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President's Message Jim Newman

I was informed this summer that I had a secret agenda. This agenda was apparently so secret I didn't even know about it. So I decided for my President's Message this month to come up with an agenda and it's no secret!

MY AGENDA AS PRESIDENT OF USSA:

- To respect every members membership in the USSA
 - That all members and visitors are welcome at board and club meetings
 - To foster discussion and fun at our club meetings, parties and picnics
 - To give every member the chance to voice their opinions
 - The officers and board members serve the club membership and not their personal wishes
- To increase our treasury from fifteen thousand to twenty thousand this year through activities such as seminars and other activities.*

I don't want this to be my agenda but our clubs agenda. In November I will ask you the membership to approve these general goals as our goals for the future.

My first challenge to this year's officers and board is to come to the November board meeting with one idea to help increase our treasury. Besides the current board, I intend to ask the general membership for ideas because it is your club and I am confident that the quietest member has ideas that need to be voiced.

Lets make this a very good year or as one of my favorite childhood heroes, the 3 Musketeers, were famous for saying "All for one, and one for ALL".

Happy Thanksgiving

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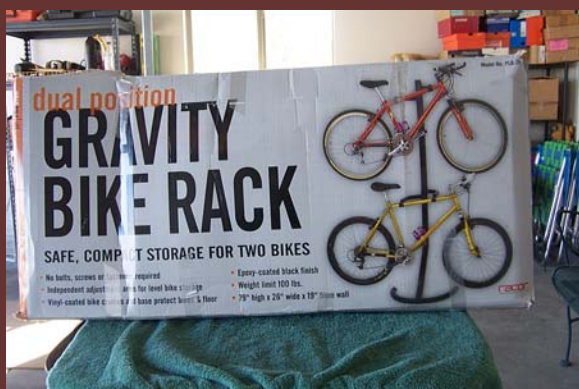
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Classified Ads:



This Bike Rack is for sale. It has never been used and is still in an unopened box. It has been in our garage for a year. We are trying to clean up but would like to sell this Bike Rack as we will never use it.

If you are interested, please either call us 801 253 8181 or e mail me royahill@msn.com

Sable Female for sale:

I have an almost 11 mo. old sable and white female available to a pet home. Tammy is fun and sweet and pretty but she is not going to be a show dog and I'd like to give her the chance to be a "star" instead of one of a cast of many. If you are interested in Tammy or know someone who might be contact Peggy at ta-flarpwc@yahoo.com or 435-783-4285.

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

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

- 5 Ava Pickering
- 11 Shannalee Michalsky
- 13 Jim Melton
- 22 Fred Priwo
- 23 Jim Melton
- 26 Rick Hamblin



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

Book Review

Have you ever been faced with a difficult decision that you must make for your beloved dog? Maybe you are struggling with when is the right time to put an aged dog to sleep, or if it is right to treat your sweet fur-friend for cancer. Maybe you are trying to decide if you can afford the \$3000.00 for a surgery that your little pooch needs, or if you can afford to do chemotherapy on an older dog. Have you ever wondered if it is a good idea to get a second opinion after a difficult diagnosis and how your vet might feel if you did get that second opinion? There are many difficult decisions that pet owners have to make throughout the lives of their animals. Because of this, there is a new book on the "must have" list for every dog owner. The book is called "Speaking For Spot".

It was written by Dr. Nancy Kay, a specialist in small animal internal medicine. Dr. Kay had a scare of her own when she was diagnosed with a possible breast cancer. She felt that she was able to navigate the human medical world because of her medical background. Without that training she felt that she would have had a more difficult time deciding how to proceed. While going through this experience with her own health she got to thinking about how dogs and their owners are able to navigate veterinary care. Using her experience as a patient, her knowledge as a veterinarian and her excellent writing skills she wrote a book to help average pet owners make appropriate decisions for their precious dogs.

Veterinary care has come a long ways in the last 20 years. Dr. Kay says, "Gone are the days when you simply followed your vet's orders and asked few, if any questions." There are now many veterinarians who specialize in particular areas of medicine. There are heart specialists, orthopedic specialists etc. There are also many specialized diagnostic tests available such as CT scans, MRI's, and ultrasounds to name a few. Many of these specialties and tests are quite expensive. It would be helpful to have a way to know if your special dog really needed these expensive tests or the help of a veterinary specialist. Dr. Kay gives her readers a sensible approach for making these decisions. She guides her readers in a way that is helpful but makes them feel secure that, no matter what decision they make, it will be the right decision for them. You will not feel guilty for making a different decision from someone else.

Dr. Kay helps you make decisions from how to buy a puppy to what is an appropriate vaccination schedule. This book will be very helpful in starting conversations with your own veterinarian. As I read the book I found myself wishing that Dr. Kay lived closer to me as I would love to have a vet that I felt was so compassionate for her patients and her clients. I feel that there is something for everyone to learn from Speaking For Spot.

This book can be found at Amazon.com, Dogwise and Barnes & Noble for about \$14.00-\$19.00

—- Tricia Harris

Speaking for SPOT



Be the Advocate Your Dog Needs to
Live a Happy, Healthy, Longer Life



Dr. Nancy Kay

Specialist, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine

Ask the right questions to get the right answers!

Editorial Opinion

By David Calderwood

The presidential race is a very important discussion and "for shame" for even thinking this discussion should be removed. This whole election may have tremendous ramifications to this country and animal rights isn't the only extremist item in this election for which we should be concerned

Let us look at the whole picture of what we're facing in this election as well as about animal rights in politics and how it will effect us -- as well as what we're doing here in Eugene.

