



Sheltie Connection

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President's Message Jim Newman

Thanksgiving has come and past, I hope you all had a wonderful and festive day.

As we move forward into the Christmas holiday season we see acts of love, kindness, and service to the homeless, or others that are less fortunate.

I want to talk about Service this month.

When the founding members started this club, they wanted it to be for everyone in Utah who had an interest in shelties. This club was built on the donated service of many people in the club and outside the club and some did not even own a sheltie. Some examples of this donated service are as follows:

- Many members donated food, time, money etc they never asked for a reimbursement. Money was donated frequently
- Because we had no ring equipment for fun matches, the Cocker Club generously let us borrow their equipment

When we had an activity we had people asking what they could do to help whether it was a fun match, seminar, or our dog day carnival

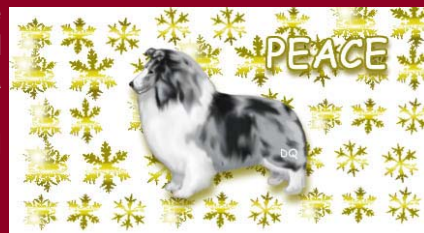
These are only a few examples of the service that was given freely without thought of reimbursement.

Today in this club we have club members that are oriented toward conformation, obedience, agility or rally. Some members are just happy sheltie owners and that is all they want to be. My point here is we have committees that need to be chaired and have gone un-chaired for a while now. In order for the USSA to function smoothly we need everybody to take an active role and give service to your club.

Much of this work can be done from your home and reported to the club via email.

One committee chair that comes to mind is the Sunshine Committee. If you have ideas I would love to hear from you. Think about it and find a way to serve your club.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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Announcements

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WWW.UTAHSHELTIE.ORG
YOU CAN DOWNLOAD PAST NEWSLETTERS THERE



Classified Ads:



We have a king size beautiful bed-spread with dust ruffles, pillow shams, pillows, sheets, etc... We like to sell them as we

have no room to keep them. Very good condition. Call and make an offer. Please call, and ask for Mike, 801 253-8181 or e mail me royalhill@msn.com

Notice

Anyone who has puppies for sale, or is looking for a puppy or older dog, please contact Peggy Newman. You can reach Peggy at (435) 783-4285 or email at utahsheltie@yahoo.com

I would love to have the "Getting to know our members" questionnaire filled out by those who haven't yet. Among you are:: Tammy Blakely, Tricia Harris, Barbara Ray, Cheryl Sorensen, the Ciampini's, Aulbach's, Cindy Wilkinson, Kendrick's, Polster, Albrecht's, Diane Orr, Jim Melton, Matthews, Cornella's, Parry's, just to name a few. Please don't be shy. We want to hear all about you. If I haven't named you and you haven't done one yet,, please do!!!! thanks so much.
 — Shannalee

Happy Birthday
 We want to wish the following members a very happy Birthday

- 1 Shanna Wilkinson
- 3 Rachel Holmes
- 3 Richard Harris
- 5 Gene Cowley



The Club's email address is:
utahsheltie@yahoo.com

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



Rachel

Clan Duncan Moonstone

At her first show with Dottie, Wine Country KC, Rachel was WB, BW, BOS. Rachel went WB, BW, BOS the next weekend at Sierra Vista. She is off and running!

Clan Duncan

danaq@aol.com

Member Spotlight

Getting to know our Members:

1) State your full name(s): Tomi Hamblin

2) Kennel name and how you came up with it: Fame S- My first sheltie Teque. Was out of the Minos line. The story of their passing with Aids, and all the dogs were put down after their passing so touched my heart. In a way, I feel my desire to show Shelties and raise nice dogs is a way to honor their memory.

3) How did you first become interested in shelties? In the 1980's my parents got their first Sheltie, Sassy. And that was all it took! Watching my Dad train her in obedience and receiving her C.D. at 6 months old was something very special to everyone in our family.

