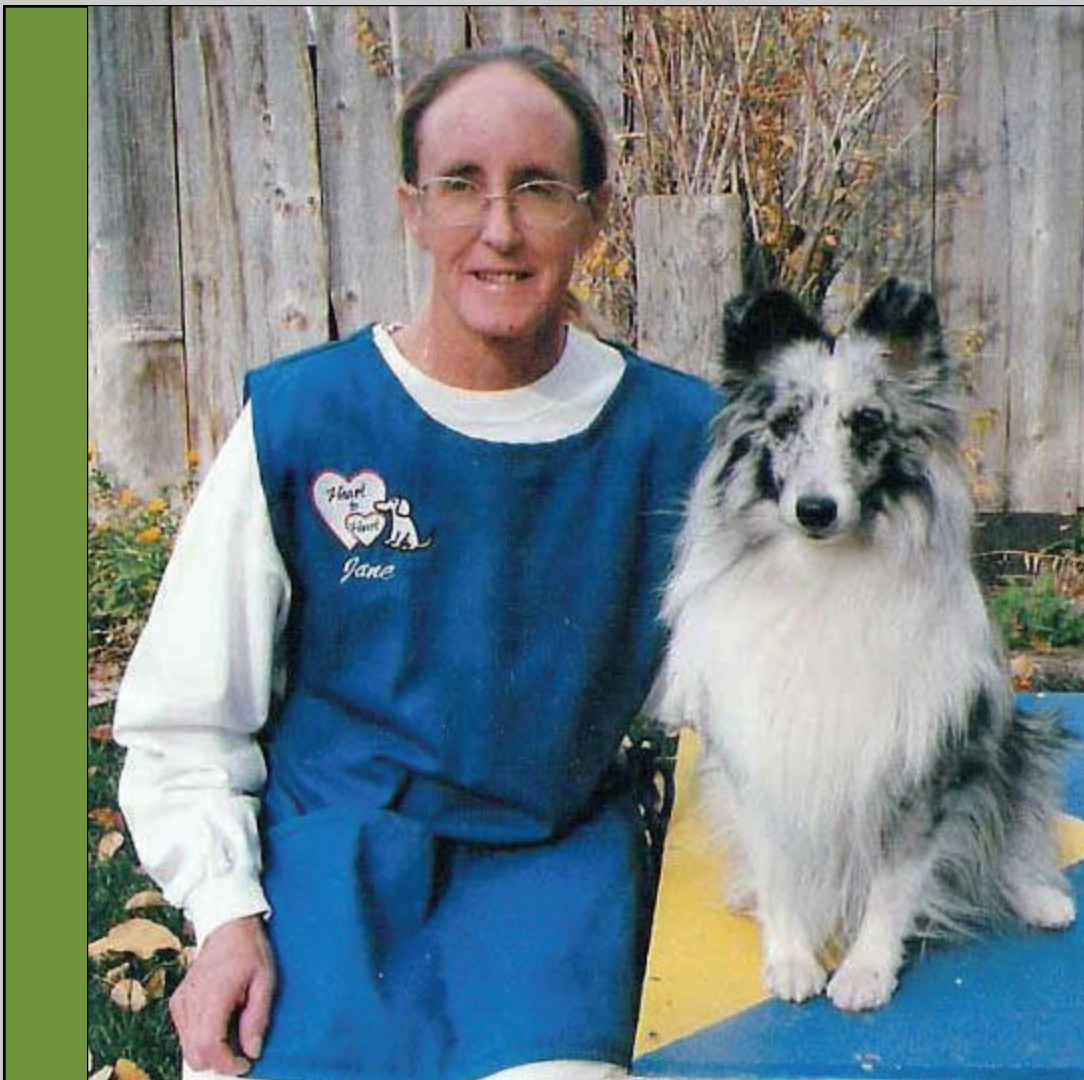
Love
Akadia

Braggs from Akadia shelties:

Ch. Denian Deuce's are Wild is currently ranked 5th Sheltie. He is headed to Eukanuba in California for the invitational. Also, at this point, he received the special invitation to Westminster and he is entered. Now,, if we are going... We will see.

