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**United We Stand**



# Sheltie Connection

JULY 2007

## President's Message

**Tricia Harris**



### July President's message:

Happy July 4<sup>th</sup> and Pioneer day!!! I hope everyone has a very happy fun holiday. The club seems to be going very well right now.

We had a very successful specialty and plans are already going for next year's. We made just under \$1000.00 on our specialty. We have received some nice feedback from exhibitors and judges. Thanks again to all who worked so hard to make it successful.

The club's summer party is coming up August 11, 2007 at 1 PM at the Riverfront Park in South Jordan. You are welcome to bring your family to the Picnic. There will be games for the dogs. We do need a count of number of people coming so please RSVP to Judy Williamson or myself. We are also asking everyone that is coming to bring a dessert or salad. You can let us know what you'd like to bring when you RSVP. The club will furnish the meat and drinks. I hope to see you all there.

Enjoy your summer we will see you for club meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup> and the Picnic on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August.

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# Announcements

## USSA WEBSITE

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.UTAHSHELTIE.ORG](http://WWW.UTAHSHELTIE.ORG)  
YOU CAN DOWNLOAD PAST NEWSLETTERS THERE



### Calm Amid Chaos

You might be looking forward to the fanfare and fireworks of July 4<sup>th</sup>, but your dog probably takes a dimmer view of the boisterous celebration. To make the holiday safe and low stress for your best friend, take these precautions:

Keep your dog indoors and as far away from crowds and commotion as possible. Play some music, or turn on a TV or fan to drown out the loud booms and pops from fireworks.

Talk to your vet about a sedative for an especially anxious pet. If you've seen your dog suffer before, a calming medication may take the edge off his fear.

If you're planning to travel, boarding your dog may be the best way to avoid exposing him to chaos over which you have no control. Make sure your pet is wearing his collar and ID tags -- even if he has an identifying microchip -- in case you're careful planning goes awry and he makes a run for it.

### 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 [saltcityshelties@msn.com](mailto:saltcityshelties@msn.com)**

# WELCOME

To new Member:

### Happy Birthday

**We want to wish the following members a very happy June birth-**

- 5 Charles Albrecht
- 6 Peggy Newman
- 6 Cheryl Sorensen
- 11 Debbie Kovar
- 12 DeeLynn Apgood
- 17 Mary Worthen
- 17 Robert McLaughlan
- 20 Cindy Wilkinsen
- 23 Kevin Mathews
- 24 Laurie Kendrick



## Bragg

### Brag from Salt City Shelties:

Apple Acres Chain Of Command "Reagan" owned by Barbara Soderborg won winners dog at the Pullyup, WA show on June 9th under Judge C.R. Skinner for his first two points. Way to go Reagan!!

### Brag from Redcoat Kennel:

Soraj Chances Are CD RE AX OAJ finished his AXJ in Blackfoot with a clean run and first place. He also earned two novice FAST legs and in Missoula won a 5 point major.

Redcoat A Fortune In Cash RN NAJ finished her NA in Blackfoot after a long spell of running wild and crazy on course. She also added two more dumps for the poop award. That makes three for anyone counting.

### Bragg for Akadia Shelties:

Akadia Totally Intoxicating, aka "Stinky" picked up her second major. She now has 13 pts, both majors. She also went Best Bred By exhibitor in breed and won the Bred By Herding Group as well.

Int Ch. Akadia Just Special, aka "Ethan" picked up his second major. He now has 7 pts, both majors.

Ch. Denian's Deuce's Are Wild, being specialled here, picked up 6 BOB's, 2 Group Ones, 1 Group Twos, 2 Group Fours. He is ranked 8th as of the end of May so June should bump him up a bit more.

### Bragg from CharBar's Shelties& Havanese:



FRAZIER is now WD to finish as

### Am/Can/Intl Ch Caledon Deuces Are Wild

June 15th Eagle Rock Kennel Club

Judge Joe Tacker..... Handler Ashlie Whitmore

Breeder Barbara Aulbach

Owners Barbara Vann & Barbara Aulbach & Jennifer Hunt

I have to start my brag back to 3 1/2 years ago. I was visiting Barbara Aulbach and she had this litter of boys they were 12 weeks old. Told her I would take one home and socialize, she put one in my arms and I put him in the crate in my van, turned around and looked at

the other two and then took the one out of the crate and said "I'll take that one" he had the sweetest face. This little boy came home with me for a couple of weeks but he never went back <smile> He became "Frazier" Caledon Deuces Are Wild he is the sweetest boy. I put several points and a major and his Canadian Championship, We thought that it would be good to keep him in the ring so Jennifer Clohessey wanted him for Juniors. They did very well together as a team. They were Best Junior Handler 2007 National, then a couple of weeks later decided to put in the

International shows where with group ones' this team was Best In Show one day.

I knew that I couldn't go out on this Idaho/Montana circuit as I was having surgery, Gary Whitmore so graciously offered to take him. In the past I had the exciting time of calling clients to tell them their dog won, today I got that call, Now I know how it feels, you want to jump right thru the phone and hug your handler. His first show entered he was WD to BOW 4 point major .