4) Who was your first sheltie and what color was he/she? In 1992, I got my first Sheltie. He was a singleton puppy born c-section and we raised him from a bottle. He was a beautiful sable. I wanted to show him but due to a fault that would never happen. I did train him in obedience, but he hated it! So I just loved him for 14 years. After his passing, and with my children growing so quickly I still found myself wanting to show dogs.

5) Do you breed shelties? What lines do you breed? Breeding is not in the works till my dogs are pointed. My dogs come from Roydon, Apple Acres, LaRenta, Lacewood, Caledon and Kensil & Karashome.

6) Who was/is your mentor, Who do we thank for getting you started? I have many mentors but my best advise comes from Cheryl, Tricia, Linda, Barbara A. and of course Denny!

7) How many dogs do you have? What titles do your dog's have? Too- Many! I have 4 that I am hoping to be show able.

8) Who is your favorite dog (that you own)? My favorite dog would have to be Lacewood Rocky mountain Music (Rocky) if you can have a favorite . Rocky

9) Who is your favorite dog not owned by you (living or passed)? Macdega Marrakech A.S.S.A Futurity winner 1982

10) Who do you admire? Shannalee, Barbara A. and Barbara V. Tricia & Cheryl. They radiate so much love for the breed; I just can't take it in fast enough!

11) What is your favorite part of showing dogs? Spending time with my dogs, one on one. And getting



to know others who share the same interests.

12) What has been your favorite or most memorable win? Don't have any wins yet. Still working on future goals.

13) Is there a dog that you own now that you are particularly excited about? I have a new puppy Liberty's Pipes For O'Darby can't wait to see how he does.



Darby

14) What goals have you set for yourself in purebred dogs? I want to lose weight, learn to show well and improve my health so I can reach my goals in purebred dogs.

15) Any words of advice for newcomers? My words are more for the mentors, as a new comer it is so hard to get anyone to take you under their wing and teach what they know. Be willing to take in the new comers that you know are working hard to learn all they can. Make them feel welcome; ask them to join you now and then. Watching others is one of the best tools a new comer can have. I thank each one of you who are and have helped me along the way. I hope to make you all proud of me someday.



Redcoat



This is Captain. He started competing in February of 2008 and finished 8 titles in obedience, rally and agility. Officially now: Himark Blue Diamond of Redcoat CD RN RA NA NAJ NAP NJP NF
Captain also makes weekly visits to area classrooms helping in the PAWS to Read Program

Here is Captain's "brother" Ch. Soraj Chances Are CD RE AX AXJ NF
Chance finished 6 titles this year and is now officially:

Ch. Soraj Chances Are CD RAE AX AXJ OAP OJP AJP NFP OFP
Chance also visits classrooms and especially enjoys Clifford the BIG RED DOG books read by the students.

The other crazy redhead, Kilo finished her RE this year and earned 5 legs on her RAE and two legs on her OA titles.



Have a Very Happy Holiday

Akadia



Akadia shelties has 2 sable and white litters due in December.

We invite inquiries for show/pet/performance/juniors homes on these puppies.

The first litter, due December 5th, should be outstanding. The sire is CH. Akadia Just Priceless (Patriot Games son) the dam is BIS CH. Iona I Can Shine. (pictured above)

The second litter, due December 30th, is an excellent cross fault breeding between CH. Starfall's The Enchanter CD and out of Akadia HellsBells (pts). (pictured below) Bell is the dam of 1 Champion, 3 major pointed and one pointed offspring as well as 2 agility and 1 obedience titled offspring. She is also the winner of the Brood bitch class at the Utah national. This will be Bell's last litter and she is a remarkable producer.

Inquire to akadia@srv.net or akadia2shonga@yahoo.com





Seasons Greetings

from

Akadia, with love

Christmas Party

The club's Christmas party will be
Saturday December 6, 2008

From 12-2:30 PM

At the Golden Corral
3399 West 3500 South

****Each member will be paying for their own dinner. The cost is around \$10.00. ****

Year End Awards and the Pickering Award will be awarded.

