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MARCH 2008

Sheltie Connection



President's Message....

Jim Newman

I want to remind everyone that we have a Fun Match on March 15th. We are using building 3 at the Davis County Fair Grounds. Please be there by 8 am to help setup.

At our club meeting in February we had our final discussion and presentation on lifetime memberships. The original motion was voted down but a second motion was made for the board and membership to amend our constitution to allow for lifetime memberships in the future. This motion passed.

What I saw that night was club members present and discuss the pros and cons of the motion. We had a very open discussion about a subject and I would like to see more of that in the future. I think it would be very healthy for the club. I feel as a club we rubber stamp too many proposals presented by the board to the club. I feel a lot of times there is someone sitting there that does not agree and may have little to add that could make it a better proposal or information that may save the club from making a mistake by going forward with a bad idea.

My message this month is let us have more discussion before voting on motions. If you have something to say, I will give you the floor and allow you to finish without being shouted down, interrupted, etc.

Jim

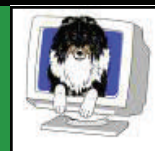
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We're on the web!
www.utahsheltie.org

Our club has always had great raffles where exhibitors as well as club members have enjoyed buying tickets to test their luck. This year I would like to see our club have another fantastic raffle at our upcoming specialty. With that being said, it takes many people to make a success out of everything. One person can never do what many people working together can do. If you have anything you would like to donate to our raffle at the specialty, please contact me as soon as possible so I can begin to get the list together. Let's keep up the tradition of having another raffle the Utah Shetland Sheepdog way.
Barbara Soderborg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

USSA WEBSITE
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.UTAHSHELTIE.ORG
YOU CAN DOWNLOAD PAST NEWSLETTERS THERE

**Bitter Sweets**

Sugar-free sweets are no treat for your dog.

Xylitol, a sugar-free sweetener commonly found in candy and gum, could quickly cause low blood sugar, impaired muscle coordination, and seizures in dogs. Seek immediate medical attention if you suspect your dog has ingested this substance. To avoid a trip to the vet, keep bags, backpacks, and the other places you stash xylitol-sweetened treats out of reach.

**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 March

9 Doug Parry
20 Tomi Hamblin
29 Cherie Hyde



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





photo by Shannalee

Brown? Did someone say "Brown"?

Weatherman's the Mudslinger

Thanks to the generosity of Shannalee of Akadia and Gail of Weatherman's, Clan Duncan is proud to be the third co-owner of "The Lion King."

Clay will be at stud and at the shows with Shannalee during the coming months.

Clan Duncan

<http://www.kennelcity.com>
danaq@aol.com

Clan Duncan Shelties

GALEN!

*Sweet Galen goes WD at the
Santiago SSC Specialty
under Dorothy Christiansen.*



Clan Duncan Cherden Equinox

Clan Duncan

danaq@aol.com

Himark Blue Diamond of Redcoat



Himark Blue Diamond of Redcoat "Captain" made his maiden voyage at the IKC agility trials in South Jordan on February 16th and 17th. Steered by mom Jane we Q'd every run in 12" novice preferred. All first place and 17 to 24 seconds under course time. It was a blast, and I tried as hard as I could to beat him over the last jump on the last course, but he beat me.

Captain will make his obedience and rally debut at the GSDOC trials and then be at the national.

Ch. Soraj Chances Are CD RE AX AXJ NF "Chance" finished his OAP and NFP and earned an AXP leg and and OJP leg

Redcoat A Fortune In Cash CD RA NA NAJ "Kilo" earned an OA leg and ran a jumpers course in 24 seconds, but missed a weave pole.

Thanks for asking, Jane Guidinger

Mainland Loyal Possible Merger

"Garrett"



News Flash

New Canadian Champion

Linn County KC Feb 9, 2008
was WD/BOW/BOB Over specials onto a Group Three

Breed judge was William
Bergum
Group judge was Monica
Canistrini

Breeder: Linda Griffith
Owners: Barbara Vann & Locklyn Guzman handled by Barbara Vann in Canada

Friday, Lower Mainland Dog Fanciers, Judge, Joan Frailey
Was WD/BOW/BOB over 8 specials onto a Group Two (5pts)

Saturday, Shetland Sheepdog Specialty,
Judge Rick Thompson, WD/BOW (5pts)

Saturday, Lower Mainland Dog Fanciers, Judge, Ms Anderson
WD/BOW (5pts.)

