



Sheltie Connection

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President's Message Jim Newman

Everyone I am pleased to inform you that we have arranged to have Dr. Kimberly Henneman come to our meeting on September 16th to talk about alternative medicine. She practices acupuncture, chiropractic, herbs and other forms of medicine. She will be coming down from Heber and we invite everyone in the club to and bring a friend. Your friend does not have to be a sheltie person because it will be of interest to any dog owner. I heard her speak many years ago and she is very good. So don't miss this opportunity.

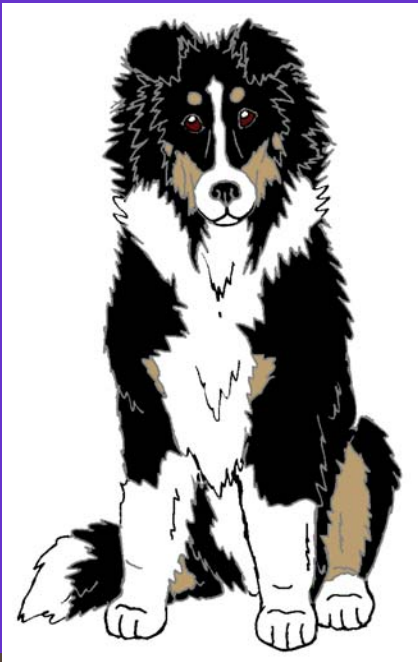


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Announcements

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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!!

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:
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Happy Birthday

We want to wish the following members a very happy Birthday

5 Diane Orr
 11 Chrissy Weatherston
 18 David Calderwood
 26 David Polster
 28 Barbara Ray



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

Clan Duncan Cloud of Stars



Dora

Ch. Lacewood the Star Maker x Clan Duncan Constellation

Clan Duncan

Akadia Shelties Presents:



"Brew", Akadia Killian's Irish Red (Ch. Sunebank Caerleon Just Right ex BIS Ch. Iona I Can Shine) bred by Akadia and Iona shelties on picking up his second major. He now needs 1 pt to finish.



Introducing Lacewood Endeavor,, aka "Devor",, (BISS Ch. Macdega Notorious ex Lacewood Cassiopeia pts)
Baby blue boy comes to grow up at Akadia.
Thanks Tricia!



"Caber" Akadia No Time to Kilt CD, HIT, (pts)
(Ch. RiverDance Dressed To Kilt ex Labelle-Akadia Scandalous) picked up a High in Trial at the Oregon specialty for his first CDX leg.

Akadia Shelties Presents:

"Kohlman" Akadia-Chandelle Steel and Flames (Ch. Denian Deuce's Are Wild ex Twincreeks Akadia Pull N Strings) Co-bred with Judith Williamson was Reserve Winners dog at the Oregon specialty under Lloyd Graser Jr.



"Tillie" Akadia Making Spirits Bright won Runner up to Best in Sweepstakes at the Oregon Specialty under Tray Pitman. She is by Ch. Grandgables Lets Show Off ex UKC Grand Ch. Akadia Miss Congeniality.



"Fiora" Mistybrooks Fiora (12 pts, 3 majors) was Best In Sweepstakes under Tray Pitman and Reserve Winners Bitch under Harriet Smith at the Oregon specialty.



Available



"Beautiful Sable Merle Sheltie Puppy. Wonderful outgoing temperament with show quality conformation. However, due to his lovely blue eye, he cannot be shown in conformation. But he would be an excellent choice for the obedience and or agility ring. Has had first shot and is well on the way to being house trained. He is also crate trained. He is 9+ weeks old. To be sold on a neuter contract. Would prefer the home have a completely fenced yard. Sire is Weatherman's The Mudslinger (points) and Lacewood Electra. Contact Judy Williamson, 801-224-0976"

Redcoat



Himark Blue Diamond of Redcoat CD RE OA OAJ NF "The Captain" has been busy this summer finishing his RE and his NFP in Blackfoot. Then at the GSDOC Trials in July he finished his OAP and OJP with very fast runs. Now on to excellent with the Big Boys!

His redheaded brother Ch. Soraj Chances Are CD RAE AX AXJ earned a master jumpers leg in Farmington and the crazy girl Kilo had some nice runs, but no Q's.



Himark Blue Diamond of Redcoat CD RE OA OAJ NF
"The Captain"

Animal Rights

What you should know

By David Calderwood

We're now seeing an unprecedented amount of AR legislation being pushed all around the nation by the HSUS and it's apparent that this is the BIG PUSH!

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has put legislative representatives in place in most states. Most of these individual HSUS legislative representatives also appear to be the HSUS State Director. The HSUS Director in Oregon happens to also be a lawyer and therefore is very well versed in the law -- as well as how to effectively lobby state legislators.