Please RSVP to Tomi at famesshelties@comcast.net

She has only had one RSVP so far, please let her know who is coming (or not) so that she can plan.



****Contributions can be made for sheltie rescue at cottonwood animal hospital in memory of's. Also toys, treats, leashes, collars, crate pads & dog beds.**

These are things that will go out to dogs when they are placed in new homes.

Rescue really needs foster homes, permanent or temporary right now.

Any one willing to take in a foster dog would be a big help.

Royal Hill Shelties



Left: blue girl Right: blue boy

*Dam: Ch Norwood Saloona
Sire: BIS/BISS Ch. Pop Star SS
of Northern Farm ROM, CC*

Born: November 6 2008

*Owner Linda/ Mike Cornella
Breeder: Linda Cornella, Mike
Cornella & Alexandra L. Briggs*



Announcing Our Newest Litter

Lacewood Shelties



Pictured at 5 weeks old.

We have sable and white boys available to good companion homes. These puppies are just so cute!!!

They are already going outside to potty. They are Champion sired by the beautiful Ch. Starfall's The Enchanter

Will be ready just before Christmas.

Will have had first shots

If you're interested in one of these darling boys call

Tricia at 801 375-1192 or email lacewoodshelties@comcast.net



Notes on Teeth

Dental Formula

By Dana Quinney
Taken from Dana's website
from her Breeder's Notebook

Welcome to the Clan Duncan Breeder's Notebook. All of us wear many "hats" as we travel through life. Here in the Breeder's Notebook, I put on two of my professional "hats," those of biologist and scientific illustrator, to bring you thoughts and perspectives from my own personal vision of the Sheltie. These pages are offered in a spirit of inquiry and with a desire to share.

On the first page of the Breeder's Notebook, I offer a look at Sheltie teeth, their functions, and where they are located in the skull.

Our breed, happily, has a "dog-shaped" skull. By this I mean that no gross distortions of the basic canid skull plan are required by the AKC Sheltie Standard. I have examined thousands of coyote skulls and perhaps ten Sheltie skulls. In some cases the skulls of coyote and Sheltie were so similar that it was quite difficult to distinguish one from the other until I looked at the teeth. (Sheltie teeth tend to be smaller. Also, of course, in a Sheltie of excellent breed type, the backskull will be narrower and flatter than that of a coyote, and the zygomatic arches more flattened.) Having a basic dog-shaped skull is good. This means that Sheltie teeth need not be crowded, misaligned, or otherwise adversely affected as we strive for perfection in breed type.



