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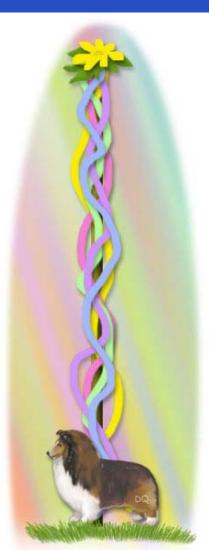
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Remember The USSA Specialty Show On April 29th

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Announcements

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

*** Ring Steward needed***

We are in need of someone that would be willing to be the Ring Steward inside the ring for both of our specialties on April 20th. You would get to work closely with the judges for that day. You would not be able to show a dog so we need someone that is not planning to show. If you are available please let Judy Williamson know ASAP.

This is a very important position. Email Judy: jwilliam59@hotmail.com or

Call her at: (801) 224-0976

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

> 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

Editor's note:

We wish to thank Dana Quinney for providing the beautiful Spring sheltie graphics. Her graphics always make the newsletter so much more enjoyable!!

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



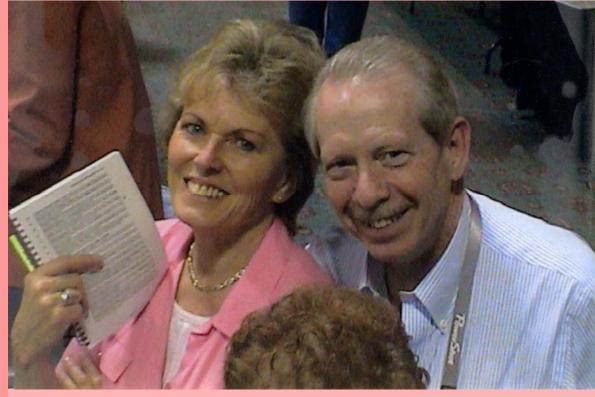
*** If we miss your birthday please let us know so that we can add you to our list.



Member Spotlight

Getting to know our Members:

1) State your full name(s): SYLVIA CALDERWOOD



2) Kennel name and how you came up with it: Kensil was born when I was married to ken Denk. my children's father. it originated as Kensyl, but my cousin who lived with us, was in wood shop at school and made a wood cut-out of a beagle (my breed of choice at the time). He painted it all fancy and painted "Kensil beagles" on the

bottom. He died a short time later, in a one car accident and I didn't have the heart to change the spelling from the sign that he gave me. So it's been Kensil ever since.

3) How did you first become interested in shelties? I knew I wanted to raise and show dogs, so I took the AKC dog book and studied all the breeds. I picked the breed I thought would go best with my family. I wanted a dog in the top twenty, so I could sell pups, but not in the top ten, cause they might be too popular. I wanted a size that my three daughters could enjoy. I didn't want a breed that had to be cropped or docked; I didn't want a drop ear dog because of my experience with ear infections in beagles. I didn't want a dog that had to go to the groomers. I wanted a dog that would be faithful and loyal to my family. And, I did not want a dog with a big coat and a lot of coat maintenance. Obviously, I gave on one of the requirements.

4) Who was your first sheltie and what color was he/she? The first one was the sable dog, Kim Tay's country squire UD. I went to a puppy match and asked to buy the dog that won best of breed. I knew that was what you had to do to get a show dog - buy the winner. I paid \$125! This was money that I had earned grooming poodles in my garage and I remember I saved the money in a Band-Aid can in my panties drawer. That was in 1964. He went oversized and turned into my obedience dog. My second sable dog, CH. Grador's golden promise, turned out to be my first champion. He finished in 15 shows. I had no idea what I was doing, so he must have been a good dog. When Shiro Saegusa

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offered me \$1000 from a buyer in Japan, I jumped at the chance to sell, because it finally gave me credibility with my doubting husband and parents. I had absolutely no idea how hard it would be to make another champion.

5) Do you breed shelties? What lines do you breed? *I breed shelties, and I primarily use the Kensil bloodlines.*



6) Who was/is your mentor, who do we thank for getting you started? The late Dorothy Sweet sold me my first champion. We didn't call them mentors in those days, but I guess she helped me the most.

