



# Sheltie Connection

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## President's Message Jim Newman

Last October when we ended our annual meeting one person told me to be re-elected I would need to own four shelties. Over the years Peggy and I have five so does that count? Another member said to me that the first year I would make mistakes, and learn a lot about running a club, but the second year would be easier. Well I made mistakes and a possible second year is upon me.

One thing I learned this year is you can not please everyone all the time. At times you are going to be between that rock and hard place and sometimes I think someone was also jumping on that rock.

I want to thank the board this year for their service. I know we have disagreed at times but that is the way things work out in life.

One other thing I want all club members to know. I have heard there is a rumor going around that if you did not attend 4 meeting during the year, you can not vote at the annual meeting. Article III Section 6 states "Voting. Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Club at which he/she is present." There is no one that I am aware of that is not in good standing.



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## Announcements

### USSA WEBSITE

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### Notice

Anyone who has puppies for sale, or is looking for a puppy or older dog, please contact Barbara Ray. You can reach Barbara at 801 561-4616 or email at

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# Happy Halloween

Editor's note: A special thanks to Dana Quinney for the wonderful graphics!!

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

17 Cheryl Albrecht

25 Tex Pockrus

27 Diana Beebe



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



Akadia Wildfire, RA "Cody"

I showed "Cody "Akadia Wildfire at the Great Salt Lake Dog Training Show September 12th thru September 14th at Farmington, Utah and I'm very pleased to announce that Cody now has his Rally Advanced title.

This was only Cody's 2nd set of shows the first being in March when we finished his Rally Novice title, it was also his first time showing outdoors. On Friday he placed 2nd with a score of 98 (100 being perfect) then on Saturday he qualified with 88 I did a no no bad handler error and he did

a no no bad dog error. Then on Sunday we were tied for 3rd with a 98 but ended up 4th because of a slower time. In all we had a wonderful weekend of showing. Cody will now venture in to the regular Obedience ring next June for his CD title.

Chrissy Weatherston  
Windsor Shelties

## **OMG! Warning — Please Take This Seriously**

Posted on September 23rd, 2008 On the Utah Sheltie Rescue Website. Used with permission

by Jim Melton

Gentle readers, I just received the following message from another Sheltie person with the plea to spread it far and wide. Please read this carefully and take the message to heart!

*Our 9 month old Sheltie puppy, Ella, suffered a tragic, sudden, senseless death this past Friday. She suffocated to death on a bag liner that was inside a box of Cheez-its snack crackers. We were out for the evening and someone had left a box of Cheez-its within Ella's reach. She put her head in the bag inside the box to get to the crackers. The bag came out of the box but she couldn't get the bag off of her head. We came home and found her dead from suffocation. It doesn't seem possible, that a dog couldn't get a bag off their head, but they can't.*

*I have since learned that this occurs more often than you would imagine. There was also a family whose 6 year old Labrador got hold of a Doritos bag when they weren't looking. They found him dead with the bag over his head, having died the same way as Ella. I also learned from the man that is cremating Ella for us that he has had FIVE other dogs that have died like this in the PAST MONTH!*

*Make sure that ALL PLASTIC BAGS AND BOXES WITH BAG LINERS IN THEM (chips, snack crackers, cookies, cereal, etc.) are WAY out of your pets reach!!!!!!*

*This tragedy has been a tremendous blow for our family! I have tried to be strong, but the whole scenario has played out in my head over and over and I have been a total mess! I cannot begin to understand the senselessness of this and my heart is absolutely broken! Ella was so young and full of life...an adorable, sweet, smart, loving dog, and her life was cut short way too soon!*

*Please help me honor Ella and save someone else from this horrific tragedy by passing this email to as many people as you know!*

I can't imagine the pain that this family must be going through. I am horrified by the image of a puppy, or a grown dog, panicking because he can't breath and his people aren't there to help him.

I have a Very Bad Habit of leaving packages of snack food sitting around unsupervised. This heartbreaking story will definitely help me break that habit!