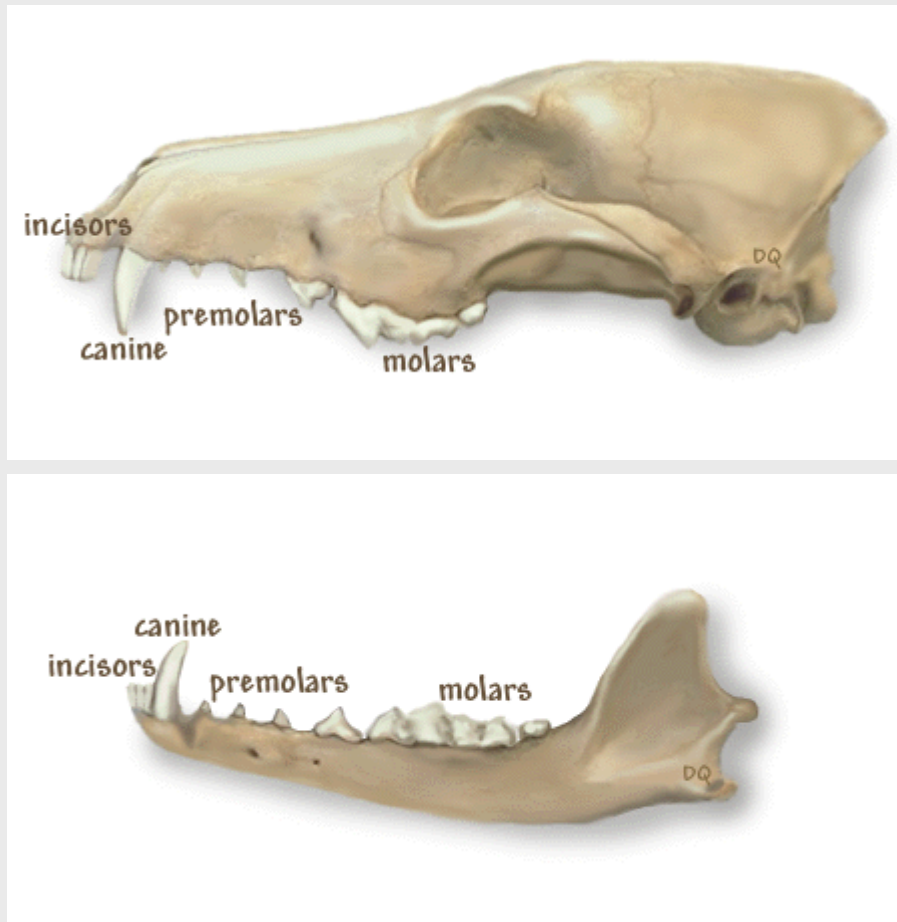
Let's look at a Sheltie skull. Remember, the teeth appear to be larger and longer in a skull than in a live dog, since the gums are not present.

Head Planes

By Dana Quinney

Taken from Dana's website from her Breeder's Notebook

<http://www.kennelcity.com/cdnote.html>



A domestic dog, *Canis familiaris*, typically has on each side of each jaw the following teeth: three incisors, one canine, four premolars, and two or three molars. Incisors are used for biting and cutting, canines for stabbing and grasping, premolars for holding, and molars for crushing and tearing.

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Characteristics that take away from the utility of a structure are called "degenerate characteristics." As a breed Shelties have few degenerate characteristics, compared to many other breeds. For the health of our breed and of our beloved individual Shelties, this is an excellent state of affairs. One degenerate characteristic sometimes seen in Shelties is missing teeth. Of course, a wild canid with missing teeth might be at a disadvantage when capturing and eating prey, so this is not good. In Shelties, the teeth most often found missing are premolars. Also, in many Shelties with full dentition, the first two premolars have been reduced to tiny points of enamel, barely visible above the gums. Having a missing tooth or two will not affect the health of an individual Sheltie, but as a general rule, I suggest that breeders may wish to avoid mating two dogs that have missing teeth, and should watch carefully that teeth in their bloodlines are not being reduced in size to the point where they become invisible or absent.



I Have a Question



This Month's Question: *I Want to learn more about the breed, what resources are the best? What books, magazines, articles, websites etc would you recommend?*

Since I received a copy of the November Newsletter I couldn't help but to see this question for the next newsletter. Since this is such an important question I'd like to add my two cents!

Many years ago a client of mine gave a book to me for Christmas that really made a big difference in my learning of dog structure.

For someone to understand the Sheltie they must understand canine structure in general as well as Sheltie type and temperament. Understanding type is to understand "detail". That comes from a good mentor in actually showing the detail on live dogs. Understanding temperament comes from being around many different dogs and having behavior pointed out by your mentors. It's also important to understand overall canine structure because some of the structure you'll find in the Dachs-hund or Maltese or Poodles or German Shepherds or Borzoi or Terriers -- you'll also find in Shelties.

First and foremost we must all evaluate our chosen breed by the written breed standard. The actual live dog is to be measured against each word and each phrase in the breed standard. We all should not only occasionally read and re-read the standard but we must understand what each sentence the standard is telling us and why. It's also important to understand that one word in a sentence can change the meaning of that sentence.

Such as:

Under: Size, Proportion, Substance

"In overall appearance, the body should appear moderately long as measured from shoulder joint to ischium (rearmost extremity of the pelvic bone), but much of this length is actually due to the proper angulation and breadth of the shoulder and hindquarter, as the back itself should be comparatively short."