A weekend to remember <g>, seeing old friends and meeting new.

Royalhill's Fame S Blu Neglige

"Lottie"



I own a Royal Hills girl I bought from Linda. Lottie really love children and I have no kids at home any more. I have a friend who takes Lottie home whenever she wants to play with the kids. One day while everyone was at work and the kids with a sitter, the sitter noticed there small older dog came in the house soaking wet. As she looked around outside to see why she noticed that there pond had froze over and the ice had been broken. Only small paw prints going on the pond. Lottie's prints lead to the pond and away from the pond and you could see that she had saved the dog life.

Sheltie Rescue thanks each and every person who kindly donated to the angel tree at the Christmas party.

We were amazed at the generosity of all who contributed but not surprised such a wonderful gesture was made from so many great people. We always knew you all had it in you! Thanks again!

Sheltie Rescue of Utah



Sheltie Rescue

Sheltie Rescue of Utah will be holding a raffle at the upcoming shows at the Equestrian Center in South Jordan in the spring. Fund raising is especially important for us to continue important work

saving and treating so many shelties in need. Our raffle is a terrific way we can help raise funds without spending anything to raise them. Please consider donating an item or basket for the raffle. We are in particular need of homemade specialty items. If you have a special talent or hobby you think may help us in the raffle and are willing to donate something, the shelties we will help with the funds raised would kiss you in the face!! Thank you once again for your generous help.

Sheltie Rescue of Utah

(as a side note, look for our upcoming newsletter!)



Handling Seminar

March 22, 2008

There are still some places left in the **USSA handling seminar** that is coming up on Sat. March 22, 2008. The seminar will be taught by **Shannalee Michalsky**. Shannalee is a professional handler and has handled dogs to some very impressive wins including Best in Show. She is currently handling and promoting the number 5 sheltie in the nation. Shannalee started her handling career as a junior handler and has some very exciting ideas for handling techniques. The seminar will be at the Sandy Bicentennial park in the same building that we hold our monthly meetings. The **cost of the seminar is \$35** if paid in advance. It is \$45 if paid at the door. That is the price if you are bringing a dog. If you would like to audit the course **without a dog the cost is \$25** in advance or \$30 at the door. There is a limit of 15 handlers with dogs. **Lunch will be available that day for the cost of \$5**. You can see the flyer for this course on the cub's website here: <http://www.utahsheltie.org/events.htm>

The seminar will go from **9AM to 4:30 PM** on Saturday.

Make checks payable to USSA and send them to Tricia Harris at 2082 Mountain Vista Lane, Provo Utah 84606-6204. Please indicate if you are bringing a dog or not. You may email me at lacewoodshelties@comcast.net



The truth about the pet trade

For the nine-year-old sheltie, the breeders' auction marked the end of a long and difficult road. She had lived her whole life in a dirty rabbit hutch, where she was forced to have litter after litter so the people who barely did more than keep her alive could make money from her offspring.

Someone who attended the auction said the sheltie just stood there in her cage, her face vacant. She showed no emotion at all. Maybe that's how she survived those horrible years – by simply shutting down.

Dr. Frank McMillan, a veterinarian with Best Friends Animal Society, has seen that vacant look before in dogs from commercial breeding facilities. He likened it to the dissociation people sometimes experience after suffering major trauma. "Some of them are horribly damaged emotionally," he says.

The sheltie would never make it to the bidding block in the Missouri auction house. She had outlived her money-making capabilities and, for the breeders in the audience, she had no worth at all. To them, she was just a "dump dog." Chances are she would have simply been taken out and disposed of at the end of the auction. But she got lucky.

Rescuers from several animal welfare organizations, including Wasatch Animal Rescue, based in Salt Lake City, Utah, and Mill Dog Rescue Network of Colorado Springs, Colorado, organized and partially funded by Best Friends, squeezed into two vans and headed east to America's heartland – the commercial dog-breeding mecca. The rescuers were bound for an auction house in southwest Missouri that was getting ready to hold its first big sale of the year – an event in which more than 600 dogs would be put on the block and sold to the highest bidders.