We're about to have one party ruling the executive as well as the legislative branch of the federal government. The HSUS alone has well over one hundred million dollars per year to promote their — extremist agenda -- to say nothing of PETA and the others and this is the party that is the most susceptible to the AR rhetoric. These extremist organizations support the left for a reason and they're not about to stop pushing their agenda when they finally get a friend in the White House. As a nation, we're about to swing too far left and for the sake of the country need to be "in the middle". This isn't only because of animal rights but at this point in time - - for national security as well. To be fair -- it would be as bad to swing too far right -- but with these two candidates AND the make up of the House and Senate -- we're not in danger of that. This nation was built on checks and balances and we're about to loose that balance.

And for what we're doing in Eugene OR -- the fight is not over and will never be over in my lifetime. We did what we did so that we could have influence over "the process". Unfortunately for us, some of our own people feel we don't need to be politically involved any more. The only reason we're still having success here is because we are still involved. As soon as we quit our involvement, it'll be all over for us. It's true that sometimes you have to get in bed with the enemy to achieve your goals but putting an AR supporter in the White House isn't "getting in bed with the enemy" -- it's "throwing in the towel".

The truth is that the AR's are nothing more than a symptom of the extremism that we're seeing all over the world. We saw it on 9/11 and we've seen it with the domestic terrorists of ALF and ELF. We see it with the animal rights organizations such as the HSUS and we see it with the extremist environmental organizations. This extremism has been able to creep into the Sierra Club the ASPCA and other supposedly mainstream groups. This extremism has also slipped into our political parties. If this country is to survive, as our founding fathers envisioned, we must see the wisdom of being "in the middle" -- balance -- not too far left not too far right. Each political party has positive as well as negative things for which those parties stand and extremists of both the left and the right must be opposed. If these extremists aren't opposed we will slip into the socialism that we see in Europe today.

And now about "puppy mills" -- we should all be careful about that one! I bet you'd be surprised to know that according to AR's -- you're a "puppy mill" -- and so is each and every

other breeder that breeds more than one litter a year. And when the AR's find that someone like you might only breed one litter a year -- they'll find some other reason to call you a dreaded "puppy mill". The term has been promoted by the AR's to put a negative connotation on breeding dogs and they've been very successful in that endeavor. You may know a real "puppy mill" when you see one but does the general public? The AR's have been very successful in getting the press in their pocket and the AR's will use "puppy mill" to describe you -- and the press will support them.

Let me explain the progression: The AR's have what I call their "one step at a time" program. The "puppy mill" legislation they get passed today may not target you directly but you are their eventual target. That same piece of legislation will be found to have "loopholes" in it -- that will have to be closed. Then when those "loopholes" are closed -- there will be other issues that need to be addressed. Eventually the legislation will reach you. I've heard legislators say this before: "One step at a time. Take whatever small step you can get today (as in legislation passed), so that you can come back tomorrow for another step. Eventually you'll achieve your goal".

Language is a powerful thing. The far left "gun grabbers" have done the same thing. They've successfully taken my grandfathers old deer rifle and made the general public call it a "weapon". Every firearm in America is now called a "weapon which has a very powerful negative connotation. The AR's are doing the same thing in working on making the term "puppy mill" to mean anyone who breeds dogs.

"Overpopulation" is another term the AR's have used. The reason the HSUS and PETA are so very opposed to Nathan Winograd's "No Kill" philosophy is because those organizations rely on "overpopulation" as the reason MSN (Mandatory Spay/Neuter) is needed. When a shelter adopts the "No Kill" philosophy the euthanasia numbers of adoptable animals plummet to zero. For many years, the HSUS and PETA have relied on high euthanasia numbers of adoptable animals to say there is an "overpopulation". If, all of a sudden there is no more euthanasia of adoptable animals then their reason for MSN is gone! Therefore, it behooves the HSUS and PETA for euthanasia numbers of adoptable animals to stay high. This is one of the reasons I felt we needed to promote "No Kill" in our county. And now "No Kill" may have "other" unwanted consequences.

Granted -- animal rights as opposed to animal welfare may not be as important as bigger and more important issues. However, those bigger issues like saving the lives of our children (and grandchildren) are being protected by carrying a big stick to beat off the bully that has already been at our door -- and make no mistake -- that same bully wants to come back to our door.

Oh -- and by the way -- I am a registered Democrat!

—David

(Editorial Comments are the opinion of the author and not necessarily that of USSA)

Member Spotlight

1) State your full name(s): **Shannalee Waller-Michalsky**

2) Kennel name and how you came up with it: **Akadia Shelties**. I came from Poodles where my favorite line of white standard poodles were the poodles of "Acadia" fame. Since I am a great believer in good karma from used and proven things (hence my thrift store ventures) I adopted the Akadia with the "K" so that it wasn't a complete copy.

3) How did you first become interested in shelties? I started out in obedience with a standard poodle and although she was good,, she couldn't come close to the little shelties for learning and doing well. So I wrote to a sheltie breeder, Anita Fahrenwald, about hers.

4) Who was your first sheltie and what color was he/she? My first sheltie was Cottonwoods April Showers CD and she was sable and white.



5) Do you breed shelties? What lines do you breed? Yes, I breed shelties. I breed mostly Benayr/Heritage Spirit crosses for my sable lines. Macdega mixed with Barwood for my AOAC's.

6) Who was/is your mentor, Who do we thank for getting you started? My first mentor was Cheryl Sorensen. She spent so many hours on the phone with me I can't believe it. She was very patient with me considering that I was 16 years old and kinda dog crazy. She did so much for me. After her there was the Calderwoods who have given me my ethics of professional presentation and have constantly challenged me to become more and be better.