Evaluate the word -- "appear". Does this mean the body should only "appear" but not actually be moderately long? Ask that question to as many successful Sheltie people as you can. Evaluate each sentence of the standard in the same way.

*However, in order to understand the meaning of a standard -- you must understand structure and why that particular breed should be structured that way. I've found that different people learn in different ways and what works for one person may not work for another. However, what worked for me was that Christmas book called **"The Dog in Action"** by McDowell Lyon's published by the Howell Book House. The last I checked -- the book could be ordered through Amazon.com*

I feel this book is far superior to all other books on canine structure. Besides encour-



I Have a Question cont....

aging a newcomer to always watch group judging (all groups -- not just Herding) with a mentor at your side -- as well as going to as many Sheltie Nationals as possible -- it's to buy this book and digest it in total. To get the most out of learning Sheltie structure you must realize that Shelties aren't necessarily "different" than other breeds. If you feel you have no need to learn structure principals of other breeds you'll never learn those same principals also apply to Shelties.



The "**The Dog in Action**" is a text book on structure and relates to dogs through the eyes of a practical and knowledgeable animal person as well as an engineer. I highly recommend this book and feel we should all own and understand the principals it presents!

—David Calderwood

Find a long time Sheltie breeder who has been successful, nothing is better than hands on. <g>
—Barbara Vann

Next Month's Question:

I want to make a dog area at my house. I am going to build an indoor room for the dogs to sleep in at night with a dog yard off of it so that I can let them out into the dog yard. I would love advice on what options I should look at. What surface do you recommend for the dog yard? Do you recommend crates for sleeping in my dog room or pens? What kind of fencing is best—Chain Link, wood, vinyl? Any information you could give me that would help me make my dog area the best would be very much appreciated. If you have suggestions about things I have not even thought of yet, please include those as well. Thank you

(Please submit answers to Tricia at lacewoodshelties@comcast.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 Tricia at lacewoodshelties@comcast.net or mail to Tricia Harris 2082 Mountain Vista Lane, Provo, UT 84606



Watch Your Language

By Charlotte McGowan

I would like to make some observations about language. The animal rights people want to change language to help them in their quest to give animals legal standing and we are helping them. Time to stop.

Adopting - this is a term used for humans. We don't adopt animals. Sorry, rescues don't offer dogs for adoption either. They offer them for placement. They re-home them. But they aren't adopted. If money changes hands, they sell them. A shelter here in Mass grosses over \$700,000 a year selling imported shelter strays, mutts and feral street dogs. They go for \$350 a pop. They don't rescue in my opinion, they keep product in the store! They have a big so-called not for profit 501(c)3 business. If we start calling it like it is (and I do) believe me you are going to feel so much better. Now if a purebred rescue collects money from someone for a dog, they are taking money as a placement or re-homing fee or they are asking to be reimbursed for expenses related to the re-homing. If you need it to be warmer and fuzzier, it is humane re-homing. Let's drop adoption. Animal rights people love us if we help them. Let's stop helping them.

Fostering - This is a term used for children taken by the state and put in the care of people not their parents. We don't foster dogs. We provide temporary care for displaced dogs. Sorry if you find that awkward but we can all benefit by retraining ourselves.

Guardian - legal term used for the legally responsible person caring for a minor child or incapacitated person. I think we get this one. We have to fight Guardian language in animal ordinances tooth and nail because a guardian takes away ownership from the owner. If you own a dog it is yours. If you are a guardian, you are not an owner. You are a person or entity with legal care responsibility. If dogs have guardians instead of owners, we no longer have ownership rights.