Heather, of Wasatch Animal Rescue, was at that auction. She said it broke her heart to watch the animals being carried to the auction block. "They carried these dogs like toxic waste," she says. "I carry garbage closer to my body. It showed their complete disregard for these animals."

While some dogs sell for hundreds, even thousands of dollars, others – the older breeding dogs like the sheltie and the puppies older than 10 weeks, who won't sell well at pet stores – end up being passed over. They'd be doomed to a horrible fate if rescuers weren't there to take them.

The rescuers were there to save lives. The breeders were there to make a profit. These auctions, which are held most every weekend during the warmer months, are for breeders to make a buck off the animals they no longer want. Perhaps they're trying to get rid of their "dump dogs," or they have too many of a certain breed or they've decided to get out of the breeding business altogether.

Of the dogs sold at the Missouri auction, the highest price was \$1,750 for a French bulldog. Others sold for as little as \$25. At some auctions, dogs sell for practically nothing – a quarter apiece.

It's estimated that four million dogs are bred in commercial facilities every year to be sold in pet stores, over the Internet and through newspaper classified ads. Meanwhile, three to four million pets are killed in shelters each year.

One by one, the dogs were put on the auction block as the auctioneers shouted out things like "She's ready to go home and work for you" and "These go for \$1,500 to \$2,000 on the Internet" and "She's coming into season now. Bring her home and breed her tomorrow."

Some of the dogs had missing teeth, eye infections and other ailments. But, as long as the dogs can crank out puppies, those things don't matter to the for-profit breeders. One of the sheltie's teeth actually fell out in her water bowl, Heather says.

Today, the sheltie and her seven-year-old daughter are now healing in the loving home of Barbara Edelberg and Jim Melton, both with Sheltie Rescue of Utah.

Barbara says the older sheltie's muzzle was so swollen with abscesses and infection that her veterinarian cleared her schedule to perform an emergency dental. Since the sheltie and her daughter had never been separated their entire lives, they made sure her daughter was in the kennel with her when she woke up.

Barbara and Jim have nurtured many puppy mill dogs over the years, and she has high hopes for the shelties. She says when the dogs first arrived, they were very fearful, "almost catatonic." They're keeping them in a room with a dog gate so they

have their own space but can still see the people and dogs on the other side. She says the other dogs will show the shelties what normal dog behavior is. They'll show them that not all people are bad.

"We go really slowly," Barbara says. "We don't like to push them. They're given space and comfort and other dogs."

The shelties are already responding to yummy treats, and that's a very good sign. "It's a big moment of triumph when they first make eye contact with you," Barbara says.

Thanks to some dedicated rescue organizations, 116 dogs are now on the road to healing. The hardest thing for the rescuers was that they couldn't save all the dogs. Sadly, for the dogs sold to breeders, it was back to life in yet another cage in another breeding facility.

Written by Sandy Miller

Photo by Michael Delgado-Hand and Nanette Martin



I Have A Question

What have been your experiences shipping dogs with the airlines. With what airline, and what crate size.

I have only had recent experience shipping Captain in from Tampa, Florida. He went on a straight flight in a 200 crate and arrived in cargo as soon as the plane landed. Delta was the airlines, and they treated him like precious cargo. It was great.

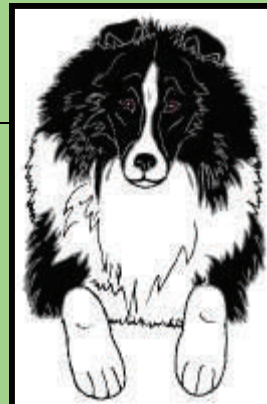
Years back I shipped an Irish puppy in from California and shipped one to Chicago. Again with Delta, and no problems. Jane Guidinger

Like a lot of breeders, I expect, I have had mixed results with shipping. No matter what the airline(s), more than one transfer is a no-no, one transfer is OK if there is at **least** an hour layover, and a no-transfer flight is the ideal. No matter what the airline, shipping north or south in the US from Idaho works well, as does shipping to and from the west coast. Going to and from the southeast works fine most of the time.