We've seen misnamed Puppy Mill Bills, supported and written by the HSUS introduced in so many states that I've lost count. Virtually all of these misnamed bills are supposed to be targeting puppy mills but few of them will effectively do so. The one thing the HSUS is not willing to compromise on is putting "caps" on how many intact dogs a person can own as well as how many litters a person may breed each year. The reason they will not compromise on caps is because their intent is to come back in subsequent years and lower the numbers. Therefore the initial cap number in each of these individual puppy mill bills isn't important because they can come back year after year and lower the caps each time. Eventually they will achieve their goal unless we can stop them! So far, we've rarely been successful!

To help them achieve the passing of these bills, the HSUS actively becomes involved in any large scale rescue cases which involves large numbers of dogs and which also includes horrible conditions for the dogs. They then use these documented cases, with their horrific pictures, as a reason for Puppy Mill legislation to be passed. They use these pictures to help them to pass these bills by whipping up the emotional component into a gut wrenching response by the legislators. Any normal person, who loves animals, will feel their heart strings being seriously pulled, upon viewing what the HSUS presents to the legislators.

However, my own investigation of the individual cases the HSUS used in Oregon, has indicated that each one was a case of "animal hoarding" and not simply a case of someone breeding and abusing large numbers of dogs! Actual animal hoarding has components of a mental disorder called Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) as well as a lack of empathy towards living beings. The reason these Puppy Mill bills will rarely be effective is because of that mental component suffered by those offenders. Legislation can never outlaw a mental disorder.

One of the reports that I found to be very informative is called "ANIMAL HOARDING: Structuring Interdisciplinary Responses to Help People, Animals, and Communities at Risk" and is available as a PDF download here:

<http://www.tufts.edu/vet/cfa/hoarding/pdfgallery.htm>

There are also many other interesting articles at this link.

In spite of evidence that the HSUS has ulterior motives, in the states where they've been introduced, these bills have been passing by a large percentage. Many of our legislators feel the HSUS is an animal welfare organization or as the HSUS presents itself, as animal "protection" organization. The fact that the HSUS doesn't run any animal shelters or that fact that they aren't affiliated with any animal shelters in any way, doesn't seem to have any negative affect on the opinion of some legislators to-

wards the HSUS. Even when presented to outlandish statements made by the President and Directors of the HSUS, some legislators don't seem to "get it". See the link here:
<http://www.naiaonline.org/articles/archives/animalrightsquote.htm>

Therefore, it's become apparent to me that we need to go on the offense. Being defensive and reactive to these animal rights bills is steadily taking us backwards and we're losing ground with each loss. Every loss, no matter what state, is a step closer to your own state.

One of the ways we're starting to go on the offense is the "Billboard Project". The National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA) has undertaken this project and has erected about 100 billboards in the Los Angeles area. See a facsimile of the billboard here:

<http://www.exposeanimalrights.com/>

Then click on some of the links at the bottom of the page. The idea is to get as many people as possible to go to this web site and then to check out the links at the bottom of the page.

The billboards have drawn a lot of interest in the L.A. area and there have been a number of newspaper articles and blogs printed about them. Some of the articles have been predictably printed by AR's and have been negative towards the message the billboards present. It's my feeling that the AR's wouldn't be attacking the billboards if they didn't feel threatened. It's a worthwhile project and one I feel should be financially supported by clubs whenever possible.

Another way we can go on the offense is to attend animal rights seminars and record what they're saying to each other. The HSUS gave a "Lobby Days" seminar at the University of Rochester in New York state. Patrick Kwan, who is the HSUS coordinator for New York state, was the speaker in that seminar. He said that the number caps weren't important because "the initial HSUS bill will set a cap of 50 intact animals per location, but once this cap is in place, HSUS will strengthen this in the future by lowering the cap each year". One of our people had attended this seminar and gave a detailed report of what was said at the seminar and I felt we needed verifiable proof of what was said by Kwan. Therefore, I wrote to the University of Rochester in an effort to obtain a video of the seminar for that proof. I found that there was no video available nor was there an audio made of the seminar.

Even though this revealing statement was given to our Oregon legislators -- because we couldn't verify the statement -- there were few legislators that believed the HSUS actually said this. We didn't have the verifiable proof as what was being said by the HSUS and we lost the fight against the misnamed "Oregon Puppy Mill bill (Oregon HB 2470).

Another bill that passed here (Oregon SB 303) with the partisan support of ALL the liberal legislators was one that allows any "humane organization" that has had an investigation department for at least 5 years, to request that the Governor allow their agents to enforce the animal control laws of the state. This bill is immediately more dangerous than the Puppy Mill bill because it opens the door for any "humane" organization that qualifies to "enforce" the animal control laws. Both the HSUS and Peta qualify! This one snuck through with little opposition except by our minority Republican legislators.