7) How many dogs do you have? What titles do your dog's have? Oh, I hate this question! I have about 15 adults all the time with rotating young dogs being grown out and evaluated. We have mostly Champions here now but have had the occasional CD title too.

"April"

8) Who is your favorite dog (that you own)? If anyone talks to me more than an hour they will know that it is "Nicky", my "Superman". He is Akadia Resonating Light and he is my "light". Totally hand raised and so extremely spoiled, never in all my years have I had a dog steal my heart the way that he has. I do not show "Nicky" because I can't bear criticism of him. It just doesn't matter to me if others like him, because I know him. The good Lord has blessed me so much with him. As a side note, my favorite dog that is a show dog by far would be "Stinky", CH. Akadia Totally Intoxicating. She makes me smile more than any dog I own. She does have a fan club..

9) Who is your favorite dog not owned by you (living or passed)? A dog that literally "moves me".. There have been several but topping the list would be CH. Banchory Thousands Cheered and CH. Banchory In Dress Blues. Both sired by CH. Banchory Formal Notice who also tops that list. All passed. The now dog that moves me is CH. Sea Haven Chasing Moonbeams ROM.



" My Nicky"

10) *Who do you admire?* There are lots. Cheryl Sorensen. The Calderwoods. Tom Coen. Guy Jeavans is a brilliant breeder of the now. He is one to really watch. Suzi Beacham.

11) *What is your favorite part of showing dogs?* Winning!, more literally, the acknowledgment of my peers. Finding that special bond with the dog on the end of the lead that makes us second to none. That is just thrilling.

12) *What has been your favorite or most memorable win?* My favorite win has to be when Stinky won her 3 majors. Each one made me have that smile that I swear I went to sleep with still on my face. She just makes me so proud. My most memorable win would have to be Jewelee's (CH. Iona I Can Shine) Best in Show when she was 8 1/2 months old. I will never forget!

13) *Is there a dog that you own now that your are particularly excited about?* I have a couple coming up. Two exciting sons of CH. Denian Deuces Are Wild. A tri, Salt City South Park "Butters" and a blue Akadia Chandelle Steel and Flames "Kohlman. I also have a VERY exciting biblack girl called Mistybrooks Fiora who is by CH. Macdega Notorious.

14) *What goals have you set for yourself in purebred dogs?* A national win, an ROM, another BIS or more.. I want to be known for excellent temperaments on my dogs as well.

15) *Any words of advice for newcomers?* Patience. This is the key to breeding shelties. Don't be in a hurry. Dogs take time to mature and the good ones only get better. The idea that shelties should be winning at such an early age is unrealistic. Wait them out and they will be worth the wait.

Find a mentor that is easy to show you virtues and not dwell on faults. Stay away from opinionated mentors that are impatient about letting you find the look that you love and desire to achieve. Be careful not to acquire dogs that aren't superior but ALWAYS allow yourself a pet or two to keep yourself grounded.

Whatever you do,, don't lose sight of the love you have for the breed. Don't let greed become you. Lastly, never compromise temperament.

Redcoat



Captain



Chance



Kilo

- Redcoat A Fortune In Cash CD RE NA NAJ "Kilo" earned her 4th and 5th RAE legs in Boise.
- Himark Blue Diamond of Redcoat CD RA NA NAJ NF "Captain" earned in extra RA leg in rally and had some fast runs in open agility, but no Q's.
- Ch. Soraj Chances Are CD RAE AX AXJ NF "Chance" finished his AJP and OFP at the recent agility trials in Ririe.
- Himark Blue Diamond of Redcoat CD RA NA NAJ NF "Captain" earned two open jumpers legs at the same trials.

Akadia

For Sale



"Rafe" is available to a pet home or junior handler on a neuter agreement. He has a great temperament and is totally show trained and would make a GREAT junior dog for some lucky kid. He is small and non aggressive, coaty, and fun. Cute personality. VERY reasonable to a junior home.

For a pet home he would be \$600.00. Not really suitable for performance but could do well in obedience.

Contact Shannalee at 208-754-4275 home, 208-200-6470 cell and best by email at akadia@srv.net or akadia2shonga@yahoo.com

Clan Duncan

Presents some feathers in our cap -- the littermates



Clan Duncan Moonstone and Clan Duncan Dark Skies

Rachel

Frankie

Watch for this girl and boy to make their ring debuts soon. Rachel will be out with Dottie in the West, and Frankie will be shown by Davishall Shelties in the SE (both are co-owned with Davishall.) Their litter brother Freddie now has 8 pts, 1 major. Blue litter sister Clan Duncan Luna Moth (Glitter) is waiting her turn!

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Happy Thanksgiving!

CHARBAR

October 25th, at the Vancouver KC in WA state I finished CharBar's Sneak Preview "Vanessa" breeders — Barbara Vann & Tray Pittman owners, Jaimee Bloom & Barbara Vann she is the third of a litter of 5 to finish. the fourth is at 9 pts both majors, he was Reserve King this last weekend.

Vanessa as a puppy



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



Ch Starfall The Enchanter, CD

"Brock"

Shannalee 2008

*This beautiful boy is almost 9 years old now.
He finished fast with 4 majors and a BOB over specials.
We have a beautiful litter on the ground sired by Brock
of 5 sable boys.-- Inquiries invited!!*

Lacewood Shelties -- Tricia Harris

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Pickering Award Nomination

Steve & Rachel Holmes

I want to nominate Steve and Rachel Holmes for the Pickering Award. Steve and Rachel are life members of the club having served in a number of capacities and helped out tremendously without complaint. Steve has been President and Rachel Treasurer and they have both served on the Board for years. The time has come that they are leaving the club and this would be a wonderful time to reward their hard work and efforts.