7) How many dogs do you have? What titles do your dog's have? None of your business how many dogs I have (which means I have more than two). Titles on

dogs that I own or dogs that I've bred? Chs, all the obedience titles, all the rally titles, all the agility titles, HT and PT in herding, a MACH 4 and a MACH 6, a Century Club winner, 3 CH-VCX, Award of Merit, a Canadian and International Best in Show. The one title I have not won is American Best in Show.

8) Who is your favorite dog (that you own)? The closest I can come to answering this question is to name my favorite picture, and that would be the "Look Of Eagles" picture that Chris Lynch took of CH.. Kensil's Cracker Jax the year he won an award of merit.

9) Who is your favorite dog not owned by you (living or passed)? The three dogs that I trained to their CH-VCX's made the biggest dents in my heart, but my favorite would be that one that's in my lap at any moment.

10) Who do you admire? Today, my husband, David would win that award. He drove half the night from judging in Sacramento, so that we could get to the Oregon State Capital today, to speak at a hearing against animal rights legislation. in his heyday, David was one of the finest sheltie handlers I know, and now, he's turned his talents, time and energy in his crusade to save our hobby from the animal rights zealots.

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11) What is your favorite part of showing dogs? Or owning your sheltie(s) two things: the miracle of birth. In the 55 years I've been associated with dogs I still marvel at the fact that you had one dog yesterday and you have seven dogs today. How can that be? It still amazes me. The second part, or maybe the first favorite part, is having "the" finger pointed at me. it reaffirms my self-worth.

12) What has been your favorite or most memorable win? Hmmmm, the Awards of Merit at the



National? The Best in Futurity at the National? The hundredth champion which will happen soon? The first agility title? The first herding title? Firsts are always the memorable ones, but I couldn't tell you my favorite.

13) Is there a dog that you own now that you are particularly excited about? *I have six really yummy young bitches that I'm eager to get in the ring.*

14) What goals have you set for yourself in purebred dogs? To get to 100 champions, then to get to 100 homebred champions.

15) Any words of advice for newcomers? Sincerely - if you need to win, get another breed. If you need to breed champions, get another breed. If it has to be shelties, you've accepted quite a challenge and it will build character, and there are a lot of nice people in the breed.



Welcome, April Showers!

New Point Schedule as of May 13, 2009 for Shetland Sheepdogs.

1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 points		5 Points	
D	В	D	В	D	В	D	В	D	В
3	2	6	6	18	18	20	24	28	28



Himark Blue Diamond of Redcoat CD RA NA OAJ NF "Captain"



Captain finished the beginning titles for Jumpers and Standard at the recent DOCNA trials S-BSA, and S-BJA At the GSDOC obedience/rally trials he earned his first CDX leg and first RE legs



Taflar's Legend In Lace, RN "Lacey"



On Sun. March 22, Lacy became Taflar's Legend In Lace, RN. Obtaining her Rally Novice title in three shows at the age of 13 1/2!!

We're very proud of Lacy!!

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It's spring at our house, and time for visiting. One of the girls visited Salt City South Park. One visited Ch. Sea Haven Chasing Moonbeams. And Ch. Lacewood the Star Maker came here to visit. Sing a song of Spring!





New Arrival At Windsor Shelties

Akadia Something Jo Jalk About

We are pleased to announce Windsor Shelties has a new puppy "Sabby" Akadia Something Jo Jalk About. She is sired by Ch. Starfall's Jhe Enchanter, CD, CEC X Akadia Hells Bells. Bred and Co-owned by Shannalee Michalsky. We want to thank Shannalee for allowing us to share this beautiful girl with her.

We are excited to see the journey Sabby takes us on !!

Animal Rights

What you should know

By David Calderwood

Last month I gave an overview of some of the issues we faced in Eugene, Oregon when we first realized a group of animal rights people had been appointed to a local Task Force promoting the changing of animal control codes.

The one thing that took us a while to learn was that no-body was going to come riding in on a white horse and rescue us. We looked to the AKC only to learn that the AKC wasn't set up to send anyone to Eugene to help. Our learning curve was steep but we eventually had help from the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA).