My second brag is Havanese :

This last weekend CharBar's Bernadette was WB,BOS both days for two 3 point majors. She needs 4 singles to finish .

## Braggs



### This is to introduce MACH Charbar's Dateline Affair "Clint"

After a lot of hard work, injuries, and determination, Ann and Clint finally got that last point with 21 double Qs here in Eugene, Oregon. Yesterday they started needing 8 points. On the Standard course, they came up 1 point short. In JWW, they had a great run going but had an off course right at the end.

We have almost as many supporters here as we do in Idaho and Utah. I think we are the first couple in Idaho to put MACH titles on their dogs.

Today they finished with another Double Q.

Tom

**Ann Kruger with CharBar's Dateline Affair earned his MACH TITLE In Eugene, OR on Memorial week-end, Ann is from Boise, Idaho. Ann bought Clinton (Clint) when he was almost three years old. They immediately clicked; this is a team that is made for each other.**

**Clint is sired by Ch Dundee Nightline dam is CharBar's Among Our Souvenirs. Tom Kruger has Rainy who is a "Milo" son and I bet he will have his MACH soon. : He is awesome. Milo is AM/CAN/INTL CH Apple Acres Chain Lightning dam is Apple Acres Charbars Electra.**

**You can tell I'm really proud of these boys and yes, Tom & Ann Kruger too:  
It is now MACH CharBar's Dateline Affair Am/Can points.**

Barb





*Woodland Your It "Tag"*  
*May 22, 1998 - Feb. 13, 2007*

On Tuesday, Tag, our bi black sheltie passed away rather unexpectedly. Apparently a tumor that caused him to become very anemic. He was working on stabilizing him and was going to try a transfusion when his heart gave out. He didn't have time to do x rays and I didn't have an autopsy done so we'll never know for sure.

I met Tag about 4 years ago, when we went to a show in Portland and visited a sheltie breeder. This lovely bi black boy trotted effortlessly across the dog yard. I ask who he was and was he being shown. I was told they couldn't get him in the ring. Well, he was just so nice and moved wonderfully that I ask if I could take him and work with him. I was allowed to, and so Tag came home with me.

When he got here he was very insecure. Wanted to stay in his crate, didn't really want much to do with other dogs or people. I gave him time to adjust. As spring came on we begin working. First we had to learn to trot on a lead in a straight line and not zig zag back and forth. Ok, he could do that. As summer came on we started taking Tag on walks with us and some of the other dogs. While he loved the walks, he paced. I could run with him some and get him to pick up the pace and trot, but never for long. Back to pacing. However, loose in the backyard that effortless trot was back. So, no, he just did not want to be a show dog and I could not change his mind.

He found a squeaky toy he liked and would take that to his crate. I allowed him to keep that toy in his crate as his own special toy. Toss it for him and he'd just take it back to his crate, so that became the toy he had in his "house".

He was happy boy, always happy to see us with a grin and waggy tail. When I'd go to get him in from outside he'd spin in the fastest circles until I opened the gate, then he'd trot beside me to the house. When I'd be getting dinner ready he'd stand in his crate and eagerly watch me. He'd gobble down his dinner, as fast as any corgi!

I am very grateful to Don Bickford for giving me the opportunity to have this wonderful sheltie in my life, although the time was much too short. His pawprints are embedded in my heart and I will never forget him.