BIS Ch. Iona I Can Shine had her litter by Ch. Sunebank Caerleon Just Right and 3 of the 4 puppies are show prospects. I have kept a boy, named "Boots", Akadia Red Wings,, Tammy Blakely got the pick female, "Gem", Iona ??? and the other boy went on a co-ownership to Nanette Johnson and she name him "Brew" Akadia Killians Red Irish. The 4th puppy, called "Dillon" is in an agility home with Ron Armstrong.

An exciting breeding between Ch. Akadia Totally Intoxicating ("Stinky") and BISS Ch. Aynsworth Silver Moonlight ROM is being done this month for February puppies. Silver Moonlight is the 3rd youngest ROM blue merle male in sheltie history.



Here is a picture of Captain and me in our PAWS to READ outfit.

Here's the scoop on it. Himark Blue Diamond of Redcoat passed the Delta Society pet partner evaluation October 20th. He received the highest scores on all the tests in the skills section as well as the aptitude section. He received a complex rating, which means we can visit in any facilities, schools and hospitals. Since his competitive career won't start until next year and he loves people and sharing his friendly nature I decided to test him to be another Pet Partner with me. His brother Chance (well sort of brother) has been my partner for three years now. Captain being smaller than an Irish Setter is not as scary for some children. His jobs so far have been to be involved in the READ program here in Pocatello and he is also working one on one with the school district OT Shannon Paulson and an autistic student. They get along well, as we are working on eye contact, touching and playing fetch at the same time. Captain indeed enjoys the work and on our second visit with Matthew, he remembered Captain's name and said it when he saw us in the hall before the therapy session started. This is such a rewarding activity to do with your dog, and I encourage anyone with an outgoing, friendly Sheltie to get involved.

Also, my dog training group ODMAD walked in the light parade in Pocatello on November 23rd. We have participated in this event for several years, but this year we were awarded the Children's Choice Award. Could be that they enjoy seeing and petting the dogs as we walk by the crowds of people, I think they also enjoy grooving to the tune "Who Let the Dogs Out."

That's all, thanks for asking, Jane Guidinger



Lyra

Pretty young girl, interesting "old" pedigree!
Lyra is by Bellevue's Midnight Vaquero
(Ch. Trilight Strike a Clear Note) ex Clan Duncan
Ixolirion (Ch. Glenesk Darkfall). Lyra is six
months old.

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Clan Duncan Constellation



Smokey, needs a new home. 9-year-old Siamese cat. Neutered and Fully de-clawed, large, blue point, male. Must be an indoor cat. Needs special diet for urinary crystals. He torments our 17-year-old cat and therefore, he must find a new home immediately. Smokey gets along well with dogs.

What Motivates Dogs

The following article is taken from web site <http://www.dogtrainersworkshop.com>. This is Brian and Connie Cleveland's website. There are many great articles on this site. Anyone who is serious about training and understanding their dogs should check it out.

I knew as I stood outside the ring and watched the dog that he couldn't possibly perform that badly at home. He trailed his owner on the heeling and wandered around in the article pile staring at the crowd. He raced wildly to the wrong glove, shaking it as he returned, and then walked in on the moving stand. His first go-out was in the corner and the second go-out was too short to be sent over a jump.

He had gotten his UD ten shows earlier but his performances had steadily deteriorated since his third leg. What was happening?

When the AKC added the UDX to the list of obedience titles, many exhibitors were inspired to continue showing in Open B and Utility B. Many of you are pursuing seemingly elusive UDX legs and becoming frustrated by your dog's low qualifying rate or by the errors he is making. Many of you are discovering that keeping a trained dog working well is more difficult than it was to teach him the exercises.

I believe there are four motivations that cause dogs perform correctly.

Desire

A dog's natural enjoyment of the exercise or activity.

Many dogs enjoy some aspect of performing so much that their natural desire motivates them. For example, avid retrievers consider the dumbbell or glove the reward for retrieving. Some dogs love to jump, so the act of jumping is motivating and rewarding. The dog described in the Introduction of this article was obviously thrilled with the glove exercise. His behavior demonstrated his enjoyment of the exercise. Shaking the glove was certainly self-rewarding!

Those training field trial dogs rely heavily on a dog's natural desire to retrieve a bird. The bird is the dog's reward. This can be a problem when the dog is completely disobedient, finds the bird, and feels rewarded for his performance.

A similar situation can occur in the obedience ring. A dog that loves to retrieve might not care you're annoyed that he ran around the high jump. He got his reward, the dumbbell. Likewise, a dog who jumps the bar twice may not care if you're displeased, since he enjoyed sailing over the jump.