When the County Commissioners realized that opposition was serious they set up a talk radio show to promote their agenda. They had one of the Commissioners on the show that had past credentials as a lawyer as well as being a part of the Carter Administration -- so he was well versed in language skills.

One of the questions that threw us for a loop was when the talk show host asked why we would be opposed to Animal Rights! He said he understood that we loved animals and wondered why we wouldn't want good things for animals. He said "Animal Rights is a good thing, isn't it"?

Being early in our education, we weren't able to articulate the difference between animal rights and animal welfare, therefore missed a beautiful opportunity to educate the general public. Therefore, learn to articulate the difference between animal rights and animal welfare

THE ANIMAL RIGHTS AGENDA

End all human "exploitation" of animals, for many groups this includes, but is not limited to:

- Raising and slaughtering of livestock for human or animal consumption
- Eating meat
- Hunting
- Using animals for any medical or veterinary research
- Zoos (regardless of how well managed)
- Circuses
- Rodeos
- Horse shows
- Dog shows
- Cat shows
- Bird shows

• Animals performing in TV commercials, shows or movies (regardless of how well treated any of the above are)

- Breeding birds and animals
- Guide-dogs for the blind
- Police dogs
- Search & rescue dogs
- AND THE PRACTICE OF OWNING PETS

KNOW THE ANIMAL RIGHTS PLAYERS

• Humane Society of the United States (HSUS is not directly affiliated with any local humane societies that run

shelters and is a MAJOR political lobbying entity at state and federal levels)

• The Fund for Animals

• **PETA** (two employees arrested last year for cruelty to animals after killing puppies and kittens, dumping them in garbage bins and getting caught in the act)

see: http://petakillsanimals.com/

- Animal Protection Institute (API)
- Avian Welfare Coalition
- In Defense of Animals (IDA)
- Farm Sanctuary
- Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF), etc.

During this learning curve we were able to join an organization that was trying to bring Nathan Winograds "No Kill Solutions" to our county animal shelter. This local organization became the "No Kill Community Coalition (NKCC) and had about 75 members, most of which embraced the animal rights philosophy. One of the things we learned was -- with the exception of one person -- none of them admitted to being animal rights. Some of them said since they ate meat – they weren't animal rights – no-matter what their beliefs.

However, the one common belief was that they all believed that humans should not own animals!

So - if it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck - it's probably and animal rights extremist.

ANIMAL WELFARE

Animal Welfare, as defined by the American Veterinary Medical Association, is a human responsibility that encompasses all aspects of animal well-being, including proper housing, management, disease prevention and treatment, responsible care, humane handling, and, when necessary, humane euthanasia.

- Animal welfare proponents seek to improve the treatment and well-being of animals.
- Animal welfare proponents believe that humans can interact with animals in entertainment, industry, sport and recreation, and industry, but that the interaction should include provisions for the proper care and management for all animals involved.

• Animal welfare proponents support self-regulation of animal sports, including rodeo, polo, FFA competitions, horse racing, field trials and endurance riding.

Animal welfare groups utilize scientific evidence to base animal care and handling guidelines

Animal Welfare supports humane use and treatment of animals and believes that humans have a responsibility to care for animals. Animal Welfare includes humane treatment and responsible care of animals used by humans for service, research, food, education, kept in zoos or sanctuaries, and especially those animals kept by pet owners.

David Calderwood



(Health and Genetics Chairman for the USKBTC, Gene Possidento, was given this article for circulation when he attended the Fourth AKC Parent Club Health Conference, September 19-21, 2003, in St. Louis. Research veterinarians reported on work sponsored by the **AKC Canine Health Foundation**.)

Popular Sire Syndrome and Concerns of Genetic Diversity

Jerold S. Bell, DVM, Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine

There is a tendency for breeders to breed to the male who is the top-winning dog. This can also occur with a popular dog that has OFA excellent hip conformation, or has produced no epileptic offspring in matings to epileptic dams. Regardless of the popularity of the breed, if a large portion are breeding to a single stud dog, (the popular-sire syndrome), the gene pool will drift in that dog's direction and there will be a loss of genetic diversity. Too much breeding to one dog will give the gene pool an extraordinary dose of his genes, and this will include whatever detrimental recessives he may carry, to be uncovered in later generations. This can cause future breed-related genetic disease through what is known as the founder's effect.