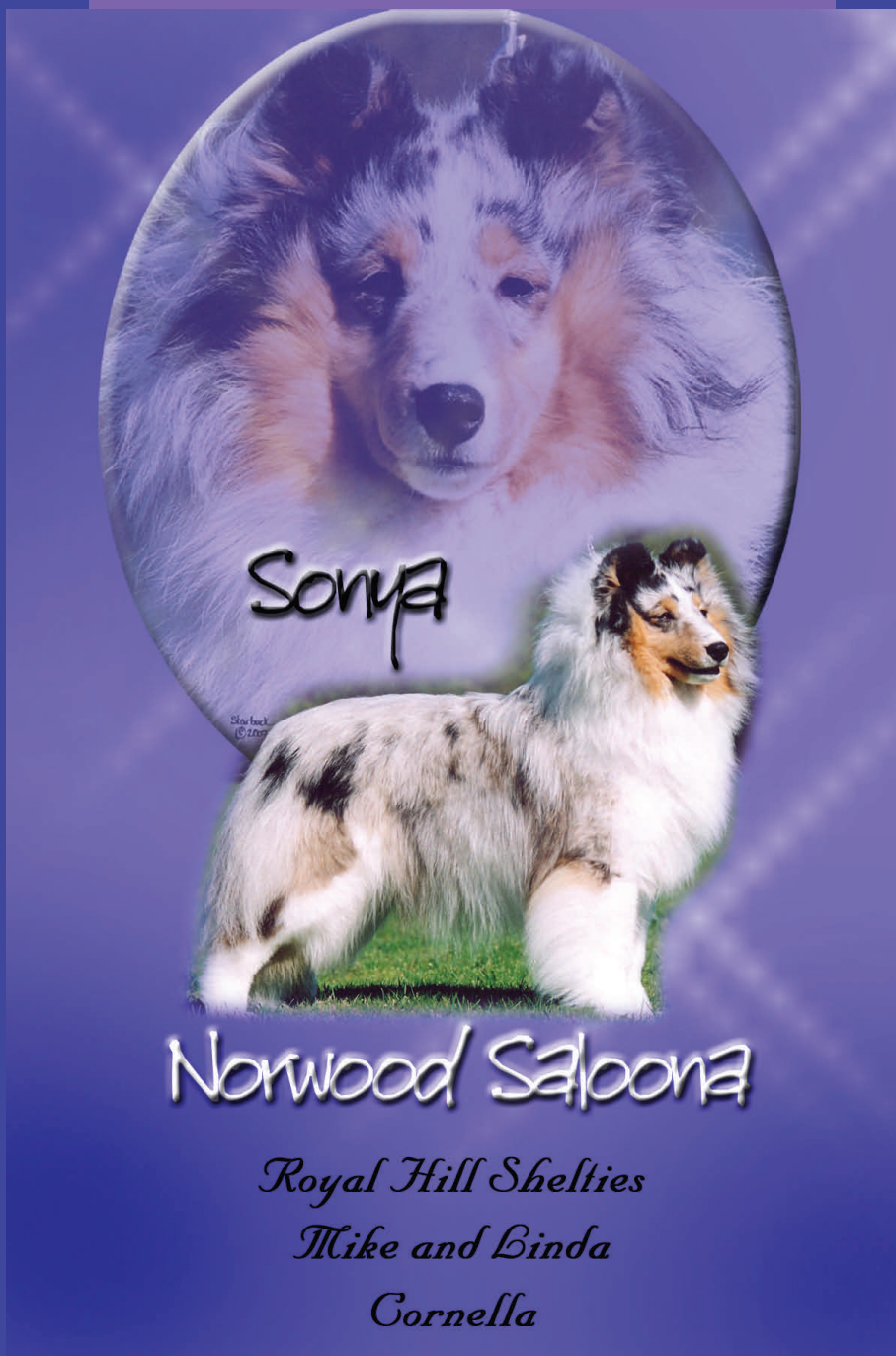
Taggy, I miss your big grin and waggy tail. I miss you watching me fix doggy dinner. I miss you spinning when I go to get dogs in. I miss everything about you very much.

I hope he is with Don until I can again meet him at the Rainbow Bridge.

## Norwood Saloona (Sonya)

**Sire: Shadow Hill's Polaris**

**Dam: Ashbury Hey Tonight**



I would like to share with you our new little girl, Norwood Saloona (Sonya), this picture was taken at the end of March when she was 12 months old. She has three majors and needs 5 points to finish later this winter. We all are looking forward to welcoming this little girl to our family.

Michael & Linda Cornella  
Royal Hill Shelties

# Akadia Shelties Welcomes

“Rafe”

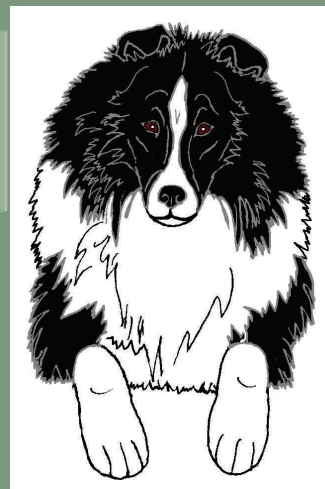


Special,,, from Kensil's

## I Have a Question....

### ***This Month's Question:***

**What do you as a competitor like to receive for a trophy?**



### **Next Months Question:**

**What are your feelings about removing dewclaws?**

*(Please submit answers to Diane at [Windabrae@cableone.net](mailto:Windabrae@cableone.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@cableone.net](mailto:Windabrae@cableone.net) or mail to Diane Orr, 3910 E 132 N, Rigby, ID 83442*



## Club Meetings

**Our Club meeting for July will be held on **Tuesday**  
**July 17th at 7:00 PM** at Sandy Bicentennial Park,  
in the building in front of the pavilion.**

**The Park is located at **8680 South 500 East**.**

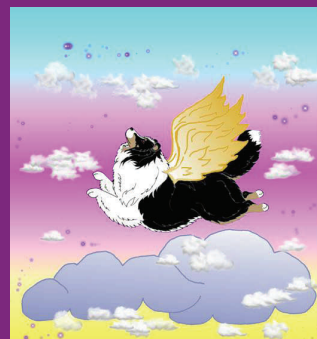
**The board will meet at the same location on the same night at  
5:45PM**

For the program, we will be discussing "How to Interview Puppy Buyers". Would everyone please bring questions that they ask prospective puppy buyers to the meeting.

**\*\*\*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.**

**saltcityshelties@msn.com or call her at 561-4616**

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



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

### BJ'S Peanuttty Pupcicles

1 banana  
1/2 cup peanut butter  
1/4 cup wheat germ  
1/4 cup chopped peanuts

Mash banana's and peanut butter, stir in wheat germ. Chill 1 hour. With wet hands, solid. Place in container, store in refrigerator or freezer.





## Toxic Foods For Dogs

Some of the most surprising discoveries come in the form of people food. We all know not to feed table scraps, but did you know that some fairly common "people" food could be dangerous and potentially lethal to your dog? It's become evident that a large number of people are unaware of these foods so I've compiled a list in hopes of educating fellow dog owners.