It would be absolutely fitting for Steve and Rachel to be the 2008 recipients of The Pickering Award. I would just love to see them get the award, they would definitely be my choice for this year's award.

— Ava Jane Pickering

Pickering Award Nomination

Barbara Ray

I would like to nominate Barbara Ray for the Pickering award this year. Barbara has served in a variety of positions on the board for years now. She has served with distinction in those positions and has always been willing to take on jobs that others seemed reluctant to take. Barbara took on many committee positions and served the club well and went the extra mile to complete the tasks she agreed to do. Members of the club have been well served by Barbara even through personal adversity and crisis. I would like to offer appreciation to Barbara for her many years of hard work on behalf of the members of USSA.

——Julene Mathews

Pickering Award Nomination

Jim Newman

I would like to propose Jim Newman for the Pickering award this year.

Once again we saw Jim's hard work as the clubs show secretary. He completed his job with organization, promptness, and correctness. Lets not forget our beautiful and distinctive catalogues for our specialties. We are very proud to have such a great show secretary and none can argue the asset he has been to the club in his volunteer position. It's a great thing for a club to have such a talented and hard working member. Our appreciation is certainly offered to Jim for the wonderful work he has done on behalf of the club. Going the extra mile is what the spirit of the Pickering award was meant to epitomize.

—Julene Mathews

Pickering Award Nomination

Cherie Hyde

I'd like to nominate Cherie Hyde for the Pickering Award. Cherie is a founding member of the USSA. She has served on the board and as Treasurer. She has voiced her opinion and given suggestions over the years that have helped to form and guide the club. She helps on committees and fills in where she is needed. I think she needs to be noticed for the efforts she's put forth over the years.

—- Peggy Newman

Pickering Award Nomination

Julene Matthews

Julene is a founding member of the USSA. She has served on the board numerous times. She has chaired many activities and events. She has helped out wherever she's been needed. Anything she does is always done very well. She is fair and unbiased in her actions concerning the club, the club's best interest always comes first. She is and has been an inspiration to the club.

For her many years of unselfish service to the USSA I'd like to nominate Julene Mathews for the Pickering Award.

—- Peggy Newman

I would like to nominate Julene Mathews. For her devotion to the breed and her eagerness to do anything to make things happen at our events.

And for her hard work for our seminar!

—-Tomi

Pickering Award Nomination

Barbara Ray

I would like to nominate Barbara Ray for the Pickering award. Barbara has been on the board of directors of the club for at least the last 5 years and maybe even longer than that. She has been willing to do whatever has been asked of her and goes above and beyond doing things that make the club run smoothly without anyone asking at all. Over the last couple of years she has done little things that have made the club run more smoothly, like setting up a club email account, setting up a club post office box. She has been the one to make sure that everything that needed to be done in the club got done at the appropriate time. Barbara has worked behind the scenes for our specialties taking baskets to the judges to make their stay more comfortable. She is always willing to run and get something at the last minute, to store all the stuff no one else wanted to store and to make everyone feel welcome and comfortable. She was the chairman for the raffle at our specialty last year. I went to her house and spread all over her house were big bears and baskets and stuffed dogs. She bought all the stuff to go in these baskets and the large stuffed animals and things to make them enticing. It had to have been an enormous job getting everything together. We had some things donated for the raffle but at least 50% of the items that were raffled off were things donated and put together by Barbara. The year before, although she was not the raffle chairman, I saw a similar scene at her house. She had baskets all over the place that she was putting together to donate to the raffle.

Barbara has been willing to chair the Summer and Christmas parties. She has worked to help make the seminars that we have done successful. Much of what she does is quietly behind the scenes. She does a lot that no one ever recognizes or acknowledges. Because of all that she has done so quietly in the past without any recognition, I would like to nominate her for the Pickering award. It is time that the club acknowledges her many contributions!!!

—Tricia Harris

Head Planes

By Dana Quinney

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

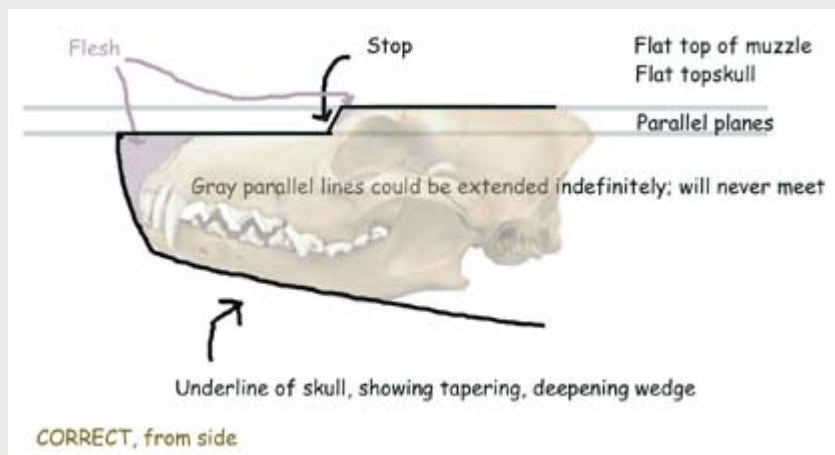
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Welcome to the Clan Duncan Breeder's Notebook. All of us wear many "hats" as we travel through life. Here in the Breeder's Notebook, I put on two of my professional "hats," those of biologist and scientific illustrator, to bring you thoughts and perspectives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

If you are new to Shelties, I hope that this page will serve two functions: 1. better understanding of Sheltie excellences and faults, and 2. some understanding of how much knowledge, care, and planning goes into breeding a litter of good Sheltie puppies!