Along with the thrill of owning a popular sire, comes your responsibility to the breed. Over time, you will find out what detrimental genes he carries. Hopefully these will cause minor faults, but occasionally they may cause genetic disorders. The true measure of a conscientious breeder is how this knowledge is disseminated to the owners of the next generation.

Purebred dog breeds have closed studbooks. No new genes are available to the breed, except from infrequent mutations that are usually not desirable. Considering a breed as a whole, genes cannot be gained through selective breeding; they can only be lost. This has lead breeders to question whether a pure breed can go though hundreds of years of selective breeding and still maintain its health and viability.

All genes come in pairs: one from the sire and one from the dam. If both genes are of the same type, the gene pair is homozygous. If the two are different, the gene pair is heterozygous. While each dog can have a maximum of two different genes in a pair, many different genes are potentially available to be part of the pair. The greater the number of genes that are available to each pair, the greater the breed diversity.

Breeders underestimate the amount of diversity that can be present in a breed; even one with a limited group of founders. A molecular genetic study of the Chinook dog breed, which was reduced to four dogs in the 1970s, showed that there was significant gene diversity and heterozygosity in the breed.

The studbook for the Thoroughbred horse has been closed for more than 300 years. However, researchers have found that on average 63 percent of the variable gene pairs are heterozygous and that 4.7 genes are potentially available to each pair. This diversity is present in spite of the fact that 95 percent of the breed traces back to a single founder male.

Some breeders express concern that inbreeding depression may affect the viability of their breed. The consequence of inbreeding depression is not due to a general effect from a high level of homozygous gene pairs. The problem that inbreeding depression causes in purebred populations, stems from the effects of deleterious recessive genes. When homozygous, they cause impaired health.

Lethal recessives place a drain on the gene pool, through smaller litter size or neonatal death. Other deleterious genes can cause disease or impair immunity. If there is no breed diversity in a gene pair, but the particul

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ar homozygote that is present is not detrimental, there is no negative effect on health. The characteristics

that make a breed reproduce true to its standard are based on non-variable (homozygous) gene pairs.

The Doberman Pincher breed has a problem with von Willebrand's disease; an autosomal recessive bleeding disorder. Genetic testing has found that the defective gene is present in 77 percent of Dobermans. Doberman breeders can test and identify carrier and affected dogs. They can decrease the defective gene's frequency by breeding carriers to normal-testing dogs and selecting quality, normal-testing offspring for breeding. By not just eliminating carriers, but replacing them with their normal-testing offspring, genetic diversity will be preserved.

The perceived problem of a limited gene pool has caused some breeders to discourage linebreeding and promote outbreeding in an attempt to protect genetic diversity. However, it is a fallacy that each dog must carry the diversity of the breed. Studies in genetic conservation and rare breeds have shown that this practice actually contributes to the loss of genetic diversity.

By uniformly crossing all "lines," or families of dogs in a breed, you eliminate the differences between them, and therefore the

diversity between individuals. This practice in livestock breeding has significantly reduced diversity and caused the loss of unique rare breeds. The process of maintaining separate lines, with many breeders crossing between lines and breeding back as they see fit, maintains diversity in the gene pool. It is the varied opinion of breeders as to what constitutes the ideal dog, and their selection of breeding stock that maintains breed diversity.

A basic tenet of population genetics is that gene frequencies do not change from the parental generation to the offspring. The gene frequencies will remain the same regardless of the homozygosity or heterozygosity of the parents, or whether the mating represents an instance of outbreeding, linebreeding, or inbreeding. If some breeders outbreed, and some linebreed to certain dogs that they favor while others linebreed to other dogs that they favor, then breedwide genetic diversity is maintained.

The loss of genes from a breed's gene pool occurs through selection: the use and non-use of offspring. If a popular sire is used extensively, gene frequencies, and the gene pool can shift towards his genes, limiting the breed's genetic diversity. On the other hand, dogs that are poor examples of a breed should not be used simply to maintain diversity. Related dogs with desirable qualities will maintain diversity and improve the breed.