**CHOCOLATE:** Best to remember – dark chocolate, especially baker's chocolate, is the worst when it comes to this type of "poisoning". Chocolate contains a substance called Theobromine (similar to caffeine), which in toxic doses can cause heart attacks. As little as 2 oz baker's chocolate can be fatal for a small dog. If you suspect your dog has gotten into chocolate call your vet immediately.

**GRAPES/RAISINS:** Surprisingly, this is a toxic fruit for dogs. They contain an unknown toxin, which can cause acute renal (kidney) failure. As little as a handful at a time can be deadly.

**ONIONS:** A substance in onions, disulfide, is harmless to humans but toxic to not only dogs but cats, horses, sheep and cattle. It causes hemolytic anemia, and as little as 2 slices a week can damage red blood cells, impairing their ability to carry oxygen.

**NOTE:** Garlic and onion are in the same family, while small amounts of garlic will not harm your dog, too much is not good.

**LIVER:** In small amounts liver is very good for your dog (less than 3 servings a week). Large amounts cause vitamin A toxicity (hypervitaminosis A). This can lead to bone problems, weight loss and anorexia. Also, never feed liver if your dog is taking vitamin A supplements, and always cook it before feeding.

**BONES:** Sterilized bones that are purchased aren't the problem. Raw meaty bones and chicken bones are prone to splinter and lodge in the throat, or worse, the intestines, in which case they can perforate the lining causing internal bleeding and possibly death. This doesn't mean "no bones" – ask the butcher for soup bones, bring water to a full boil then cook the bones for approximately 20 minutes (depending on size).

**NOTE:** The first time I did this I removed much, not all, of the fat and meat from the outside of the bone. My dog's stomachs weren't used to such a treat and I didn't want to cause diarrhea. However, I did save the scraps and fed them on their food at a later date.

**RAW EGGS:** Cooked eggs are a very healthy treat for dogs, raw egg whites contain a protein called Avidin. This protein depletes your dog of B vitamins, specifically Biotin, which is essential to growth and coat condition. Also, raw eggs may contain bacteria, such as Salmonella.

**RAW MEAT/POULTRY:** Once again bacteria are the main problem – Salmonella and Clostridium, both can be very serious and costly to treat. Just remember, if you feed meat, cook it first.

**NOTE:** Best to avoid pork, especially bacon (which contains sodium nitrate).

**MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS:** FYI, 50% of dogs are lactose intolerant (just like people!) – they don't produce the enzyme Lactase, therefore they are unable to break down Lactose (milk sugar). This can cause gas, diarrhea and abdominal discomfort.

**NUTS:** Walnuts can cause gastroenteritis and are considered poisonous to dogs. Macadamia nuts contain an unknown compound, which can cause muscle tremors, weakness and paralysis of the hindquarters – luckily these symptoms last a short time. In general, nuts are high in phosphorus and may contribute to the formation of bladder stones.

**NOTE:** Peanuts are a legume, "from the earth", not grown on trees. They are not harmful when used in small amounts.

**POTATO:** Cooked and mashed potatoes are good for dogs. However, poisonous alkaloids (Solanum) are present in green sprouts and green potato skins.

**NOTE:** Poisonings occur in people as well as dogs!

**TOMATO PLANTS:** Stems and leaves contain oxalates, which can cause bladder stones.

**NOTE:** The fruit itself is not the culprit, however high amounts of vitamin C can cause gastrointestinal distress.

**RHUBARB:** This plant (especially the leaves) also contains oxalates.

**TURKEY SKIN:** Known to cause acute Pancreatitis in dogs.

**PIPS:** Found in the seeds of apples, pears, plums, peaches and apricots – ALL CONTAIN ARSENIC!

**NUTMEG:** Is a hallucinogen in dogs.

**BABY FOOD:** When I worked as a veterinary assistant we commonly gave chicken baby food to dogs and cats that wouldn't eat. Just be careful that the baby food you are feeding doesn't contain onion powder – some do. See [onion poisoning](#) for more information.

**MUSHROOMS:** In all honesty, any wild growing mushroom scares me, and if my dogs are anywhere near some, I go the other way – you just don't know. Store bought mushrooms are fine, but do you really want you're dog to develop a taste for them?

**BROCCOLI:** There has been a bit of confusion where broccoli is concerned. Broccoli is very good for dogs, however, if the daily intake exceeds more than 10% of the animals diet – problems can occur. The toxic substance is isothiocyanate and can cause gastrointestinal irritation.

**NOTE:** Broccoli toxicity was first noted in dairy cattle raised in California. When there was an over abundant broccoli crop, it was fed to the cattle. Problems may have occurred because cattle have rumens and digest things much more thoroughly, therefore taking in more of the toxic substance.

## AKC INTRODUCES CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION

New York, NY - The American Kennel Club (r) Conditional Registration program is now available for any AKC (r)-registered dog whose parent, through DNA testing, is found to be unidentifiable. Rather than canceling the registrations of the individual dog, all of its littermates and all of their offspring, AKC will change affected dogs' registration to the conditional status.