Just because a dog enjoys doing a certain activity does not mean that he understands that the activity is his job. For example, you may believe that your avid retriever understands the command fetch. He fails, however, when the situation is such that he doesn't want to retrieve (as when the dumbbell rests against the ring gating). Most serious competitors teach the dog a correction for failing to retrieve because they understand that even the best dogs don't retrieve in all circumstances.

I've spent 10 years training service dogs for the physically disabled. We always start with a dog that has a natural desire to retrieve. But I have not yet seen a dog that would willingly pick up all of the items we pointed to. These are often items that are not moving and makes them less desirable to the dog than a thrown object. Sometimes the item is an awkward shape, such as a set of keys or a bulky article of clothing. While desire can make getting started quite easy, it does not guarantee that the dog understands he must perform the task.

Rewards

The praise or reward the dog receives from his handler.

Dogs can certainly be motivated to earn a reward from us, whether that is our praise, a treat, or a toy we hold as ransom for the correct behavior. The problems here are twofold.

Reward Expectation

Sometimes our rewards are more accurately described as bribes. When the bribe is not present, the dog does not perform. Handlers make the mistake of bribing most often on heeling and go-outs. At a recent seminar, I was presented with a dog that heeled beautifully in practice. The handler complained that the dog performed poorly in the ring. She heeled the dog for me and I discovered she was holding food in her left hand. This was a dog competing in Open. I asked if she felt the food was still necessary to keep his attention and her reply was that she always carried it. I think this is an excellent example of a dog that is

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necessary to keep his attention and her reply was that she always carried it. I think this is an excellent example of a dog that is performing because he is bribed to do so. And will stop almost immediately when he discovers the bribe is not present.

It is quite common to bribe a dog to do go-outs by placing an expected toy or treat at the end of the ring. It doesn't take some dogs long to discover, however, that in a dog show situation there is no 'bribe.' This can result in a dog that does crooked or short go-outs in the ring.

Reward Situation

Before I enter a show, the dog must understand that the rewards are a bonus, not his sole reason for performing. There are times in practice that I reward my dog by throwing a toy, playing tug of war or giving him food. If the rewards we offer our dog in practice and training are noticeably different than they are in the ring (frequency or amount), then the dog quickly realizes that the reward is not forthcoming in the ring and stops performing.

Corrections

The correction the dog receives from his handler.

Corrections can certainly motivate a dog to perform. Remember, a correction is not a random act of violence, but a negative occurrence that the dog knows how to stop and how to avoid. Yet, if the dog is solely motivated because of his desire to avoid a correction, he will soon discover that corrections do not occur during a performance. He does not stop performing because he is spiteful or because he wants to get even with you for correcting him, but because he is situational. It is easy for your dog to discover that in a show situation you will not correct him.

Habits

The most important reason that a dog performs correctly is that it is his habit to do so.

A few days ago, I was watching Brian's dog heel. It is so clear that if she could be interviewed and asked, "Why do you watch Brian? Why do you hold your head up while you are heeling?" her response would be, "Because that's how I do it." The bribes that initially enticed her to look at Brian are so far in the past that she no longer looks for them or expects them. The leash correction that she was taught as a penalty for looking away is not a threat that causes her to hold her head up.

Now, She enjoys the praise and the enthusiastic release that Brian gives her; it is not the anticipation of that praise that keeps her head up. She heels as she does out of habit. A dog's habit should replace the motivation of the corrections or rewards before he is asked to perform in competition.

Habit is a very complex issue. We err as dog trainers by not understanding how our dog's performance is controlled by habit. I look for a dog's attitude, his attention, his jumping style, and many of the details of our sport, such as straight sits, fronts, and finishes, to be largely controlled by habit.

Attitude

The most important aspect of an Obedience dog's performance that is controlled by habit is his attitude. A good trainer creates a learning atmosphere that keeps the dog's interest, from the first training session. This dog will become an attentive and concentrated performer because it is his habit to behave in this manner. A trainer who allows a dog to move slowly and become distracted during a training session could easily allow his dog's habit to become one of slowness and disinterest.

If this is a concern for you, apply this rule to your training session: Your dog must be playing with you, practicing an exercise or on a down stay waiting to do one of the two former. Do not allow your dog to wander off while you set up equipment or talk with your training partner. When your dog is waiting in a down stay, go to him to release him then move quickly to the next exercise you intend to practice.