Puppy Mill- There is no such thing. Puppy mill is a slur, like the "n....." word. Let's stop using it. We hate substandard kennels. We want all dogs to be kept well. Well kept dogs are well kept dogs whether they are in kennels or in homes. It isn't about how many dogs there are it is about how well they are kept. HSUS calls all farms factory farms. When have you ever heard them talk about or care about family farms? Now they call all breeders puppy mills. They try to mumble in a remote footnote that there might be some good breeders but for them it is all about shelters and if not shelters rescues. Do you get it? They use language to slander all animal use and all dog breeders. Their mumbled lip service doesn't fly with me.

Rescue - what is a rescue? To me, IMHO, it is taking on the care and re-homing of a dog in a true need situation. This includes when the owners are incapacitated or die, have to go into a care facility like a nursing home, lose their home, etc. When some one just wants to dump a dog because they are tired of it, that's a disposal job. I am not nice to such people. When purebred rescues go into auctions and buy dogs I call that just plain dumb. That is assisting and supporting commercial breeders. Some people may not agree but supporting this sort of thing does absolutely nothing for purebred dogs.

Words that do not belong in the language at all - furbabies, furkids, fur children. All of these terms make animals into children who (gasp) need guardians, adoption and fostering.

So I hope you watch your language!

Club Meetings

**There will be no club meeting in December.
The Christmas Party will be held December 6th
At the Golden Corral on
3399 West 3500 South
The Party will be from 12– 2:30 PM
Everyone will be paying for their own meal.
The cost is about \$10.00
Please RSVP to Tomi at
famesshelties@comcast.net**

*** 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 Diana Beebe know so that she can send a card.
dlbeebe@worldwidesoftware.net or call her at 801-375-3861

Get well wishes for

- Peggy Newman

Condolences to:

- Charles and Cheryl Albrecht at the loss of Charles' Mother.
- Diana Beebe for the loss of her Mother.



Birthday Cake for Pups

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 cup soft butter
1/2 cup corn oil
1 jar baby food, meat, beef, strained
4 eggs
2 strips beef jerky -- (2 to 3)



Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease and flour an 8x5x3 inch loaf pan. Cream butter until smooth. Add corn oil, baby food, and eggs. Mix until smooth. Mix dry ingredients into beef mixture until batter is smooth. Crumble beef jerky and fold into batter. Pour batter into loaf pan. Bake 1 hour and 10 minutes. cool on wire rack 15 minutes. Ice with plain yogurt or cottage cheese. Store uneaten cake in refrigerator.

***** Shannalee is in need of more members to volunteer to fill in this questionnaire. Please fill it out and send it in to her!!!!**

Dear Club Members——

I am doing club member interviews in the form of a few simple questions. I have started sending them out via email to some members but have had little response. If you all would take the time to just answer the questions and email them or mail them to me, I would really appreciate it. **WE WANT TO GET TO KNOW YOU!**

Please fill out the following questionnaire about yourself. If the question does not apply to you, please just go on to the next one.

Thank you

Getting to know our Members:

- 1) State your full name(s):
- 2) Kennel name and how you came up with it:
- 3) How did you first become interested in shelties?
- 4) Who was your first sheltie and what color was he/she?
- 5) Do you breed shelties? What lines do you breed?
- 6) Who was/is your mentor, Who do we thank for getting you started?
- 7) How many dogs do you have? What titles do your dogs have?
- 8) Who is your favorite dog (that you own)?
- 9) Who is your favorite dog not owned by you (living or passed)?
- 10) Who do you admire?
- 11) What is your favorite part of showing dogs?
- 12) What has been your favorite or most memorable win?
- 13) Is there a dog that you own now that your are particularly excited about?
- 14) What goals have you set for yourself in purebred dogs?
- 15) Any words of advice for newcomers?

After filling this out, please email it to Shannalee Michalsky, akadia@srv.net or akadia2shonga@yahoo.com.

You may include three (3) photos of your choice to include with your interview.

**USSA Board Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2008**

In attendance: Cherie Hyde, Peggy Newman, Jim Newman, Judy Williamson, Cheryl Sorensen, Mike Cornella, Sarah Bagdoian, Kevin & Julene Mathews,
Guest: Ava Pickering

Meeting called to order by Jim at 5:55p.m.