The conditional status will be clearly noted on the registration or pedigree of the unknown dog, as well as all progeny for three generations, with the letter Q starting the AKC registration number. Conditional status will only be granted in cases where the dog is believed to be purebred, but a registered parent is found to be incorrect.

"The Conditional Registration program will foster better relationships with dog owners who discover that there is an unidentified ancestor in their purebred dog's pedigree," said Thomas Sharp, Assistant Vice President of Compliance. "Now these owners will not be penalized with a revoked AKC registration and the loss of a majority of its benefits. For example, a dog with Conditional registration may still participate in any event in which ILP dogs may participate, including Obedience, Agility, and Rally."

Conditional registration also offers informed breeders the ability to keep these dogs and their offspring in a breed's gene pool. To register a litter out of a sire and dame with conditional registration, both parents must be DNA-profiled. After three generations of DNA-profiled parents, the registrations will revert to regular for the litter in the fourth generation. This protocol is in line with the acceptance of imported dogs with three generation pedigrees from the country of origin.

For more information visit:

[http://www.akc.org/reg/conditional\\_reg\\_info.cfm](http://www.akc.org/reg/conditional_reg_info.cfm) or contact the AKC DNA

Department at: [dna@akc.org](mailto:dna@akc.org).



*(If you would like to submit a tip to Shannalee for this column you can email her at [akadia@srv.net](mailto:akadia@srv.net))*

*If you have a Metro Hair dryer ,a good way to carry your Metro to shows and store it can be accomplished by using a bowling ball bag. The dryer will fit very nicely where the bowling ball would rest. The hose can be placed where you would normally place your bowling shoes.*

*Easy to carry, everything all in one place.*

## AKC Introduces Online Record Keeping Free, Web-based Service Helps Breeders Manage Dog and Litter Records

The American Kennel Club® introduced earlier this month Online Record Keeping, a new service for breeders of AKC® registered litters and dogs. Any breeder with a *My AKC* account now has access to this free service, which provides a centralized area to manage and maintain dog and litter records online.

"We are pleased to offer breeders of AKC dogs this new complimentary online feature to help them manage their dog and litter information," said David Roberts, Assistant Vice President of Registration and Customer Service. "Breeders can access their personalized breeding, ownership, and registration records from any computer with internet access at any time. This service is only the beginning of a variety of online features planned for the future."

With the new Online Record Keeping service, breeders can record mating and birth information for litters and view official AKC litter registration information including dog registration status for all puppies in a litter. There is also a handy address book function that gives breeders an easy place to store contact information for co-owners and puppy buyers. And the AKC's secure, password-protected breeder record service keeps your information secure and private.

In addition to being able to record and view information, breeders can also quickly print AKC Dog Ownership, Breeding, and Litter records. If the breeder completes the necessary fields in the record-keeping system, all the information required for AKC record-keeping rules and regulations will be pre-populated on these forms.

This new service also allows a breeder to record sale and ownership information for the puppies and to manage puppy records by adding notes about breeding and whelping. For those breeders who have already taken advantage of online dog registration to record sale and new ownership information for their puppies, this information has been moved to the Online Record Keeping section of *My AKC* for easier access.

If you have an authenticated *My AKC* account (or want to start one - just go to the home page on the upper right hand box and start the quick process), maintaining your dog and litter records online is just a click away.

Follow these easy steps to get started:

1. [Login](#) to your *My AKC* account.
2. Sign up for **Online Record Keeping** services from the main page.
3. Go to the **My Dogs and Litters** section.
- 4.

Click **Breeder Records** to view, create and maintain breeder records, view AKC litter and puppy registration information, and manage puppy records.

### Do you need a centralized area to maintain dog and litter records online?

Would being able to quickly print pre-filled AKC Dog Ownership Record, Breeding Record, and Litter Records forms make your life easier?

Would you like to view official AKC litter and puppy registration data, including registration information on ALL of the puppies from your AKC registered litters?

Are you interested in a place to store addresses and telephone numbers of your co-owners and puppy buyers?

**You can do all this and more using AKC Online Record Keeping Services. And the best news is it's FREE for all AKC breeders. Try it today!**

#### Online Record Keeping Overview

- o View, create, and maintain breeder records.
  - o View AKC litter and puppy registration information.
- View and manage puppy records.

#### Start Maintaining Your Records by

- o [Creating an Account](#)
- o [Already have an account; Log-in](#)



## The Sheltie Standard Word Search

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The Sheltie Standard Word Search - 20 Words to find

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 AGILE  
 LOYAL  
 WEDGE  
 SCISSOR BITE  
 TIPPED EARS  
 ARCHED NECK  
 RIBS WELL SPRUNG  
 OVAL FEET  
 SINGLE TRACK

ALERT  
 DOUBLECOAT  
 AFFECTIONATE  
 STOP  
 DARK EYES  
 INTELLIGENT  
 DEEP CHEST  
 STRONG BONE  
 SMOOTH GAIT  
 PROPER LAYBACK

The solution is on page 16.

## What is a Puppy Mill?

By Charlotte McGowan

I cringe now when I hear the phrase "puppy mill." What I have to say may not win any popularity contests for me but it needs to be said.