# Member Spotlight

**1) State your full name(s):** *Peggy Newman*

**2) Kennel name and how you came up with it:?** *Taflar, it came from our first two dogs, Taffy a Golden Retriever and Larkin, our first corgi.*

**3) How did you first become interested in shelties?** *My middle son Scott wanted one.*

**4) Who was your first sheltie and what color was he/she?** *Burnie, Sequoya Burnt Marshmallow. He was a bi-black.*

**5) Do you breed shelties? What lines do you breed?** *Not yet, maybe in a couple years, will just have to see how things go.*

**6) Who was/is your mentor, Who do we thank for getting you started?** *Cheryl Sorensen. She was who we first talked to about shelties and she and the Holmes offered us Burnie.*



**Blaze**

**7) How many dogs do you have? What titles do your dogs have?**

**How many dogs:**

*a) more than one less than 100*

*b) more than most people think we should have but not as many as we'd like*

*c) you don't ask and we won't tell ;)*

*We don't tell how many we have. We got burned by a "friend" who knew. So now only VERY close friends know how many dogs we have.*

**What titles do your dogs have?**

*Right now we have two dogs with Championships. We've had other champions, one CD, and our whippet had an AKC Senior Courser title and an ASFCA Field Championship.*

**8) Who is your favorite dog (that you own)?** *Right now it's Lacy.*

**9) Who is your favorite dog not owned by you (living or passed)?** *Ch. Larklains Redd Dandy (Pembroke Welsh Corgi)*

**10) Who do you admire?** *Oh, wow, I admire a lot of people. In shelties, Cheryl for teaching me soooo much! And still willing to answer questions and teach me even more!*

**11) What is your favorite part of showing dogs?** *I enjoy so much of it. I enjoy handling the dogs, I enjoy making them look their best, I enjoy the people I get to visit with at the shows. But mostly I enjoy spending time with MY dogs.*

**12) What has been your favorite or most memorable win?** *That's a hard one. And I don't think I can narrow it to one win/one day. Lacy's taking WB four days running and BOB over the Ch. 3 of those days. (As well as a group 4th over some top ranked dogs.) And finishing Blaze from the BBE class, and every point with ME handling. All our other champions Jim has put points on them as well as friends and/or handlers. With Blaze it was just me and Blaze. :)*



**13) Is there a dog that you own now that your are particularly excited about?** *Can I say all of them? Ok, I think Blaze has the potential to be winning more if I could get him out more. I'm excited to start showing the shelties Tammy and Zack. Tammy will make her debut this fall, Zack I'm hoping some time next year will be back in the ring.*



**Zack & Tammy**

**14) What goals have you set for yourself in purebred dogs?** *One was to finish a dog from BBE which I did last year. Other than that to continue to learn and keep an open mind and ALWAYS be willing to learn.*

**15) Any words of advice for newcomers?** *Ask questions. Be open to new ideas, listen to everyone even people in other breeds. Don't give up and keep trying.*

# Redcoat



Captain

## **Ch. Soraj Chances Are CD RAE AX AXJ NF**

"Chance" Had some great runs in Farmington and would have finished his OF, but stupid me did back to back contacts in FAST. He also had a stellar performance in the Open A ring in Helena, that is until the long sit. He fell in love with a male Doberman, what? got excused.

**Redcoat a Fortune In Cash CD RE NA NAJ** earned two RAE legs in Helena.

## **Himark Blue Diamond of Redcoat CD RN NA NAJ NF**

"Captain" finished his NAJ in Farmington and then his RA in Helena with a 4th, should have been 1st, but stupid me can't count steps and a 2nd place

**Ch Soraj Chances Are CD RAE AX AXJ NF** finished his AXP at the recent PKC trials



# Akadia

Akadia shelties brags:

**Akadia Wildfire RA.** Finished his Rally title in one weekend. Good job

Chrissy Weatherston. By Ch. Braeleen Let Freedom Ring ex Akadia HellsBells (pts)

**Akadia Killian's Irish Red.** Picked up 2 more points. Now has 7 pts, 1 mjr from the puppy class for owner Nanette Johnson. By Ch. Sunebank Caerleon Just Right ex BIS Ch. Iona I Can Shine.