I know we have Democrats in our dog clubs but this can't be ignored. I am a Democrat myself but I am also a realist -- at least I try and see reality for what is! The AR groups are very effective at using emotionally charged pictures to pass AR legislation in legislatures that are dominated by Democrats. Case in point -- I'm finding that our Democratic legislators tend to vote based on emotion and the need to control. Our Republican legislators tend to vote based on fact and protecting property rights.

David Calderwood

Can Fido Have Food Allergies?

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The Centers for Disease Control recently reported that four out of every one hundred children have a food allergy. Just as in humans, the other furry, four-legged family members can have food allergies as well.

Dr. Domenico Santoro is a dermatology resident at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Urbana. He says, "food allergies are much less common than flea and environmental allergies, but dogs can have them."

The most common food allergens in dogs are proteins such as chicken and beef, as well as dairy products. "Clinical signs of a food allergy usually start in a young puppy less than one year of age," mentions Dr. Santoro. Each animal can have different clinical signs, which can sometimes make a diagnosis difficult.

Many animals come into the clinic with itchy skin, ear problems, and recurrent skin infections. But not all animals with these symptoms necessarily have a food allergy. "The only way to make a diagnosis of food allergies is with a food trial," says Dr. Santoro.

A food trial means the animal is fed only one special diet for 8-10 weeks. If your pooch accidentally gets into the garbage, or sneaks a piece of meat off your dinner table, you must start the trial over again. Just one small slip up can be a problem, which is why food allergies are difficult to diagnose.

The diets used for suspected food-allergic dogs are not your average dog food. The trick is the animal can never have been previously exposed to the diet. "We need to use something new based on each individual patient for a trial to work," says Dr. Santoro. Common diets for food allergic patients are rabbit and potato, fish and potato, and even the more exotic !! kangaroo.

While some owners succeed in only feeding the specified diet, they often forget that even something as simple as giving their pet a monthly heartworm pill can compromise the trial if these products are flavored with meat. It is also important to stop using flavored medications, vitamins, and supplements.

Dr. Santoro also mentions that, "We cannot do a blood test to see if animals are allergic to certain foods like they can in humans." The only tool the dermatologists have if they suspect a food-allergic dog is the food trial.

In addition to food allergies, pets can have an environmental allergy, which may be seasonal, most commonly in the spring, summer, and fall, or non seasonal since they can also be allergic to house mites. Diagnosing these problems can be quite difficult. But one point to remember in differing food allergies from a long list of other diagnoses is that food allergies occur throughout the year, and are not usually seasonal.

On a final note Dr. Santoro mentions that, "we can never cure any kind of allergy, all we can do is manage it, plus or minus certain potent drugs."

As always, if you are concerned about your pet, contact your local veterinarian.

I Have a Question



This Month's Question: *Some people say that conformation shelties do not make good performance shelties. Is that true? Are all shelties able to be performance contenders or do they need to come from performance lines?*

I don't believe a successful performance dog is the exclusive product of the 'performance' breeder. It's my opinion, and a strong one at that, that the 'performance' breeder is elevated to that status due to the 'Pied Piper' syndrome vs. that breeder's perceived ability to produce performance drive. See one hot dog from a 'performance' breeder, and the line to that breeder's door is suddenly a mile long.

*I do not believe a 'performance' breeder has any higher probability of producing performance drive than a conformation breeder. The only difference? The perception. If you want a performance dog, why would you go to a conformation breeder? If you want a conformation dog, you go to a conformation breeder, and if you want a performance dog you go to a performance breeder, right? In my opinion, that is not necessarily so. There is one big negative to the performance only breeder. They are breeding for one thing - performance drive. However, in order to breed for one thing and one thing only, you must neglect many other important things. This is not good, and leads to much bigger issues down the road. Secondly, if you are breeding for performance drive, you need to know what it looks like. For many 'performance' breeders, the flashy, busy, never settled puppy, is a hot performance prospect. It is my opinion that this is *not* performance drive, but rather nervous energy. The puppy with nervous energy does not necessarily make the best performance dog, in my opinion.*

So, what makes a great performance dog? Is it the dog, or is it something else? I think it's partly the dog, but partly the handler leading that dog on a performance journey.

I can't tell you how many times I have seen a wonderful dog in the performance ring being led by an unskilled and clumsy handler. In most cases, this is the person who wanted a puppy as a companion, likely went to a conformation breeder, bought a puppy, then found their puppy really needed and wanted a job. "Okay," they say, and they take up agility, obedience, rally, disc dog, etc. The dog has the natural talent, but the handler, who initially only wanted a pet, now has the challenge of making something of this dog's natural talent.

Now, take the skilled performance handler. For one reason or another, they have determined that a conformation breeder can't give them a 'high drive' dog, so they go to a 'performance' breeder. They may or may not get a dog with a boat load of natural talent like the aforementioned novice handler, but they have so much skill as a dog trainer, they can make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. Of the two dogs, in the two scenarios, the one the average performance person wants is the first dog, who happens to be coupled with a novice handler.