Jim asked if there were corrections to the October minutes, no corrections noted. Kevin motioned and Judy seconded to accept the October minutes as is. Motion carried

Reports:

President: Jim would like to have confirmation of motions by having Sarah read back to the group the name of the person making a motion and the name of the person who seconds before a vote is called.

VP: Kevin is working on some education ideas.

Corresponding Secretary: Peggy reported that the registration and trailer dues are due.

There was a card from Cheryl and Doug thanking the club for flowers.

Judges were discussed and the Judges for 2009 are Ellen Worthington and Shelby Price. Judges for 2010 are Katie Gammill and Peggy Haderlie.

Treasurer: Mike read report. Peggy motioned and Kevin seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Christmas party: There was a question whether it was legal to change the vote on the Christmas party at the October club meeting when the date had already been voted on, set and published in the minutes of the September club meeting. It was discussed to make a standing rule that a vote should stay in effect until after the event has passed or six months later for non-event votes. Julene motioned and Cheryl seconded to budget \$100 for Tomi to use on the Christmas party for entertainment, etc., but that members would pay for their own meals at Golden Corral. Motion carried. It was also discussed that the club would again buy gifts for Sheltie Rescue this year. Peggy to check with Barbara Edelberg to see what Sheltie rescue needs or ask Barbara to provide a list.

Constitution and by-laws: Jim would like to have the board review the constitution and by-laws and make necessary corrections. Currently the club is using the AKC's version. Jim would also like to have the following people review the Constitution and by-laws: Doug Sorenson, Shirley McLaughlin, Tricia Harris, then the Club will vote on whatever changes will or have been made.

Show: It was discussed that people could pay \$10 for their meals and have it catered at the show site again, for convenience. Peggy will check with caterers to see if we can get someone to cater for around \$10 again.

New business: Standing rules: Jim suggested that the standing rules be suspended for a given period, around 90 days until they can be voted on. The standing rules contradict the by-laws. Due to the lack of annual voting the standing rules are technically null and void anyway. This will be brought up before the club.

Fun match: no date has been set yet, but possibly in March. Jim reminded us that in order for the club to keep the AKC sanction we have to do a fun match or other sanctioned event. Discussed whether to keep the fun match or do something else, such as, an obedience clinic. The problem with other events is they can take several days to put on versus a half/day fun match.

Fund Raisers: Jim mentioned having a holistic or alternative medicine clinic for dogs. He knows a woman that can speak about this for a lengthy amount of time. Whelping seminar was also mentioned. Judy mentioned possibly finding a carpenter to make custom frame holders to hold our Sheltie calendars that we could sell.

Cherie motioned and Kevin seconded to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned 6:59p.m.

USSA Board Meeting Minutes November 19, 2008

In attendance: Cherie Hyde, Peggy Newman, Jim Newman, Judy Williamson, Cheryl Sorensen, Mike Cornella, Sarah Bagdoian, Kevin & Julene Mathews, Ava Pickering, Barbara Ray, Tricia Harris, Tony Plott

Meeting called to order by Jim at 7:00p.m.

Jim would like to clarify and confirm motions by having Sarah repeat the motion, who motioned and who seconded said motion before votes are taken.

Jim welcomed everyone. He then asked if the October minutes were correct. Julene motioned and Tony seconded to approve October's minutes. Motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary report (Peggy):

The trailer registration and rent for trailer is due.

There was a thank you card from Cheryl and Doug thanking the club for the flowers.

Judges were mentioned and the Judges for 2009 are Ellen Worthington and Shelby Price. Judges for 2010 are Katie Gammill and Peggy Haderlie.

Treasury Report: Mike read accounting status. Cheryl motioned to accept Treasurers report and Judy seconded. Motion passed.

Show report:

Need a raffle chairman, no one volunteered at the moment.

Need items to donate to the raffle.

It was suggested that a money/cash jar be used in a drawing and proceeds will be split between the raffle winner and club.