**Int Ch. Akadia Just Special,** WD and BOB (over a special) and Group 4. Brings him to 11 pts, both majors for co-owner Yvonne Davey. By Ch. Hillviews Patriot Games ex Akadia HellsBells (pts)

**Weathermans the Mudslinger.** WD for 1 more point for all us owners,, Dana Quinney, Gail Dickson and myself.

**Weathermans Christmas Spirit.** WB, BOS for 2 more points for us owners,, Joanne Byers, Gail Dickson and myself.

**CH. Kensil's Winter Parka.** 2 more BOB's for owner Ava Jane Pickering..

Fall brings about new additions  
to Akadia Shelties.



"Fiora"

**Mistybrooks Fiora**

Ch. Macdega Notorious  
ex

Ch.. Imagine Dangerous Curves

*bred by Jan Williams*



"Mathias"

**Iona Adventures**

Ch. Trevanne's Pelletier  
ex

Iona Mona Lisa

*bred by Tammy Blakely*



## Clan Duncan Black Sea



Freddie takes a major!

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# Lacewood Cassiopeia



*Shannalee*

WB Helena Montana -- Judge Nancy Shaffer Smith  
Thank You Shannalee for taking such good care of Cassie

*Tricia Harris -- Lacewood Shelties*



# Mistybrook Curvaceous "Kari"



Ch. Macdega Notorious X Ch Imagine Dangerous Curves

Thank you Jan Williams for trusting this scrumptious baby with me.

*Tricia Harris - Lacewood Shelties*



## In Defense of Dog Breeders

How Animal Rights Has Twisted Our Language

by JOHN YATES

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**Dog owners have allowed the animal rights movement to re-define our language in order to paint everything we do in**

"You're a dog breeder!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

In today's world, that is a very loaded statement. It's more like an accusation. "I told the television news reporter that I breed dogs," a friend from Dallas told me recently. "He looked at me like he thought I was a harlot."

Dog owners have allowed the animal rights movement to redefine our language in order to paint everything we do in the worst possible light. If we say that we breed dogs, the looks we get ask us if we own a "puppy mill" or if we are a "backyard breeder."

If we reply that we are a "hobby breeder," someone immediately asks how we can consider living creatures a hobby. Some of us try the word "fancier." We fool no one.

The most pathetic response to the question is when we call ourselves "responsible breeders." Responsible to whom? Who defines "responsible" and "irresponsible?" Some bureaucrat? A politician? Animal rights cretins who say there is no such thing as a responsible breeder? Animal rights fanatics would rather kill all animals than see someone love them. In fact, that's their plan.

If we say we are not breeders, it makes us "pet hoarders." We are tarred as mentally ill people in need of psychotherapy.

The entire language about dog ownership has been hijacked by the rhetoric of the animal rights movement.

The worst part is that we have allowed it to happen. We are too fearful and wimpy to stand up for ourselves. We keep searching for inoffensive euphemisms to describe what we do, so that we don't open ourselves up to attack.

By doing that, however, we have engineered our own demise.

The animal rights movement will not go away. Its agenda is to destroy our right to own or raise animals. Animal rights groups have declared war on all animal ownership, and they won't stop until they either win or we finally have the courage to stand up and defeat them.

They have not taken that kind of power over us. We have given it away. We have surrendered our beliefs to the enemy.

We apologize for what we do. We make weak excuses for things like animal shelter euthanasia, accidental matings, dog fighting and dangerous dogs. We take at least part of the responsibility for these problems onto our own shoulders, when in truth we have no responsibility at all for creating them.

None whatsoever!

I am sick and tired of watching dog owners constantly apologize and grovel, and allowing themselves to be put on the defensive.

Enough! It's time to stop sniveling about who we are and what we do.

Let me state clearly and for the record: I am a dog breeder. I breed dogs. I raise puppies. I like it. I'm very proud of it.

If you don't like it, you are free to take a flying leap. I don't care what you think of me or what I do.

I raise two or three litters of English setter puppies a year. I wish I could raise more puppies, but can't figure out how to do it without driving myself into bankruptcy.

My dogs work for a living, just like I do. They have to be good at their jobs, just like I do. If they aren't good at their jobs, I don't keep them and I certainly don't breed them.