1. What is a puppy mill? You have your definition I am sure. But there is no LEGAL definition of a puppy mill. Because we in the fancy have freely thrown this phrase around, we have actually aided the animal rights activists. As far as the animal rights activists are concerned, a puppy mill is anyone who purposefully breeds ANY dogs, even a single litter! I will bet you do not agree with this definition. But take a look at Calif. AB 1634 and see what's going on. In terms of AB 1634, you breed a litter, you're a PROBLEM! That's the way that bill is framed.

2. If there is no legal definition of a puppy mill, should we be in favor of preventing all breeding of dogs based on our own personal definition of a "puppy mill?" I think not. People want pets. You and I don't breed enough to supply them. Think about that!

3. Can we agree there is a definition of a puppy mill? I think not. Ask 10 fanciers independently and you will get 10 different answers. So what does the public think? How does the public (not dog breeders) define a puppy mill? Here is where the AR's have used us. They talk about "overpopulation" and the need to stop ALL breeding. We talk about "puppy mills" and stopping puppy mills. So the public is now confused since there is no legal definition of a puppy mill. The public is beginning to view breeders, all breeders, as puppy mills. We have contributed to public perception. We don't breed enough to supply the public's desire for pets but we oppose breeding by others who see a need and plan to fill it for profit.

4. We need to stop buying into the "overpopulation" rhetoric. People want pets and people will have pets. It is a matter of who will supply those pets. We need to focus the public on the value of purebreds over the various doodles and poos and mutts imported from Mexico, Puerto Rico and everywhere else. As long as we talk about "puppy mills" we are missing the boat. Talk about substandard kennels if you like. Talk about conditions. No one approves of dogs badly kept. Talk about diseases brought in by mutts from tropical climates. But don't talk about puppy mills.

5. Petland and Hunte exist for a reason: people want pets. They are commercial entities. We hobbyists don't like the idea of commercial entities. That's been clear for ever so long. Does that mean that all commercial sellers are "puppy mills?" Well, there is no legal definition, please remember. Petland and Hunte probably do a much better job of selling commercial bred dogs than the mass breeders of doodles and poos and the chances of a Petland dog being healthy are way ahead of what the chances are for the mutt imported from Mexico or Puerto Rico. But the animal rights activists have been extremely successful in convincing you, the hobbyist, that all commercial bred dogs are bred in filth and squalor. In fact, that's not true. The terrible kennels of the 80's have in large part been weeded out by AKC's Inspections and Investigations department and 5000 inspections a year along with the USDA inspections. There are still some bad kennels, but guess what, there are bad hobby breeder kennels! Does that mean because you may personally know of a kennel where the dogs are not kept well, that all hobbyists are bad? Of course not. We just don't like the idea of commercially bred pets. But definitions count!

6. Historical fact: Some of our founding breeders of our own Shelties, people we all respect, made a lot of their living selling dogs including pets. People like Dot Foster (Timberidge) chief author of the current standard, Betty Whelen, excellent and beloved breeder, etc. There was a time it was ok to breed lots of dogs and sell the non show dogs for pets, and do it proudly. What happened? We all convinced ourselves we shouldn't breed too many dogs. We left the door open for commercial breeders and sellers.

7. The animal rights people have changed the landscape. If you help protest "puppy mills" please remember there is no legal definition. Some of the commercial breeders have state of the art kennels. I know you don't want to hear that, but it is true. Does a commercial kennel that is state of the art qualify as a "puppy mill?" Does your fellow breeder who breeds two extra litters of puppies a year qualify as a puppy mill? Does your single litter qualify you as a puppy mill? Depends on whose definition you use. And remember that as we fight bad legislation, we are ALL Puppy Mills according to the animal rights activists! Let's concentrate on the real enemy: the animal rights activists who want no purposefully bred dogs at all.

## **“I HEARD IT ON THE GRAPEVINE!”**

**by E.Katie Gammill**

A few weeks ago, I attended a writing retreat in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. This area offers simplicity, beauty, scenery, and relaxation.

One afternoon, walking through the picturesque town, we stopped by an antique and gift shop. Paying for our purchases, we saw two Norwich Terriers lounging behind the counter. As an American Kennel Club judge, I recognized their quality. Delving into how they happened to appear here, I mentioned possibly showing the dogs to their American Kennel Club Championship. They both were AKC Champions! The young couple did finish their Championships. They attempted to participate in the great sport of dogs. What I heard next was disconcerting. Their ringside experience soured them from participating further. They tell us of the ringside attitude. They share with me their feelings regarding remarks made by exhibitors. Feeling this added little value to their lives, they simply walked away from the sport.

Sadly, the camaraderie and good will was not there for them. The constant excuses of why some dogs did not win and the criticism of the officiating judges bothered them. They seek a more positive hobby. I fear this happens with many newcomers. They are given unsolicited opinions, which for many discourage them from participating in the sport in the future. Few new exhibitors receive congratulations upon their win, be it large or small. This saddens me greatly. Many time I stand in the ring with standards running through my head, analyzing and choosing the dog/bitch most representing a standard on a given day. I stand there knowingly accepting the fact I am a target of criticism from disgruntled exhibitors.