Attention

Teaching a dog to pay attention can involve bribing, rewarding, and correcting. A dog that is paying attention, however, because of these motivators is not ready for the ring. Attention, especially during heeling, needs to become the dog's habit before he is asked to perform in competition.

Jumping

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Jumping

A competitive obedience dog will spend lots of time jumping, so take the time necessary to create a comfortable jumping style. My dogs learn to jump on command and are taught to do directed jumping before they are expected to retrieve over a jump. This insures a habit of jumping correctly before the dog becomes distracted by the retrieve.

Details

I define a 'detail' as anything that costs me a half-point to three-point deduction if done incorrectly. Many of the details in our sport can only begin to be performed correctly after hours of practice. That is how good habits become established. For example, it is the dog's habit to sit automatically. He is not doing so because he expects a reward or a correction. He has done it so many times, that he is in the habit of performing an automatic sit.

Repetition

Repetition is necessary to create a good habit. That's why most great dogs have heeled a hundred miles more than an average dog and done hundreds of finishes more than most of their competitors. Although repetition in a familiar environment can help create good habits, keep in mind that it does not help him understand how to perform in unfamiliar circumstances. There is no substitute for going to many varied training locations to practice.

It is not possible to evaluate the dog's performance described at the beginning of the article without more information about how he performs in practice. You can evaluate your own dog's performance and determine why it changes in the ring. Ask yourself if you are depending on the promise or threat of bribes, rewards and corrections? Are you assuming that because your dog has a desire to perform an exercise that he understands that he must perform even under demanding circumstances? Are you allowing correct behaviors enough time and repetitions to become good habits?





**This year the Holiday Party will be Saturday,
December 29th
beginning at 5:00 p.m.
Location will be in the same building we meet at
for our monthly meetings**

Our Christmas Party will be December 29th 5:00 at our regular meeting place. A sign up sheet with foods to bring will be at the November meeting. Don't forget....rather than bringing a present for club members we will be giving to Sheltie Rescue. Please bring your Sheltie Rescue items to the Christmas Party or to Barbara Soderborg (before the Christmas Party).

The following are items needed:

Hills Vet Formulas canned food - Duck, Venison, Lamb, Salmon or Whitefish flavors

Hills Vet Formulas Kibble - Duck and Venison flavors

Hills Vet Formulas R/D (any size bag)

Science Diet canned food for adults

Science Diet canned food for mature dogs

Iams Vet Formulas Intestinal Formula - Low Residue dog food (any size bag or cans)

Gift Certificate to Cottonwood Animal Hospital

We also have an envelope you can put cash into. Please be sure to put your name on the back and how much cash you are giving. A gift certificate will be purchased with this money.

Crafts - anyone willing to volunteer their time/talent to contribute a product that can be sold for Christmas or on the website such as dog toys, homemade soaps, lollipops, home-made belly bands or penny pants (for females), blankets, dogs beds, etc will be appreciated.

New or used double-sided fleece dog pads in any size.

Labor - like volunteering time and energy to go and clip nails or wash dogs.

Booth Volunteers - for booths during 2008

If you are planning on joining us at the Christmas Party you must R.S.V.P. Barbara Soderborg no later than December 15th. If you plan to join us, please remember you must bring a potluck dish. So when you R.S.V.P. to say you are coming, please let Barbara know what dish you are bringing to the party. Don't forget to get your Sheltie Rescue gift(s) and bring them to the party. Please R.S.V.P by emailing Barbara at saltcityshelties@msn.com



I Have A Question

“What are your idea’s on shipping a bitch for breeding versus having fresh chilled semen shipped to your home for breeding?”

I have had one bad experience with this and my advice is that you make sure that you have reliable vets on BOTH ends that know what they're doing. We have a good vet here in Utah that is quite capable. I would do it again, but would have my vet call the vet on the collecting end and make sure they know how to pack and ship the semen.

Personally I'd rather not ship dogs now days unless I absolutely have to.

Peggy

Does this effect the sperm count?

Fame Shelties



Next Months Question: What are your feelings about debarks. Do you feel it should be done?