They are hunting dogs, and they have to be able to perform to a very demanding standard of excellence to be worthy of breeding. They have to meet the exacting standard of championship-quality performance in the toughest competition.

They are professional athletes.

Most of them don't make the cut. Those dogs make wonderful hunting companions or family members.

### **My dogs work for a living**

I have never had a dog spayed or neutered, except for medical reasons, and I don't intend to start now. If a dog is good enough for me to keep, it is good enough to breed.

Nor have I ever sold a puppy on a spay/neuter contract. With performance dogs, it takes two or three years to know what you have. There is no way that anyone can know the full potential or worthiness of a young puppy. I hope every puppy that I sell will become a great one that is worthy of being bred.

I do not feel bad (and certainly do not feel guilty) if someone decides to breed a dog from my kennel that I did not choose to keep for myself when it was a puppy. It still will be a very nice dog, and I have worked very hard on my breeding program for 35 years to assure that very high quality genetics will be passed along and concentrated in any dog that I sell.

On occasion, I have a puppy that has a serious flaw. I don't sell those puppies, even though they would make many people very happy. I give them away free to good homes, and the definition of a good home is mine because it's my puppy. I own it. You don't.

My responsibility is to the puppy. It is not to you, and it's not to some gelatinous glob called "society." I consider myself to be personally responsible for every puppy I raise, from birth until the day it dies. It always has a home in my kennel, if its new owner can't keep it or no longer wants it.

That's a contract written in blood between the puppy and me. It's a contract written with a handshake with the puppy's new owner.

I laugh cynically when someone from the Humane Society of the United States or People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals ask if I am a responsible breeder. HSUS and PETA are two of the most vicious, bloodthirsty and dishonest snake pits on Earth. Their moral credibility is a negative number. PETA butchers more than 90-percent of the animals it "rescues" every year, and HSUS supports programs and policies that result in the needless deaths of hundreds of thousands of animals every year.

By now, I assume that I have pushed all of the buttons of the animal rights crazies. I can hear them snort and see their pin curls flapping in indignation. It makes my day.

Can't you hear them, too? They are calling me an exploiter of animals. They are saying that I ruthlessly cull and manipulate the genetics of my dogs. They saying that I make the exploited poor beasts work for a living and live up to impossible standards. They will say that I do this to feed and gratify my own fat ego. They will say that I sell them for money and exploit them for personal gain. Then, of course, they will say that I use them to viciously hunt innocent wild animals.

Terrible, terrible me! My mother should have a son like this! She was such a nice woman.

Well, I plead guilty to all of the charges. Know what else? I don't feel guilty, not even a little bit. I do it. I like it. I feel good about it.

Now I will speak in my own defense – as a dog breeder.

I happen to love dogs. I love being around them. I love working with them. I love watching a puppy grow up and discover its potential. I love having the privilege of experiencing a truly great dog in its prime. I love sharing supper with my dogs, wrestling with puppies, and sacking out with them on the couch. I lose sleep when they get sick, and work myself unmercifully to care for them. I spend almost all of the money I have on them, and some money that I don't have. My heart breaks when they grow old and die. I have a dozen lifetimes worth of beautiful memories.

What do the animal rights freaks have? They have their ideology.

They look in the mirror and feel smug and self-righteous, as if God has personally anointed

**I happen to love dogs.**

them to protect animals from the likes of me.

What they have is nothing at all. Utter sterility. A world devoid of life and love.

They can keep it.

**My life is filled with love and joy and beauty, and I owe most of it to my dogs**

My life is filled with love and joy and beauty, and I owe most of it to my dogs. They have helped to keep me sane when sanity was not a given. They have given me courage on the days when all I wanted to do was lie down and quit. They have

given me strength to endure on the days when all I wanted to do is run away and hide.

I owe them my life.

The animal rights folks are right. I ruthlessly cull and manipulate genetics. To make the cut, my breeding dogs have had to live up to the most exacting possible standards and pass the most strenuous tests.

I am very proud of doing that.

The result is that the vast majority of people who buy a puppy from me love it. When I sell a puppy, chances are that it has found a home for the rest of its life. The puppy will have a great chance of leading a wonderful life. I produce puppies that make people happy to own them and want to keep them. That's my job as a breeder.