On this page of the Breeder's Notebook, I offer a look at Sheltie head planes. This is a look at the correct alignment of the top of the muzzle and the top of the back skull as seen from the side. In the drawings on this page, the correct outline of the ideal head as I see it, is drawn in black. The skull is placed in proper position, x-ray wise, inside this outline. Areas of the head profile that are made from the dogs' soft parts rather than bone, are done in pink, or flesh color. The planes formed by the top of the muzzle and the top of the back skull are drawn in gray.

Note: In the AKC Sheltie Standard, there is some room for interpretation in the top profile of the head, and this is where interpretation is appropriate: in the length of the stop and in the depth of the stop, because the Standard states "slight but definite." So perhaps your interpretation of the length and abruptness of stop is not the same as mine. I am not going to illustrate or discuss problems of incorrect stop on this page of the notebook, just head planning. However, parallel planes are a geometric construction, and they are real. In other words, the planes may be farther apart than I have drawn them or closer together than I have drawn them, but in the ideal skull, the profile is formed of two straight lines that are level when observed dead-on from the side, and these lines, if extended indefinitely, would never meet because they are exactly parallel. The back skull does not rise and it does not fall. The muzzle does not rise and it does not fall. The top line of the muzzle and the top line of the back skull are FLAT. This is important. No flatness, no planes.



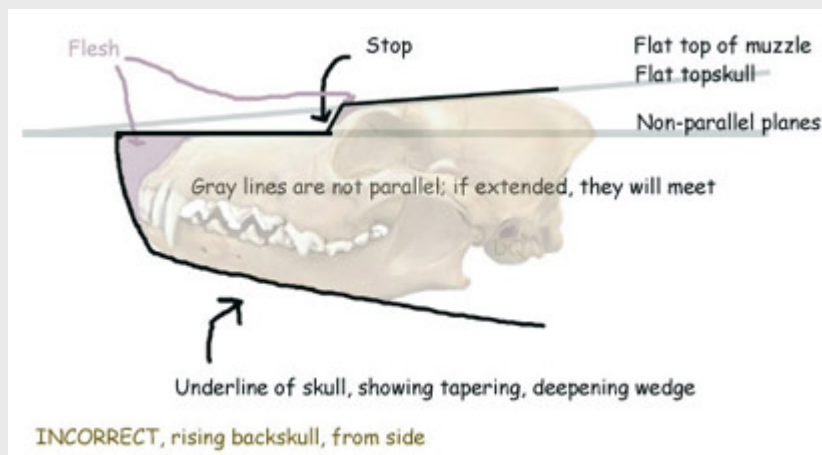
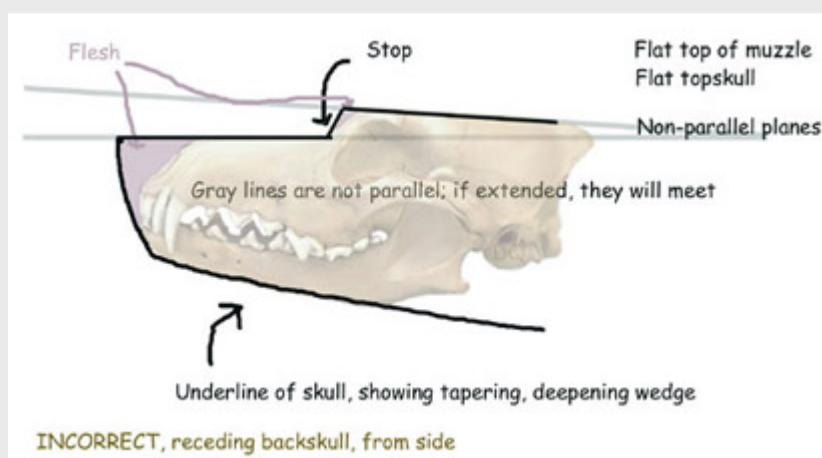
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Note that the nose extends the flat top line of the muzzle without dropping off and breaking the plane of the muzzle. At the stop, the bones of the skull, while they do rise, do not rise in an abrupt "corner" fashion, but the appearance of definition of the stop is provided by the bump of flesh at the eyebrow.



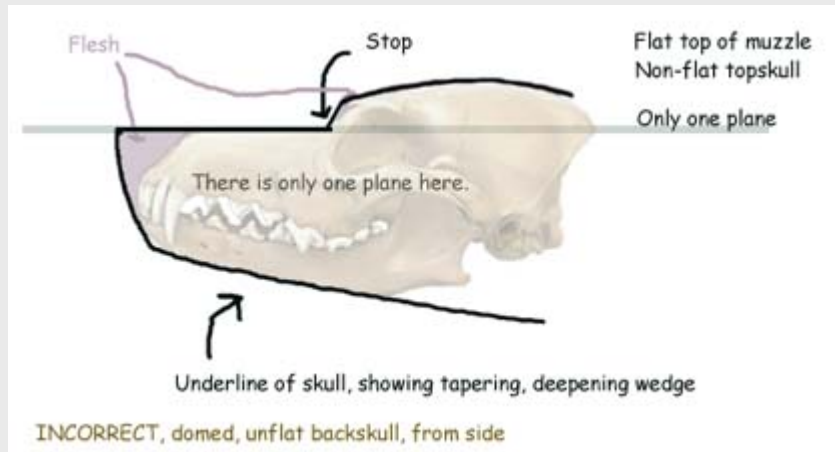
The drawings above illustrate two common problems. In receding back skull, the planes are not parallel because the back skull, while flat, drops off. Oftentimes Shelties with receding back skull are quite high over the eyes (I haven't drawn that above). Dogs with receding back skull and hairy back skulls can easily be trimmed into a semblance of the correct profile, so be sure to check the bone with your hand. The other plane problem shown above is rising back skull, in which the planes are not parallel because the back skull rises. Often, dogs with much hair on the back skull can look as if they have rising back skull when they do not, so when checking on the profile, flatten the hair down with your hand so you can see the true top line of the back skull.