(Please submit answers to Diane at Windabrae@cablone.net)

If you have a question for this column that you would like to receive an answer for, you can submit the question anonymously to Diane at windabrae@cablone.net or mail to Diane Orr, 3910 E 132 N, Rigby, ID 83442

Club Meetings

Our Club meeting for January 2008 will be held on **Tuesday January 15th at 7:00 PM** at Sandy Bicentennial Park, in the building in front the pavilion. The Park is located at **8680 South 500 East**.

The board will meet at the same location on the same night at 5:45PM

The educational program for January's meeting will be on Dremeling toe nails and care of the teeth.

*** If you know of someone in the club who is in the hospital, ill, or of a death in the club or in the sheltie world, please let Barbara Soderborg know so that she can send a card or flowers.
utahshetlandsheepdogs@hotmail.com
 or call her at 561-4616

The club wishes to send
 Get Well Wishes
 to the following people:

Doug Sorrenson



RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

Sheltie Scones

Ingredients

2 ½ cups of self-raising flour
 ¼ tspn salt
 1 cup chopped liver (if you don't have chopped liver, use small dog biscuits)
 ½ water (you can add chicken stock for extra taste)
 ½ milk
 30g butter (or margarine)

Directions

(Chopped Liver: Just boil the liver until it is grey and a rubbery consistency. Or if you have a microwave, cook it on high for about 8 mins. Chop it up into small pieces and when cool put the pieces into a number of airtight bags and store in the fridge. Use liver pieces as treats when training)

Scones:

Sift flour and salt into a bowl, rub in butter. Add chopped liver. Use a knife to stir in milk and enough water to mix to a sticky dough. Turn dough onto lightly floured surface, knead quickly and lightly until dough is smooth. Press dough out evenly to about 2 cm and cut into rounds. Place on prepared tray and bake in very hot oven for 15 minutes. Makes about 16-18.

from Liz Ogden



*Other News***CLUB MEETINGS**

Just a reminder

Club meetings will be held the third WEDNESDAY of each month beginning January 2008.

E-mail Address Change

Caren & Ernie would like the club to know that their email has changed to: ciampini2@comcast.net. The old one is now expired.

Thanks, Ernie & Caren

Shetland Sheepdog Calendar

This calendar has pleased thousands of Sheltie fanciers for over 20 years. It contains thirteen beautiful full color reproductions, leather-like cover, brief history and origin, whelping dates indicated on the corresponding breeding day, growth chart, and five year reference calendar.

Go to the club web site to see all the pictures in the calendar.
<http://www.utahsheltie.org/calendar.htm>



Order your 2008 edition now. You can order your 2008 Sheltie Calendar now. They are \$12.00 plus \$2.00 shipping if you need yours mailed. If you want to order a calendar please send an email to utahshetlandsheepdogs@hotmail.com or call 801 561-4616

Denny Daffron and furkids Danny & Pally would like to Wish everyone A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!

See you at the shows. Next year!

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOV 14, 2007
Sandy Bicentennial Park
8680 South 500 East

ATTENDEES: Tricia Harris, Barbara Soderborg, Cherie Hyde, Jim Newman, Julene Mathews, Steve Holmes, Rachel Holmes, Tony Plott, AvaJane Pickering

Guests: Peggy Newman

Conducting: Jim Newman, President

Minutes: AvaJane Pickering, Recording Secretary

WELCOME: Jim Newman welcomed all in attendance and brought the meeting to order at 5:45pm.

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the October Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and the motion passed.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Jim Newman reported that the DFA meeting will be December 12th. Peggy Newman will attend the DFA meeting to get a date for a fun match.

VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORT: Tricia Harris led a discussion about a handling seminar to be held by Shannalee Waller-Michalsky. Confirmation of the date of February 9th at Sandy Bicentennial Park building. Time of the seminar is 9am to 4:30pm. The cost will be \$35 for participants, \$25 for auditing, and \$45 at the door. Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$5.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Barbara Soderborg *discussed* us of the insurance for the trailer. *It was decided to have Rachel see if we had insurance and what kind on the trailer.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rachel Holmes read the treasurer report. A motion to accept the treasurer report was made and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

2008 SPECIALTY REPORT: Peggy reported that Guy Jeavons couldn't judge juniors, so Don Willett has been hired. He won't charge us a fee but we should include him in the dinner and give a judges gift.