I have done this through rigorous selection. My puppies today are the result of 35 years of my stubborn insistence about never breeding a dog that does not have a wonderful disposition, perfect conformation, great intelligence, exceptional natural ability, breathtaking style and that mysterious ingredient called genius.

Every puppy born in my kennel has six or eight or 10 generations of my own dogs in its pedigree. All of those ancestors possess a high level of each of those desirable traits. I have raised, trained and grown old with every dog listed in several generations of each puppy's pedigree.

Simply put, my puppies today are a lot nicer than my puppies of 35 years ago. Today, there is a much higher percentage of good ones, a much lower percentage of deficient ones, a much higher average of good qualities, and a much higher percentage of true greatness emerging from my kennel today. That's what it means to be a breeder.

Does that feed my ego? Yep. I like having my ego stroked. Don't you? If you don't, you are in very deep trouble as a human being.

But I'll tell you what else it does. It makes for happier dogs. It makes for dogs that lead better lives, find permanent families and homes, and get to experience love in many forms.

It also makes for healthier dogs. Generation after generation of perfect functional conformation means that the dogs are less likely to get injured, wear out or develop arthritis. Many generations of selection for vigor, toughness and good health means that they are able to laugh at the extremes of climate, weather and terrain.

I also have virtually eliminated genetic health problems from my strain of dogs. For example, hip dysplasia is the most common genetic problem in English setters, afflicting a reported four-percent of the breed. In the past 20 years, I have had only two questionable hip x-rays, which both would be rated "fair" by the Orthopedic Foundation of America (OFA). The last one was 10 years ago.

**Yes, I am very proud of being a breeder**

Yes, I am very proud of being a breeder. I did that.

I am proud, too, that I am producing dogs that are so intelligent that it's scary, so loyal that they can be your complete partner in the field while also possessing the extreme independence needed to do their job well, so loving that you want them with you every second of the day, so bold and brazen that nothing bothers them, and just plain drop-dead gorgeous to boot. They make me smile a lot. I think I make them smile, too.

But, the animal rights whackos say I am doing it for the money. They accuse me of exploiting



animals for profit.

Yep. Every chance I get. I am very happy when I am able to sell a puppy for cold, hard cash. It makes me feel good.

It makes me feel good because it shows me that someone appreciates the work I am doing. It makes me feel good because I have earned it, and earned it honestly.

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My only regret is that I have not made more money as a breeder. With all of the sacrifices I have made and the hard work I have done, I should be rolling in money.

Alas, I am not.

It has been years since I actually have made

money on a litter of puppies. Usually, I lose my shirt.

For every puppy I sell, there is another one that I keep to evaluate, and a couple of other ones that I am keeping for two or three years to evaluate for their worthiness to breed. Then there are dogs that are in competition, and that costs bushels of money, not to mention old dogs that are retired and have a home here until they die of old age. Almost a third of the dogs in my kennel are elderly and retired, and it takes a lot of money to care for them.

It takes money for dog food, supplies, veterinary bills, kennel licenses, repairs, vehicle use for training and field trials, advertising, internet, phone bills, and four pairs of good boots a year. It takes money. Lots of money. Bundles of money.

Oh, Lord, please help me to sell some more puppies!

Besides, what's wrong with making money? It is a rather fundamental American value. Making money is something to be proud of, as long as it's done honestly.

Even animal rights bozos have to eat. Someone has to make money to stuff veggies down their gullets, and organic veggies are rather pricey. Most working folks can't afford them.

I also can't help but notice that most animal rights activists over the age of 30 drive pretty fancy cars (we are talking about the Beamer set, folks), live in rather fancy houses and dress very well indeed. I can't help but notice that many of the leaders of animal rights groups have pretty cushy gigs, with high-end six-digit salaries, fancy offices, and all the perks.

I guess they are saying that it's ok for them to make money by the truckload, even if making money turns dog breeders into immoral greed bags. There is no one in America who exploits dogs for as much money as the paid leaders of animal rights groups. Their fat salaries depend on having animal issues to exploit. If there were no animals for them to exploit, they would have to get a real job.

It's a rather perplexing dual standard, don't you think?