Head Planes

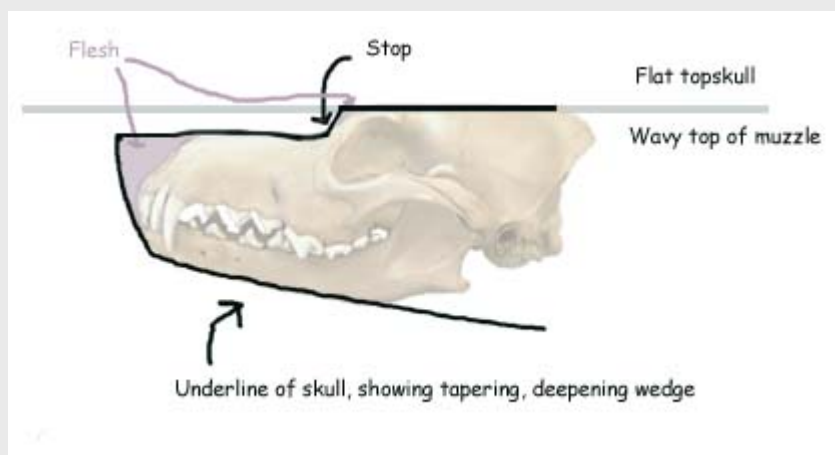
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Another common profile problem is domed back skull. The back skull should be flat. If the back skull is not flat, then there are not parallel planes. There is just one plane, the plane of the muzzle. The profile line of the back skull is a curve.

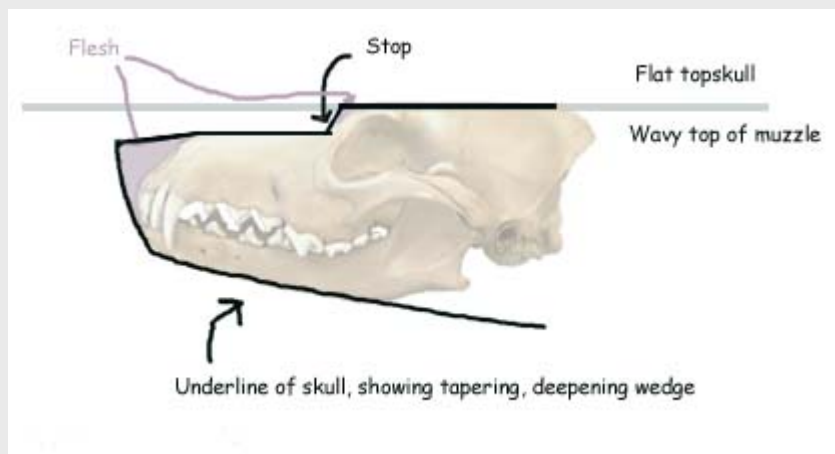


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Here are two faults that look very apparent as I have drawn them, but are quite subtle when seen on a dog, and the hair and shading can combine to provide camouflage. Here the top line of the muzzle is not flat, but rises somewhere behind the nose pad and then dips just before the stop. Some wavy muzzles do not dip before the stop. The second illustration shows another muzzle-plane fault, that of dropping down of the nose itself. The first fault is a fault involving the skull bones themselves, while the latter is a fault involving soft tissue.

A perfect profile in Shelties is very, very rare. We should all strive for parallel planes, because they are an important part of Sheltie type, and result in a head of great beauty and refinement when seen from the side.

About faults: Every time I put up a page of Breeder's Notebook, I receive emails from concerned newbies that their dog or puppy has a fault that I have illustrated. Some are angry that their puppy, though AKC registered, is not perfect. Others were told by the seller that their show prospect Sheltie was perfect, without faults. **A caveat, my friends:** All serious breeders strive for perfection under the show standard. None of us reach it.

There are no perfect Shelties. At least I have never seen one in 35 years of involvement with the breed. The top-winning Best In Show dog has faults; the cute and healthy companion puppy has faults; the finest breeding stock has faults. If someone tells you a dog for sale has no faults, it is not true.

What matters most is a healthy Sheltie with a good personality and enough structural soundness to reach old age without problems in the "get-along." Details of head, expression, length of neck, color, coat, tail carriage, absolutely perfect structure -- these are desirable, but a Sheltie can be stunningly beautiful, amazingly intelligent, loyal and loving, strong and sturdy to the end -- and have faults. They all do. The quest for perfection is the work of generations.

I Have a Question

This Month's Question: *I have a boy that I have been showing in a performance venue. His hips are OFA good and he has had a Penn Hip too. He measures 14" which I know is a bit small for the breed ring, but I think he is a nice boy. I would be interested in using him at stud. I would like to add his smarts and drive to the gene pool. He is a blue boy and since I have never bred shelties before, what color(s) can I breed him to and how would I go about finding a girl to breed him to? Thank you for any helpful information.*



Since you have a blue male, you won't want to breed him to another blue merle. You will want to select a black bitch (tri or bi) or a black factored sable bitch to breed him to. Inquire to breeders about a nice bitch to breed him to that may be a retired show dog or a bitch at the end of her breeding career that could have another great litter for you. You could either purchase a bitch or lease one. Don't be afraid to talk with experience breeders about what lines will blend best with the pedigree of the male you have. The experience that they have could save you much wasted time in doing breedings that won't blend well. Some families of dogs just do better together. Be aware that if you breed him to a black factored (tri or bi) sable that you may get sable merles. They are perfectly normal and can be shown as long as they have dark eyes. Hope that helps.