Trophy Chairman : (Cheryl):

There has been a 5% increase in rosette prices, and she asked for \$150 to buy rosettes.

She displayed some unpainted carousel horses that could be used for trophies. These will need to be painted and she asked for help. The larger \$12.00 horses could be used for Best of Breed and the smaller horses \$6.00 could be used for Reserve.

It was also suggested that we could get some stainless steel buckets full of goodies (both dog treats and some human treats) as gifts and use these for the second specialty.

Kevin motioned and Tony seconded to pay \$150 for the rosettes. Motion passed.

Tricia motioned and Kevin seconded to use the medallions for the winners dog, winners bitch and High In Trial. Motion passed.

Christmas Party discussed:

Jim mentioned that the Board passed a motion to give Tomi \$100 to use toward the Christmas party for entertainment, games, etc. Peggy asked if we would like to donate to Sheltie Rescue again and that she would ask Barbara Edelberg for a list of items Sheltie Rescue needs/wants. Everyone was in agreement on that. It was questioned why the date had been changed to early December and that the original date of December 27th should not have been re-voted and changed at the October meeting. It was discussed that if the club building is available to move the planning back to the original date and location (same way we did it last Christmas). Ava motioned to move the Christmas party back to December 27th in the club building (Bicentennial Building) and Barbara seconded. Tricia moved for a friendly amendment that if the building is not available on December 27th to move the Christmas Party to Jan 3rd. After much discussion, the motion passed.

Standing rules and Constitution:

Jim asked the Board to look over the constitution. He would also like the following people to also review and edit the constitution: Shirley McLaughlin, Tricia Harris and Doug Sorensen. The board and club have not voted on standing rules in nearly three years. Jim checked with AKC and they suggested that we suspend our standing rules for 120 days until they can be voted on. Because the standing rules have not been voted on every year they are null and void anyway. Peggy motioned and Barbara seconded to suspend the standing rules for 120 days until they can be rewritten and proposed back to the club.

Fun Match: Jim reported on the fun match, which will be in March, but no date or location for March has been set yet. Jim reminded everyone the fun match fulfills our AKC sanction requirement.

Cluster Report: Peggy presented the cluster report. Bulldogs are having a temperament test, Mike Van Tassel is going to see if all clubs that are part of the cluster can be sponsors. This will help with our education requirements for the year. Mike Van Tassel would like to have a judges mentoring program. If we would like to participate we would need someone from the ASSA JEC come and mentor. We are going to look into having all 4 days as designated for specialties, as this will remove those days from consideration when the AKC counts majors and figures the point schedule. Utah is now in Division 13, with Montana, and the Dakotas (as is ID, NV, and WY). Hotel/motels were mentioned to put the judges up, Jenette Gibson is checking with Best Western for prices. Donation to the cluster to be used as they need, possibly for vests for police dogs was brought up. The cluster suggested each club donate \$100, but this is not a mandatory donation. If we provide \$50 toward a group trophy then we can get free advertising in the catalog. They may change the layout of the rings by having the isles on the outside. No isles down the middle to eliminate congestion. Kevin motioned and Barbara seconded to donate \$50 for the group trophy, and \$100 to the cluster. It was suggested we have sponsor the Saturday Herding Group Trophy.

Pickering Award:

In past years you were NOT allowed to vote via e-mail. Tricia motioned and Mike seconded that you must be present and vote in person, and no vote by e-mail will be allowed. Motion passed. Jim read the candidates for the Pickering award:

Julene Mathews, Barbara Ray, Cherie Hyde, Jim Newman. (Steve and Rachel Holmes asked to be removed).

It is the President's responsibility to find a gift for the recipient of the Pickering Award. Ballots cast and given to Sarah to tally. Winner will be read at the Christmas party.

Motioned made by Mike and seconded by Kevin to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.



Calendar of Events

December 6, 2008 — Christmas Party

January 21, 2009 — Club Meeting

February 18, 2009 — Club Meeting

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