Well, maybe it's not perplexing after all. The only thing perplexing about hypocrisy is that so many people can't see through it.

My next sin is making my dogs work for a living. The animal rights people try to paint a picture of whipping dogs beyond endurance, exploiting them, creating misery and causing unhappiness. The poor, downtrodden, huddled masses. You know the tune.

Only problem is, my dogs don't agree. They love to work. They love their jobs. The only time they are sad is when it is not their turn to work. For my dogs, working is sheer joy and passion! They love every second of it.

What animal rights groups live for is creating imaginary victims. Helping victims makes some people feel better about themselves and, of course, it helps them to part with their money so that animal rights leaders can live high on the hog. Oops. I mean high on the carrot. How callous of me. I guess I'm just not a sensitive kind of guy.

Back to the exploited masses of bird dogs. Try an experiment sometime. Read an animal rights essay, and substitute the word "proletariat" for the word "animal." You will find that animal

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rights philosophy actually is pure and straightforward Marxian doctrine.

I guess my dogs are not natural Marxists. They love their jobs. They are excited about their jobs. Their jobs make them very happy.

Animal rights people can't seem to grasp that people can feel that way about their work, too. It's how I feel about the very hard work of being a dog breeder. It makes me happy.

Another way of putting it is that both my dogs and my own example provide proof that life is not pointless drudgery and exploitation. We provide living proof that joy, beauty and personal fulfillment are possible in life.

I just don't think of those qualities when I think of the animal rights fanatics I have known. They seem a rather sad and sorry lot to me. I'll take my dogs' company any day.

Oh, but the icing on the cake is that I use these poor exploited creatures to hunt innocent birds. How terrible!

Hunting, of course, is a subject of its own, and I won't attempt to cover it here.

Suffice it to say that opposition to hunting flies in the face of a few million years of human evolution, the entire balance of nature everywhere on Earth, and common sense.

I know one thing for certain. The fact that we have healthy populations of most species of wild birds and animals today is only because hunters have cared enough to support strong conservation measures. We have preserved millions of acres of habitat that is vital to the survival of many species, saved more millions of acres of wilderness from development, supported the protection of endangered species everywhere, and put our money where are mouths are.

**It's time for every dog owner and breeder to stand up proudly and be counted.**

Animal rights groupies do nothing but blow hot air, when they aren't too busy destroying the land and the animals that live on it to create vast wastelands of industrialized monoculture.

I am proud to be a hunter, too.

It's time for every dog owner and breeder to stand up proudly and be counted.

Each one of you has done far more to enhance the quality of life of both people and dogs than all of the animal rights activists put together.

So stand up and shout it to the rooftops!

Stop crawling around on your bellies and apologizing. Your dogs deserve better from you. You will just have to get a little tougher if you want to live up to your dogs.

What you are doing is right.

It's just that simple.

The American Sporting Dog Alliance represents owners, breeders and professionals who work with breeds of dogs that are used for hunting. We are a grassroots movement working to protect the rights of dog owners, and to assure that the traditional relationships between dogs and humans maintains its rightful place in American society and life.

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# Char Bar News

## **Charbar's Poggibonzi da Toscana, OA, NAJ, JHD!!!!**

"Poggi" is by Ch La Renta's Avalanche X CharBar's Party In Paris owned by Terri Beech in Canada **finished his Junior Herding Dog title!!! (American Herding Breed Association title)**



We have Havanese Puppies  
For Sale



## Good Bye Bo

A little dog came to us about four years ago who had been wandering the streets following the death of his old owner. His family had supposedly taken him to St George, but there he was, alone and unclaimed in a run. Letters had been sent to attempt contacts, but he was in every sense of the word, abandoned.

"Bocephus" was such a lovely easy keeper. It is difficult for us to fathom that he had been found in the awful condition he had been found in. His liver function was really bad and with a special diet, an estimate of 3 to 4 months was given for his life but, home he came with us. The alternative was euthanasia.

Bo settled into the routine here at home and with such a darling face and personality, he quickly won everyone over. He was a loving gentle little sheltie who was so trustworthy, and loved everyone. How lucky we were to have shared some time with him.