Going to and from Canada? Suffice it to say that I'm not doing that any more. I've had trouble every time. The last time I shipped to Canada, little Rowena spent 36 hours IN HER CRATE coming home, even though I and the Canadian breeder had done everything right. Going to the northeast can be "challenging," let's say; I hate to do that, too. The last time I sent a dog back east it was a pet male to some friends who have loved a series of blue pets of mine for more than 30 years. I wrote "PENNSYLVANIA" and the airport code for Philadelphia on every surface of Indy's crate, including the bottom. Instead, poor Indy flew to Connecticut and spent the night, then had to fly back to Chicago, and didn't get to Pennsylvania until the following evening. Grrrr!! And United took our \$400 and never gave us any compensation.

I find that Shelties with long necks often result in the air freight clerks thinking that the dogs need to go in the next-size-up crate. Oh, well -- elegance has its price!

Dana



Next Months Question: Are we A head and coat breed?

(Please submit answers to Diane at 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 or mail to Diane Orr, 3910 E 132 N, Rigby, ID 83442

Club Meetings

Our Club meeting for January 2008 will be held on **Wednesday March 19,
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 March's meeting will be a discussion on the standard and virtues search. We will also have another Virtues find. If you have a dog you would like to bring for the "virtues" find please let Tricia know at lacewoodshelties@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 or flowers.**

dlbeebe@worldwidesoftware.net or call her at 801-375-3861

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

Jim Newman

Judy Williamson



RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

Alexander's Peanut Butter Puppy Biscuits

- 1 1/2 C Water
- 1/2 C Safflower oil -- No-Substitutes!
- 2 medium Eggs
- 3 TB Peanut butter -- no sugar
-(Scudder Creamy)

- 2 ts Vanilla
- 1 1/2 C Whole wheat flour
- 1 1/4 C Unbleached white flour
- 1/2 C Cornmeal
- 1/2 C Rolled oats
- Additional flour

Alexander's favorite biscuits. He opens the cupboard and cries for them! This recipe as well as Alexander's Veggie Thins came into being out of desperation. He would not eat any kind of purchased dog biscuit!

Mix water, oil, eggs, peanut butter, and vanilla with a wire whisk. Add flours, cornmeal, and oats. Combine with a mixer. Take one-third of the dough and place on a floured surface. Flour top of dough. Gently knead, adding more flour as necessary to form a pliable dough (This will require a substantial amount of flour). Roll out to 1/2 - 3/4 inch thickness and cut shapes using cookie cutters. I use a doughnut cutter so Alexander gets larger and smaller biscuits. Repeat until all dough is used.

Place on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake 400 F, 20-25 minutes, depending on thickness of biscuits. Leave in oven 20 minutes after turning oven off to crisp. Store airtight.



Other News

*One of our Havanese puppies
CharBar's Inside Edition "Andre"
was WD and BOB puppy on Friday & Sunday. earning 4 pts.
Barbara & Charlie Vann*

Congratulations are in order

We congratulate Shanna Wilkinson and "Holly", a very special team who together have shown us a real and unique example of what a sheltie's special value is as a service dog. Recently we were able to see them at the AKC Championship shows at the Eukanuba Classic in Long Beach, CA receiving the ACE award title as a service dog. What a wonderful pair of sheltie ambassadors! They represented Utah well and made us proud.
Congratulations!!!



Happy St. Patrick's Day

Utah Shetland Sheepdog Association
Board Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2008

Attendees: Barbara Soderborg, Cherie Hyde, Steve Holmes, Rachael Holmes, Jim Newman, Tricia Harris, Julene Mathews, AvaJane Pickering, PhD,

Guest: Peggy Newman

Welcome: Jim Newman welcomed all those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M.

Approval of Minutes:

Corrections were sent to the Recording Secretary and were noted. Cherie Hyde made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Julene Mathews seconded the motion. The motion carried.

President's Report: Jim Newman did not have anything to report at this time.