—Shannalee Waller-Michalsky

Mini's used to breed to agility stock to add smarts long ago. I guess it really depends on what you wish to add in your lines. I have seen nice puppies come from obedience stock and be very show able. Perhaps if he has no other faults besides size, he may enhance some very nice qualities.

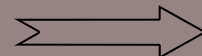
—Tomi Hamblin

Dear Prospective Breeder,

Your enthusiasm for our wonderful shelties is well appreciated. When considering a dog for breeding purposes many things are part of the decision to whom and when to breed responsibly.

You have made a great start by checking the hips on your boy. Congratulations on a great step with responsibility to the breed in mind.

Please also consider taking your darling boy to an eye specialist who will be able to certify your dogs eye's free of disease. There are other tests you must consider performing prior to doing any breeding such as checking your dogs thyroid function and test your dog for Von Willebrands Disease which is a bleeding disorder. He should not be suffering from seizures or heart problems nor be harboring any heritable problems which would interfere with his ability to produce healthy puppies such as skin disorders or Auto Immune diseases. He should have both testicles, and you are advised to get a sperm count done prior to offering his



I Have a Question cont....



services. Keep apprised of any new developments in health research and be prepared to update those tests on occasion as recommended.

You should be certain of your dogs pedigree and hopefully familiarize yourself with the male and female dogs in the pedigree and even each dogs individual characteristics so as to assist owners of bitches wishing to breed to your dog, and have a knowledge as to the compatibility of such a breeding. You will be wise to know where your dogs particular traits were inherited from and, to be of optimal assistance, you should familiarize yourself with the breed standard and have a fair idea as to how *your* dog might measure up against the standard and what his strengths and virtues as well as his weaknesses may be. Your dog should compliment a prospective bitch and offer her strengths without doubling up on faults she may have. If you are not certain of these qualities, then please come meet us at the club meetings, bring your dog, be open minded and willing to take advice and even yes, criticism of your dogs individual qualities. Don't feel intimidated, we are all students of the breed as well and most people spend a lifetime trying to improve from one generation to another. Consider entering your dog in dog shows. Judges who are educated and experienced as to the overall quality of a Shetland Sheepdog will measure his qualities against other shelties and help you see with an open mind how your dog measures up to the standard and his breed worthiness.

Finally, be willing to make a stand with other responsible breeders for the future of our beautiful breed and **refuse** to breed bitches who have not been tested, nor breed bitches who's owners have no further interest in our beautiful breed other than producing puppies for family, friends, neighbors who thought she was cute and wanted a puppy from her, or just want the children to witness the miracle of life. Other weak reasons for doing a breeding are equally unacceptable reasons to complete a stud service with a poor quality bitch. Refuse to breed bitches who have no more to offer the breed than to add to a population of backyard bred poor quality puppies who contribute to a future in a rescue program or shelters because the only requirement to take them home from the dams house was money and a passing interest in a puppy.

Educate yourself on stud contracts and puppy contracts and be willing to stand behind them with other breeders who have a great heart for the future of this breed and a huge vested interest in preserving the best characteristics of a Shetland Sheepdog. Breed your dog only to the right bitches, for the right reasons, under the right circumstances and only for the purpose of improving with each generation. Responsible owners of bitches will be as concerned about this information as you are about her as a potential dam of your studs puppies. If they are not concerned, gently decline your studs services. I assure you, it's your reputation on the line. Familiarize yourself with proper breeding procedures and know how to prevent diseases which may render your stud sterile.

We welcome with enthusiasm new members who love their dogs and want only the best for them. We invite you to come join us during education sessions and any seminars which will help you learn the things you will find most helpful to you. We hope to see you in the near future with others who feel such passion for our beautiful, intelligent and unique shelties!

If your Shetland Sheepdog Stud is notable to owners of beautiful, breed quality bitches, they will find you.

Julene Mathews

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

(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

Club Meetings

**Our Club meeting for October will be Wednesday November 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
5:45 PM**

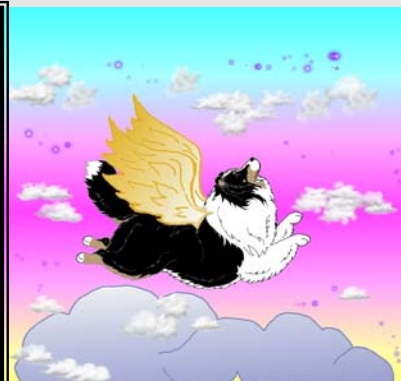
*** If you know of someone in the club who is in the hospital, ill, or of a death in the club or in the sheltie world, please let Diana Beebe know so that she can send a card.

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

Get well wishes for

- Tony Plott
- Barbara Edelberg

**Condolences to:
Doug & Cheryl
Sorensen at the loss
of Doug's Mother**



Liver Bow-wownies

- 2 lbs chicken livers
- 2 C corn meal
- 2 C wheat germ
- 2 eggs
- 2 1/2 tsp. granulated garlic (not salt)
- 1/2 C dried parsley

Liquefy livers in food processor, pour into mixing bowl and add other ingredients. Mix until smooth like a brownie batter. Spread on a cookie sheet (1/2 sheet cake size) (I use parchment paper to line the pan) until it's evenly spread about 1/3 inch thick. Bake at 350 F for about 35 minutes. When cool cut into squares, or whatever shapes you prefer. I keep them in a Ziploc bag in the 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 Oct. 15, 2008

In Attendance: Jim Newman, Tony Plott, Rachel Holmes, Steve Holmes, Julene Mathews, Tricia Harris, Cherie Hyde, Barbara Ray
Guest: Peggy Newman

Peggy was asked to take minutes and the meeting was called to order by Jim Newman at 5:55 p.m.