Bo did really well but finally, time was up for him and we regretfully sent him to join our other Kids at the Rainbow bridge to save him a difficult crossing during the night.

We share this photo of Bocephus with you all because it reminds me of the light calling him home. We will miss him and he has left a sad hole in our home, but, he will live forever in our hearts. Goodbye Bo, we Love you so much. Goodbye.

Kevin and Julene Mathews

--saltaireshelties



## **I Have a Question cont....**

***This Month's Question: How often should one trim the nails and/or what should the optimum length be?***

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***I do my dogs nails every 2 weeks. I like them about 1/8 from the quick. Depending on how active they are and where they play. I have had there back toes bleed as they are on concrete which helps keep them short anyway.***

***—Tomi Hamblin***



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***They should be trimmed/dremmeled once a week but who does that. I try not to go longer than two weeks but then we get busy and forget, I never go over a month. <smile>***

***—Barbara Vann***

### **Next Months 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.***

***(Please submit answers to Tricia at [lacewoodshelties@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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 October 15,  
at 7:00 PM at Sandy Bicentennial Park,  
in the building in front the pavilion.**

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

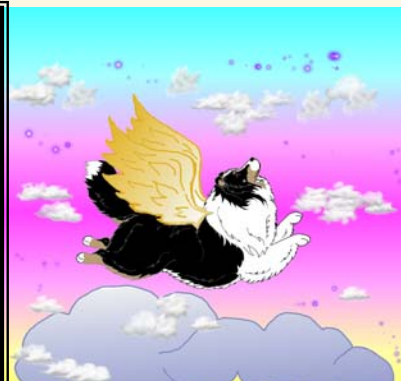
**The board will meet at the same location on the same night at  
5:45 PM**

There will be no educational program. Elections will take place at this meeting. Come prepared to just enjoy talking with friends.

\*\*\* 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**

**Condolences to:  
Shirley McLaughlin for  
the loss of her  
husband**



## Happy Dog Bones

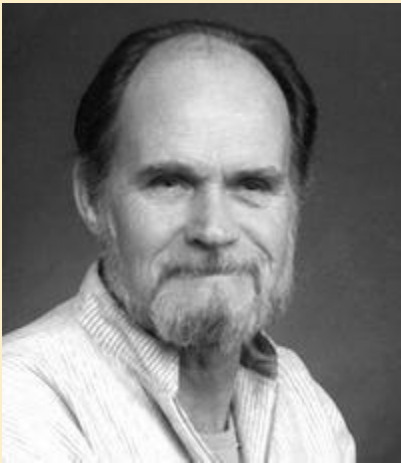
- 2 c. whole wheat flour
- 1 c. wheat germ
- 1 c. nonfat dry milk
- 1/2 c. cooking oil
- 1 3/4 c. water or broth
- 2 c. soy flour
- 1 c. corn meal
- 1 c. dry nutritional yeast flakes (health store)
- 1 egg

Mix dry ingredients in large bowl. Mix together egg, oil and water. Add to dry mixture and mix until well blended. Divide dough in thirds. On floured surface, roll out to 1/4" thick. Cut out dog bone shapes (Optional: prick tops three times with toothpick.) Place on well-oiled baking sheet. Bake at 325 degrees for 25-30 minutes. Biscuits should be well browned on the bottom. Don't store air tight. Makes approx. 4 dozen.





# In Loving Memory



## Robert Buzz McLaughlan

Robert Buzz McLaughlan 1934 ~ 2008 Robert Buzz McLaughlan left this earthly life in the early hours of Friday, Sept. 12th 2008. Robert was born July 17, 1934 to John and Mildred McLaughlan (deceased). Not expected to live, Buzz had a strong will and love of life which pulled him through, even in his later years. Buzz had a passion for building hotrods including, cars, boats, and motorcycles. People were amazed at some of the great cars Buzz built. Later in life Buzz would build many more amazing machines. Buzz had no formal training, and was considered by many to be a mechanical genius. He was able to picture it in his mind, and build it. His talent was a very special gift. Buzz was a man who was told by many he was born way before his time. Buzz leaves behind his loving wife, Shirley, his cherished Shetland Sheep dogs, which he loved so much. Buzz loved his children very much. Son; Ron Simmons, daughters; Christie Bugica, Denise Cassell, Melonie Wiser, and Michelle (Mike) Lofthouse. Stepson's Dan Livingston, Roger Livingston, along with grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his son, Robert John McLaughlan. The family wishes to give special thanks to Buzz's brother-in-law, Dee Apgood, who helped Shirley in Buzz's final hours. Per his wishes, Buzz will be cremated. A memorial service will be held at Larkin Mortuary, 260 E. South Temple, Wednesday, September 17th at 4 p.m.