Breeders should concentrate on selecting toward the breed standard, based on ideal temperament, performance, and conformation, and should select against the significant breed related health issues. If breeders continually breed healthy, superior examples of their breed and avoid the popular-sire syndrome, the genetic health of the breed can be maintained.

Biographical Sketch

Jerold S. Bell, DVM is a Clinical Assistant Professor, and Director of the Clinical Veterinary Genetics Course for the *Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine*. He was trained in genetics and genetic counseling at *Michigan State University*, and the *University of Missouri*. His DVM is from *Cornell University*. Dr. Bell lectures to all-breed and individual breed dog clubs. He is the project administrator of genetic disease control programs for national parent clubs. He performs genetic counseling through Veterinary Genetic Counseling, and practices small animal medicine at Freshwater Veterinary Hospital in Enfield, CT. He and his wife breed Gordon Setters.

I Have a Question

This Month's Question I am having a problem with my dogs eating dog poops. I try to keep them picked up but they seem to find them anyway. Is there any good way to prevent them from eating poops?

I have picked up a product made by Excel called Deter Coprophagia Treatment and had no luck with it.

Hope someone has a sure fire way to stop this awful habit. — Tomi Hamblin



I have used Drs. Foster & Smith's (mail order pet catalog) tablets called Distaste. It seems to work pretty well and makes their feces impalpable. The other problem I had was that Bella was eating the cat's poop too. You're not supposed to use Distaste on cats, but there is a powder called Forbid that you can sprinkle on the cats food that also makes their poop icky tasting. So I give Bella the Distaste tablets so she won't eat her own poop and then give Boo (cat) the Forbid power, again so Bella won't eat her poop. I think you can use the Forbid powder on both cats and dogs, but I just use the two products for each animal. I also discipline Bella if I happen to catch her in the act of eating anyone's poop. —Sarah Bagdoian

Mike and I always watch them go to potty and when they poop, we do clean up right away if possible. That is what we do to help prevent them from eating poops. Hope that helps. — Linda Cornella

I have heard you can sprinkle Adolf's Meat Tenderizer on their food, (which is mostly papaya enzymes) and when they poop, the proteins are broken down differently, thereby making the poop much less inviting.

I have dumped Tabasco sauce on kitty cookies (the yummy little almond Roca's in the cat box) with some success. It only took a couple of tastes and then the smell of Tabasco was enough to discourage the behavior. Now I have a new cat box with tall sides and a hole at the top of the box which does not allow for doggie heads easily. Works quite nice! It's like a heavy duty storage container with a hole in the top of the lid. Not a kitty cookie tasted since!

Otherwise, just keeping the poops scooped discourages that but a dog determined to get it, will at just about any cost, attempt a taste. —Julene Mathews

I've found that usually bitches do this, and they teach others to do it. Some dogs do poop-eating only after they have been outside a while and are starting to get bored. For these dogs, some toys or big chew bones help distract them. Others are more determined. For some of these really determined poop-eaters, you can use the food tablets or powder that, when eaten, make a dog's poop unpalatable to other dogs. Some people swear by these products and have had good luck with them. I have found, however, that these products don't work very well with my dogs. Bitter apple sprayed on the poop works quite well, but you have to be there immediately to spray it, and if you are already there, you might as well pick the poop right up anyway. I have found that feeding an enzyme powder and/or a food supplement that has a lot of B complex vitamins, reduces this problem, but takes about 4 months to work -- and even then does not work for some poop-eaters. If anyone has a great solution, I would love to hear it. — Dana Quinney

I Have a Question Cont..

Next Month's Question:

I'd like to know how everyone handles Barking. It seems like My sheltie is always wanting to bark. I try to tell him to keep quiet but no matter how hard I try to continues to bark. Are there training methods that you have found effective? Do you

think having him debarked is a good option or is it cruel? I have heard opinions on both sides of debarking. I could really use some help to have a little more peace and quiet around the house.