2008 SHOW SECRETARY REPORT: Jim Newman reported that the premium needed to ready to go in January 2008 which means show business that needs to be in the premium must be finalized, for i.e. trophies, the dinner, etc.

TRAILER INVENTORY AND STRAIGHTENING: Barbara Soderborg report the trailer inventory and straightening is completed.

PICKERING AWARD: The Pickering Award has been voted on and the announcement will be made at the December 29th Christmas Party.

POSSIBLE AD ON FREE CLASSIFIED SITES: Tricia discussed an ad placed on ksl.com and it was mentioned there were others (kutv) that we could put ads on also.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Everyone was asked to sign up to bring a covered dish. Tricia Harris' husband will be smoking the turkeys for the meal.

TRAILER STORAGE: The trailer is being stored at the Equestrian Center.

REVISIONS: By laws will be looked at and discussed every month.

NEW BUSINESS: Tricia reported that she planned to have towels and pottery for trophies for the specialty. Tricia said that we would be giving pottery as the judges gifts. Barbara Aulbach will get the towels and have them embroidered, Tricia will order the pottery.

ADJOURN: There was no other business.

made the motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

CLUB MEETING MINUTES
NOV 14, 2007
Sandy Bicentennial Park
8680 South 500 East

ATTENDEES: Tricia Harris, Diana Beebe, Barbara Soderborg, Carol Cowley, Gene Cowley, Cherie Hyde, Jim Newman, Julene Mathews, Peggy Newman, Steve Holmes, Rachel Holmes, Shirley McLaughlan, Tomi Hamblin, Tex Pockrus, Helene Pockrus, Mike Cornella, Linda Cornella, Susan Stoye, Tony Plott, AvaJane Pickering

Conducting: Jim Newman, President
Minutes: AvaJane Pickering, Recording Secretary

WELCOME: Jim Newman welcomed all in attendance and brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm

BRAGS:

OCTOBER CLUB MEETING MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the October Club meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and the motion passed.

The motion was to approve the minutes as amended. (I made the correction that it will be \$150.00 + expenses for the obedience judge.)

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORT: Tricia Harris led a discussion about having a handling seminar by Shannalee. It was decided to do this and it will be held to be held by Shannalee Waller-Michalsky. Confirmation of the date of February 9th at Sandy Bicentennial Park building. Time of the seminar is 9am to 4:30pm. The cost will be \$35 for participants, \$25 for auditing, and \$45 at the door. Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$5.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Barbara Soderborg informed us of the insurance for the trailer. *There was a discussion about insurance for the trailer. Rachel will find out if we have insurance.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rachel Holmes read the treasurer's report. A motion to accept the treasurer report was made, seconded and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Peggy Newman reported that the specialty judge can not judge juniors; Don Willet has been hired to judge juniors.

2008 Trophy Committee: Approval was made for giving the ASSA medallion to club members. There was a discussion about obedience trophies. Some people are concerned that we are giving trophies for 1st in every class and the same is not done for conformation. A discussion about not giving trophies for any first place was held. Julene made a motion to give trophies for Obedience for highest score in Novice, highest score in Open and highest score in Utility.. The motion was passed.

NEW MEMBERS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Everyone was asked to sign up to bring a covered dish. Tricia Harris' husband will be smoking the turkeys for the meal.

PICKERING AWARD: The Pickering Award has been voted on and the announcement will be made at the December 29th Christmas party.

NEW BUSINESS:

REVISIONS: By laws will be looked at and discussed every month.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATIONS: A discussion concerning lifetime membership presentations took place. It was discussed that in order for the club to have a lifetime membership parameters for this membership needed to be in place and the by laws needed to be changed. Ernie Ciampini was to present reasons for giving lifetime memberships. Ernie was not present at the club meeting. Tricia Harris presented reasons why we should not have lifetime memberships at this time and will present the reasons again in January. The discussion was tabled until the January meeting to allow Ernie to make his presentation.

RALLY: There was a discussion about rally trophies. It was brought up that "the AKC strongly recommends that trophies are not given for rally." Peggy Newman made a motion to give highest scoring in Novice, Advance and Excellent. The motion failed.

ADJOURN: There was no other business.

made the motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote (motion carried. And names of who made the motions are needed.)

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm



Calendar of Events

December 25, 2007 — Christmas Day
December 29, 2007 — Holiday Party 5pm



Courtesy
of Dana
Quiney