Judges cannot please everyone. Their responsibility is to study the standards, educate themselves, and then walk in and judge the class. Until they enter the ring that day, they have no preconceived idea of what dogs will rise to the top. Many things enter into their decision. Conditioning, showmanship, style, soundness, type... all of this makes a winner. Good judges prioritize such things and select the dog they think offers the most complete package.

It takes a tough hide to be a judge. The judge makes three people happy on a given day, those being the Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, and Best of Breed exhibitors. The rest walk away, some convinced they received fair treatment and the best dog won. Others look for an excuse as to why they did not win. Few exhibitors analyze an entire animal in three minutes. Judges are required to do this and they actually go over the exhibit. This examination reveals things never seen by those outside the ring. Some exhibitors decide the judge does not know “his/her hind end from a shot gun”. Some remark he/she is “political” or “favors handlers”. Often people making such verbal attacks are unaware their particular breed actually HAS a breed standard. They are unaware others are listening to their comments.

Some newcomers to the sport truly do not know the quality of what they ARE showing, but they are willing to learn. Perhaps their first dog IS a pet. With encouragement, they may “see the light” and purchase a show dog that can win. Some are uninterested in learning faults and virtues. Winning is the end all for them. Some lose their enthusiasm quickly when they see how much is involved to be competitive. Perhaps they lack the monetary means and dedication needed to succeed.

The majority of exhibitors DO NOT feel this way. They do not mind when a better dog stands in front of them. They compliment the owners on their win and develop a relationship. It is then others become involved in our sport. Young people are at a premium today and all of us should treat them with respect.

Admittedly, our sport has its share of “bad losers”. We may not throw beer cans on the track, but negative comments hit just as hard. Being targeted or not, the owners of this little business were in the direct line of fire. Shaking my head, I could say little regarding damage control.

Most judges analyze and know why one dog places over another when they award placements. Their heart is uncluttered by emotions. They are doing their job to the best of their ability. It is an OPINION of ONE person on THAT day. You can always withhold your entry under this judge in the future.

Consider the following aspect of our sport. Handlers win more because they are there EVERY weekend 52 weeks a year. They work with dogs 24/7. It is their lives. They do not show dogs out of coat or condition. They study judge’s preferences and backgrounds, and then enter where they have the best chance of winning. They work daily on showmanship and attitude of their animal. They stay for

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Groups and Best in Show and KNOW their competition.

Today we have “Show and Go-ers”. They show and simply leave. Many do not stick around to come back in for Reserve competition. They do not watch Groups or Best in Show where listening and learning from seasoned exhibitors at ringside is an education.

For every new person seen in the ring, there is opportunity. Mentoring and sharing of experience encourages a “newbie” to participate in our great sport. In this way, they grow and “catch fire”. Fortunately, the couple I met purchased lovely dogs. Unfortunately, someone smothered their coals of enthusiasm before they had a chance to burn brightly. This is sad commentary regarding our great sport of dogs.

The sport gives generously and we should give back to the sport. We live in an environment today of “tell it like it is”. Hurtful remarks and criticism does not promote friendships. Destructive comments sour the atmosphere.

Society today seems to lack civility. People hesitate to become involved as others who disagree with their direction can instantly shred their ideas and reputation. In the 60’s, I overheard a comment by someone that a particular winning male dog looked “bitchy”. Those around said “SSSSHHHHH!” We do not say things like that. Unsolicited criticism can be an attempt to sabotage success.

There IS a “science” to achieving success in the conformation ring. There is another science and preparation for obedience, tracking, and agility. One simply does NOT walk in unprepared. Do not complain about the judge when you lose. Look around at the winners and compare them to your entry. Have an open mind. If you feel you have a winner, stick with it. Do not let someone convince you otherwise until you have tried all your options.

#### **Below are listed ways to increase the chance to win the blue ribbon**

Take a handling class. Understand your dog’s faults and virtues and show your dog to its best advantage.

Do NOT show a dog out of coat or condition. Clean dogs are a MUST! Trim nails, clean teeth.

Dress nicely and be considerate of others in the ring.

Research what the judge originally bred and analyze your dog’s virtues to take advantage of this background.

Keep a record of what type of dog wins under a particular judge. Look at color, coat, head, front, rear, showmanship, and movement.

Keep notes.

Keep that dog showing even when the judge IS NOT LOOKING.

Move the dog with your lead and bait, NOT your feet and knees.

Give a judge at least three entries over time and attempt to establish his/her pattern before giving up.

Congratulate the winners!! It may be you next time.

In a large entry, look for consistency in winners. Take notes.

Be on time at ringside. Do NOT stand outside the ring while dogs are in the ring with a bitch IN HEAT! Stand back.

Watch Groups and Best in Show! Listen to those around you.

It is interesting how surprised people appear when they learn there are things they can do to increase their chances of winning. This is no big secret. Books are easily obtainable. Every winner today was at one time a newcomer to the sport. Look around. If someone is new, or seems uncomfortable as to what the procedures are, give them a hand. Assist them. Treat them with kindness. Be a mentor.

Dog shows are simply a vehicle of choice for many seeking life long relationships, travel, commitments, and success. Good dogs do not always win, and bad dogs finish their Championship That is a fact! Judging is an educated, opinionated sport and good sportsmanship is imperative if the sport is to survive.