Reports:

President: There was a card from Shirley thanking the club for the flowers.

VP: none

Corresponding Sec: not present at the time

Recording Sec: absent

Treasurer: Rachel read the treasurer's report and it is on file. Julene made and Tricia seconded a motion to accept the report as read. Motion carried

Committees:

Show- we need a new co-chairman. Cherie Hyde agreed to fill the position

Judy Williamson agreed to be Chief Ring Steward

Judges were discussed and it was decided that the board would prefer we stick with sheltie breeders. Obedience judges were discussed and it was decided to leave it to Cindy Wilkinson's (obedience chair) judgment to hire who she feels is best.

Jim will ask the AKC about not offering utility classes in obedience since the judge Cindy wants can't judge utility classes.

Seminar: All expenses have been covered and the profit is \$813.17. The club owes Tom another \$63.75

Christmas Party: Will be discussed in the general meeting

Cherie brought up a suggestion that we take the AKC's advice and consider having meetings less frequently especially in slow or winter months. The AKC has suggested that we should change our constitution to allow for this. Not have a set number of meetings that must be held. We should be flexible and consider and use other options. This will be discussed in the general meeting.

Tony made and Cherie seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Peggy Newman

USSA General Club Meeting Minutes Oct. 15, 2008

Peggy Newman was asked to take minutes

Attendance: Steve Holmes, Rachel Holmes, Tony Plott, Cherie Hyde, Judy Williamson, Barbara Ray, Kevin Mathews, Julene Mathews, Linda Cornella, Mike Cornella, Denny Daffron, Shirley McLaughlin, Tomi Hamblin, Tricia Harris, Peggy Newman, Jim Newman, Sarah Bagdoian, Steve Bagdoian, Ernie Ciampini, Caren Ciampini, Doug Perry, Pam Perry, Cheryl Albrecht, Charles Albrecht

Visitors: Susan and Sinead Stoyle

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Jim Newman

Judy Williamson was given time to tell the story of Lexi getting lost for 6 weeks and finding her way back home. Judy was in the hospital recovering from knee surgery for much of this time. Judy then suggested an educational program on what to do when a dog becomes lost.

Tony made and Kevin seconded a motion to accept the minutes from the July meeting. Motion carried.

Reports:

President: Jim thanked the board for their service for the past year.

There was a card from Shirley thanking the club for the flowers sent when her husband passed away.

Vice President: She reported on the Tom Coen Seminar. We made \$813.17 on the seminar

Corresponding Secretary: none

Recording Secretary: absent

Treasurer: Rachel read the treasurer's report. The report is on file. Kevin made and Tony seconded a motion to accept the report as read. Motion carried.

Committees:

Show: We still have some positions to fill. We need chairmen for hospitality and the raffle.

Trophy: Cheryl will have this report at the next meeting

Judges were discussed. Club members agree that we should stick with sheltie breeders to judge our specialty. The committee is still working on 2009, one judge needs to get back to us on her status. Katie Gammil and Peggy Haderlie were suggested for 2010 and the club did not disagree about these two. They will be asked for 2010.

Obedience: Whether to have an all breed also or just shelties only for now was discussed. Julene made and Tony seconded a motion to have it be shelties only for now. Motion carried. An additional all breed obedience trial will be discussed at a future date.

The obedience judge Cindy wants to hire cannot judge utility classes. This was discussed and a motion was made to not offer utility classes in 2009, with AKC approval (Julene made the motion

and Kevin seconded) Motion carried. Jim will check with the AKC on if we have to offer this class or not.

Election: The slate as proposed by the Nominating Committee was voted in by ballot as proposed by the committee.

The new officers and board members are:

President: Jim Newman

Vice President: Kevin Mathews

Corresponding Secretary: Peggy Newman

Recording Secretary: Sarah Bagdoian

Treasurer: Mike Cornella

Board Members:

Cherie Hyde

Julene Mathews

Cheryl Sorensen

Judy Williamson

Christmas Party: Tomi volunteered to chair the party. The party was scheduled to be held at our meeting building on Dec.27. Pam made and Caren seconded a motion to rescind the vote to have the party after Christmas. Motion carried.

Caren made and Cheryl A. seconded a motion to have the Chairman find a suitable location. Motion carried. It was suggested we consider the 2nd or 3rd Tues in Dec. as a date.

New Business:

Where to meet was discussed. Kevin made and Judy seconded a motion to retain the current meeting place. Motion carried.

The frequency of meetings was discussed and a request was made to look into moving to every other month for meetings. This may help with turnout and save gas money and meeting place fees.

The AKC says we must have meetings at least quarterly and is in favor of not having a specific number in the constitution. We should be flexible and consider and use other options. The board may teleconference for board meetings.

The constitution must be changed to allow for fewer meetings. Cherie has requested that the President send a notice with an RSVP so if there isn't going to be a quorum people don't have to travel for nothing.

Shirley made and Kevin seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Peggy Newman

Calendar of Events

November 19, 2008 — Club Meeting

December 6, 2008 — Christmas Party

January 21, 2009 — Club Meeting

February 18, 2009 — Club Meeting

March 18, 2009 — Club Meeting



Congratulations to
Richard and Tricia Harris
on the upcoming wedding
of their son Garrett to
Trina Riley. The lucky
couple will be married on
November 11th.