*(The club offers our sincere sympathies to Shirley and her family)*

# Getting To Know You

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 you 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](mailto:akadia@srv.net) or [akadia2shonga@yahoo.com](mailto:akadia2shonga@yahoo.com).

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

## USSA Board Meeting -September 17, 2008

Attendance: Rachel Holmes, Steve Holmes, Jim Newman, Cherie Hyde, Tony Plott  
visitor: Peggy Newman

Jim asked Peggy to take minutes with the approval of the board. No one objected and no one else wanted to take minutes

Jim called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

A motion to accept the minutes from the July meeting was made by Tony and seconded by Steve. Motion carried.

Presidents Message: Jim stopped by the funeral home and delivered the flower arrangement to Shirley. She was grateful to receive them.

Vice President: absent

Corresponding Secretary: absent

Recording Secretary: absent

Treasurer: Rachel read her report and passed a copy for everyone to look at. There is a balance of \$15,261.15. The CD is carried over for another year.

Tony made a motion to accept the report, Steve seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: none

New Business: The Christmas Party was briefly discussed but no decisions were made. We need to ask the membership if anyone would like to chair it.

Motion was made by Steve to adjourn the meeting. Cherie seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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General Meeting:

At 7:15 p.m. the general meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.





## Calendar of Events

**October 9-10 —Boise shows**

**October 15, 2008 — Annual Club Meeting (Voting)**

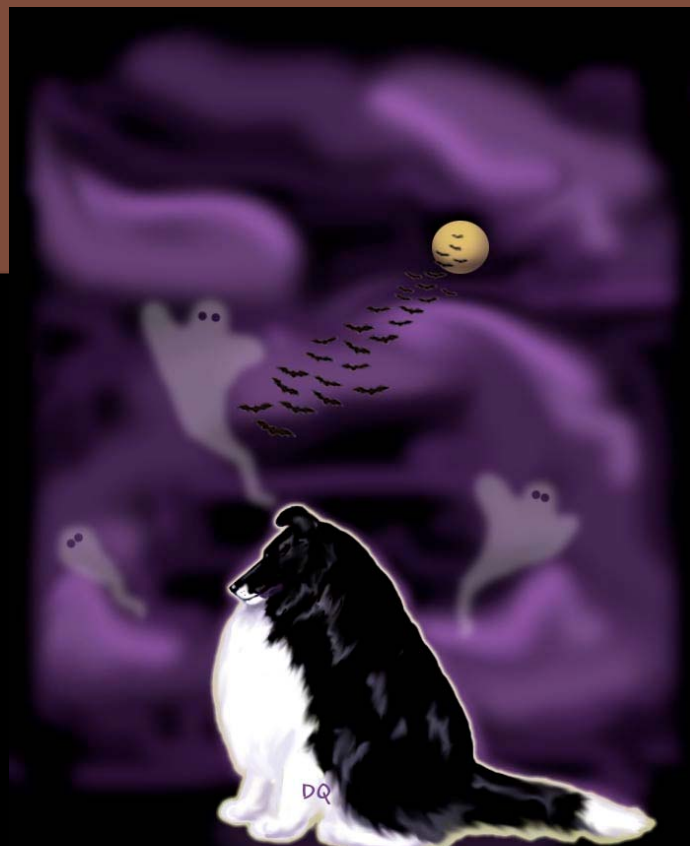
**November 19, 2008 — Club Meeting**

**December, 2008 — Christmas Party**

**January 21, 2009 — Club Meeting**

**February 18, 2009 — Club Meeting**

**March 18, 2009 — Club Meeting**



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**