Dog shows are fun! The bottom line is about loving and enjoying the dogs. While seeking this destination, make the ride enjoyable for those around you. “Life is too short to drink bad wine”.





**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 19, 2007**  
**Sandy Bicentennial Park**  
**8680 south 500 east**

**ATTENDEES:** Tricia Harris, Diana Beebe, Barbara Soderborg, Carol Cowley, Gene Cowley, Jim Newman, Judy Williamson

**Guests:** Peggy Newman, Ava Pickering

Conducting: Tricia Harris, President

Minutes: Diana Beebe, Recording Secretary

**WELCOME:** Tricia Harris welcomed all in attendance and brought the meeting to order at 5:55pm.

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES:** Barbara Soderborg made a motion to accept the board minutes as written. Judy Williamson seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous vote

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** Spoke of a Bill they are trying to pass in California and what we can do as a club to try to prevent it from passing. Discussed Jim Newman writing a letter that could be sent out to all club members along with the appropriate addresses so people can print off the letter and mail it to our State representatives and to the California State representatives letting them know we do not approve of this Bill. We will present idea to club and get everyone's opinion on this idea.

**VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORT:** The Lams will not be available. Discussed other options such as a handling class and having Kelly Reimschiessel come and teach us the "Puppy Puzzle".

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Barbara Soderborg shared a Thank You letter she received from Judge Kim Shive.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tricia Harris shared the Budget report. Judy Williamson made a motion to approve the budget, Carol Cowley seconded the motion. Motion passed. The budget report is on file.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Summer Party: Riverfront Park was reserved for Aug 11<sup>th</sup>, 07 from 10am to 4pm. The Summer Party will be from 1pm to 4pm. (106<sup>th</sup> and Jordan Parkway) Peggy Newman will have games for the dogs and every one in attendance will need to bring a dish to share with everyone. We discussed how much money is needed out of the budget for the party. It was decided that we would allocate \$150.00 for the party. This will be brought forward for approval from the club.

Trailer Inventory: The trailer inventory will be completed before the September Board meeting,

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussed Judges for the 2008 Specialty

There was no other business.

Barbara Soderborg made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Gene Cowley 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

**CLUB MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 19, 2007**  
**Sandy Bicentennial Park**  
**8680 south 500 east**

**ATTENDEES:** Tricia Harris, Diana Beebe, Barbara Soderborg, Carol Cowley, Gene Cowley, Jim Newman, Judy Williamson, Peggy Newman, Tomi Hamblin, Kristin Sittner, Tony Plott, Ernie Ciampini, Doug Perry, Cheryl Sorensen, Ava Pickering, Rachel Holmes, Steve Holmes, Shirley McLaughlan, LeeAnn Grover  
Guests: Al Harris

Conducting: Tricia Harris, President  
Minutes: Diana Beebe, Recording Secretary

**WELCOME:** Tricia Harris welcomed all in attendance at 7:03pm.

**CLASS:** Cowley's lead us in a discussion about Sheltie Heads and what we should be looking at. Several Club members shared their ideas and we look at a couple of dogs to see how to recognize a nice head.

Tricia Harris brought the official meeting to order at 7:36pm.

Corrections to the May minutes were made and documented. A motion to approve the amended minutes, by Peggy Newman, second by Cheryl Sorensen. Passed.

**BRAGS BY CLUB:** several people shared their recent accomplishments

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** Tricia Harris spoke of a Bill they are trying to pass in California which is forcing every cat and dog to be spayed or neutered with a few limited exceptions. We spoke of what we could do as a club to try to prevent this BILL from passing. Cheryl Sorensen made the motion to have Jim Newman write a letter that could be sent out to all club members along with the appropriate addresses so people can print off the letter and mail it to the State representatives. The letter will state our disapproval of the Bill as individuals and as a club. Judy Williamson second the motion

**VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORT:** Nothing to report at this time

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Barbara Soderborg shared a thank you card that she received from Judge Kim Shive.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tricia Harris went over the budget. The budget is on file. Moved to approve the budget was made by Peggy Newman and second was Shirley McLaughlan.

Motion passed

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**NEW BUSINESS:** Steve and Rachel Holmes were recognized for all of the work they did last

year as the 2006 Show Secretary along with Jim and Peggy Newman for all of the work they did this year as the Show secretary. We appreciate all the work both these couples have done for last year and this year. A Thank You Gift was mailed to both couples from the club.

An idea was brought forward to see if there was a way to fit sweeps into the 2009 Specialty Show. We asked Doug Parry to see if he could find a way to make it work with the schedule we have with the show. He agreed to look into this.

Class idea- how to interview perspective buyers of our puppies.

Barbara Soderborg reminded people to let her know if they have puppies available so she can forward on the referrals.

There was no other business.

Rachel Holmes made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Tomi Hamblin seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote

The meeting adjourned at 8:11pm



# Calendar of Events

July 17, 2007 — Club Meeting  
 August 18 & 19, 2007 — Enumclaw, WA  
 August 26, 2007 — Redmond, WA



## The Sheltie Standard Word Search - Solution

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