Vice President's Report: Tricia Harris showed the board members a summary of a survey given to Sheltie enthusiasts on what they preferred in Specialties. It was very interesting to see the results of this survey. As the educational portion of the upcoming club meetings Tricia will present the standard of our breed. She will ask to have member's dogs be put up on a table to help us look at the particular virtues we are discussing. Tricia also mentioned the upcoming Handling Seminar. We are having a good response to this seminar and there are still a few slots available so if you are interested please let Tricia know as soon as possible.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Barbara Soderborg received information from ASSA asking if our club would like to put an advertisement in the 2007 ASSA book listing our club and member's accomplishments. The cost for the advertisement will be \$50.00. This will be presented to club members for a vote.

Treasurer's Report: Rachel Holmes presented the Treasurer's Report which is on file. A new checking account with the minimum amount was set up to be used as a Paypal account. By having this account set up exhibitors making entries to our Specialty as well as future events can have their money deposited into this account. A CD was also purchased for the club leaving a smaller amount in the checking account to work with.

Fun Match: The date for the Fun Match will be Saturday, March 15th. It is scheduled to be held at the Davis County Fairgrounds. Only one building will be utilized with Obedience, Rally and Confirmation being held in that building.

Obedience Reports: Steve Holmes, Tricia Harris and Julene presented their ideas on having the Obedience show. After hearing all the different opinions, it was decided to table this idea for a future time.

New Business: There was no new business.

Adjournment: There was no other business so Tricia Harris made a motion to have the meeting adjourn. Barbara Soderborg seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Utah Shetland Sheepdog Association
General Club Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2008

Attendees: Barbara Soderborg, Cherie Hyde, Steve Holmes, Rachael Holmes, Tomi Hamblin, Shirley McLaughlan, Ernie Ciampini, , Caren Ciampini, Jim Newman, Peggy Newman, Tricia Harris, Tex Pockrus, Helene Pockrus, LeeAnn Grover, Tony Plott,

Julene Mathews, Kevin Mathews, AvaJane Pickering, PhD, Steve Bagdoian, Sarah Bagdoian, Doug Parry, Pam Parry

Guests: Julie Schow and her daughters, Greg Cantrell

Education:

Tricia Harris read a portion of the Sheltie Standard as taken from ASSA. Several dogs were put on display to judge their virtues according to the portion of the standard which was read. Members were asked to write down items of the dog as it pertained to the standard. It was fun and interesting to be able to put our hands on the dogs feel for the virtues.

Welcome: Jim Newman welcomed all those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

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President's Report: Jim Newman did not have anything to report at this time.

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Show Report: Jim Newman told club members that the premium is ready to be sent out. Everything is in order. All trophies have been sponsored.

New Members: The application for Ken and Julie Schow was presented to the club. This will be a family membership. Julie mentioned that her girls are very interested in Junior Handling.

Unfinished Business:

Fun Match date is scheduled for Saturday, March 15th. It is scheduled to be held at the Davis County Fairgrounds. Only one building will be utilized with Obedience, Rally and Confirmation being held in that building.

Utah Shetland Sheepdog Association
General Club Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2008

As discussed in a meeting last year Ernie Ciampini was asked to give his ideas on why the club should have Lifetime Memberships. Tricia Harris was also asked to give her ideas on why the club should not have a Lifetime Membership. Ernie was given time to present his ideas on Lifetime Memberships. After his presentation he made a motion to have the club begin a Lifetime Membership effective immediately and have all the charter members become Lifetime Members. Shirley McLaughlan seconded the motion. Tricia Harris presented her ideas on why the club is not ready to have a Lifetime Membership at this time. After a discussion a vote was taken where the Lifetime Membership was voted down.

New Business: Shirley McLaughlan made a motion to have the club meeting day changed and possibly the location changed to accommodate a new day. Jim tabled the motion. This will be discussed by the board members.

Adjournment: There was no other business so Tex Pocrus made a motion to have the meeting adjourn. Barbara Soderborg seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Calendar of Events

March 19, 2008 — Club Meeting
April 12 — 20, 2008 — ASSA National
Greeley, Colorado
May 21, 2008 — Club Meeting
April 30, 2008 — USSA Specialty