(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

Ring Stewards Needed for UVKC

Utah Valley Kennel Club is in need of ring stewards for their shows at the Equestrian Center. Dates are Sat. and Sun. May 2nd and 3rd. Pay is \$15.00 for half day plus catered lunch or \$30.00 for a full day plus catered lunch. If interested please contact Cherie Hyde at cghyde@comcast.net or 801-226-0701





Club Meetings

Our Club meeting for April will be Wednesday April 15th, 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 The Program will be on Pet First Aid

*** 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 Tomi Hamblin know so that she can send a card. famesshelties@comcast.net or call her at 801-538-2751 Dianna Beebe sends her Thanks to the club for the beautiful flowers sent to her in remembrance of her Mother after her Mother's passing in November.



Treats Please



Cheese Twists

2 cups whole wheat flour 1/4 cup cornmeal 1/2 cup Parmesan Cheese 1 medium egg 3/4 cup water

Preheat oven to 325F.

Combine all ingredients except 1/4 cup Parmesan

Cheese. Knead until thoroughly mixed. Using a teaspoon, scoop out dough and roll into quarter-sized balls. on a lightly floured surface, roll balls into pencil-shaped sticks. Roll into extra Parmesan Cheese until sticks are coated. Flatten with hands. Twist each stick 6-8 times and place on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake about 30 minutes. Cool on pan. Store in sealed container. Yield: 18 sticks.

*** 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, <u>akadia@srv.net</u> or <u>akadia2shonga@yahoo.com</u>.

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

Items needed for Sheltie Rescue Raffle

This is a call for handmade items or new items people might be willing to donate to the sheltie rescue for raffle at the shows this year? The need for funds

has increased greatly since the economic downturn. We have even had a number of puppies turned over to rescue which was quite unusual up to this past year.

We hope people will be willing and able to help us out with raffle donations for important fundraising efforts on our shelties behalf!

Thank you! Julene



Board Meeting Minutes - March 18, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Minutes from the previous board meeting were approved as printed.

Presidents Report - none

Vice Presidents Report - none

Treasurer - (excused) Mike was in Alaska but told Jim that we wrote a check for \$39.00 and we took in \$39.00 so the balance is the same as last month.

Recording Secretary - (excused)

Corresponding Secretary - We have received signed contracts from the following people agreeing to judge for us. Mel Stanley and Adria Weiner for 2009 and Peggy Haderlie for 2010. The caterer is booked for the dinner after the show.

Old Business -

Premiums are done and ready to go in the mail. (Kevin discovered the price was left off the dinner info, Peggy will write it in on each premium.)

Picnic - dates were discussed and it was decided that Aug. 8 or 15 depending on when the park is available.

New Business -

Our meeting site - Every Tues. and Wed. other than the Wed. we use is booked for the entire year. It was suggested that we pay each month for the next month out so we are always paid up for 6 mos. in advance. That way we should be able to keep this meeting place. Meantime everyone should keep their eyes and ears open in case we need to find a new site.

We are going to send notices for RSVP's for meetings now. Hopefully this way we'll know if we are going to have enough for a quorum and if not people will not waste gas and time coming to a non meeting.

Peggy made and Kevin seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

No General Meeting Minutes, not enough members for a quorum.



USSA Specialty Shows April 20, 2009 AM Show judge Adria Weiner PM Show judge Ellen Worthington

Our Specialty is coming up very quickly, on April 29!! We hope this one will be as wonderful as out past ones.

Remember that we need everyone who can come to help us set up on Tues. evening. We will meet at the show site and begin setting up at 6:30 p.m. We will need many hands to help us tear down after the specialty is over too. (Tear down and then eat, the more we have helping the better!)

Please join us for a lasagna dinner after the show. \$12 per person.

Judy needs help with stewarding, if you can steward (inside preferred) please let her know.

Enter your dogs, come and join us for a TWO wonderful specialties, plus obedience and rally!!!



Calendar of Events

April 15, 2009 — Club Meeting April 18-29, 2009 — Sheltie National, Perry, GA April 29, 2009 — USSA Specialty Show April 30-May 3 — Utah Cluster May 16, 17 — Mount Ogden Kennel Club Show May 20, 2009 — Club Meeting June 17, 2009 — Club Meeting July 15, 2009 — Club Meeting August — Summer Party