Why won't performance people buy performance prospect from conformation breeders? I don't know the answer to that question, but I have some ideas. I have had several dogs over the past 10 years. One from a back-yard breeder. This was a dog that needed a job, so I took up agility. I learned a lot with this hard headed, hard driving dog. I then got three pups from a conformation breeder. These dogs had as much performance drive, if not more, than my BYB dog. I then went to a performance breeder. I, like many others, saw some dogs from this breeder, and decided I wanted one. He was full of flash and 'busy', but he was an airhead, and had little performance focus. He was frustrating for me.

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This Month's Question Cont.:

I finally place him into a pet home. He does a little performance with his new owner, but he is still an airhead, and still does not have much performance focus. I then went to a conformation breeder known for also breeding performance drive. This puppy was full of play and fire, but much of the 'drive' I thought he had was manufactured, and when the going got tough, he took a vacation. So, I went back to the conformation breeder who I'd gotten dogs from before. I got a little girl. She has more flash, and more fire than any dog I have ever had. I suspect, if I can do her justice, she won't be stopped in the performance arena. And there is an added bonus, she's beautiful. For me, she is the all around perfect girl - beauty, brains and a desire to give her all to anything we do together. And another bonus - she settles beautifully in the house. She is energetic and ready when it's time for work, and she's settled and easy going when it's 'quiet' time.

So, in my experience, the very best performance prospects come from the conformation breeder who is focusing on the all around dog.

I think we still have conformation breeders in our world who are willing to compromise attitude for 'pretty', and this is the one major turn off for the average performance prospect buyer. If you want to draw the performance people, you need to have something to offer them. Breed for the all around dog, and chances are good you will become very popular with the performance world. — Leslie Renaud

(Editor's note: Leslie Renaud is a nationally recognized performance trainer that very graciously agreed to give her opinion on this question. Thank you very much Leslie!!)

Many breeders of conformation dogs, not only in shelties won't sell a top conformation puppy to a performance home. They instead sell them the "pet quality puppies." Why is it that the champion title seems to hold more status than any performance titles. Seems to me, that shelties being a herding breed, bred to work, needs a job and is much happier doing something besides strutting around a ring and getting bait for just standing around. Many of the conformation dogs probably couldn't or wouldn't do much of what is requirement in performance events. I went looking for a breeder that bred for performance and soundness. Boy, did I get a great little dog. —Jane Guidinger

Some people say that conformation shelties do not make good performance shelties. Is that true? FALSE.....

I have had Conformation Champions while also working on obedience titles and agility titles. At one time I had one that was working on his Championship and earning his Utility Title.

Are all shelties able to be performance contenders or do they need to come from performance lines? AGAIN FALSE.....

My dogs in the past did not come from performance contenders, in fact there were no performance titles behind them. A Sheltie is what you as the New owner wants. Agility, Obedience, Herding, or even just a couch potato, they excel in ALL.

- Barbara Vann, Charbar Shelties

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First I don't totally agree with breeding for "performance" only or anything "only". A dog bred to the standard should be able to do just about anything asked of it, as long as it is appropriate for that breed.

A sheltie bred for or even showing in conformation is just as well suited to be a performance dog as any other sheltie. What matters is that the dog is well bred, with a good (correct) structure, and a good temperament. If you have all that you have a dog that is suited to showing, running agility or herding sheep. And that is what a sheltie breeder should be breeding for.

I think the temperament and attitude of the dog are the key factors on if the dog will want to be a performance dog. That's true of shelties and any other breed.

By the way I know of a sheltie that was showing in conformation and was also an OTCH. This was before agility days or I'm sure she'd have been doing that too.

• *Peggy Newman*

A beautiful correct sheltie is qualified in every way to compete effectively in all venues and many many conformation champions are also able to compete in performance venues. We have many beautiful examples; we are blessed to be able to see accomplish this right in our area amongst our own members!

—*Julene Mathews*

Next Month's Question:

How does everyone feel about the AKC letting dogs that are not purebred compete in Performance events? What would the pros and cons of that decision be?

(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

Shelties are the best!

Club Meetings

No Club Meeting in August

*** 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



Snickerpoodles

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 cup honey
- 2 eggs
- 3 ¾ cups white flour
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ cup cornmeal
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon

Mix vegetable oil, shortening, honey with eggs. Beat well. Add flour, soda and cream of tartar. Knead dough until mixed well. Shape dough by rounded teaspoons into balls. Mix the cornmeal and cinnamon together in a bowl and roll balls in mixture. Place 2 inches apart on a greased cookie sheet. Press the balls down with a fork. Bake for 8-10 minutes at 400F. Cool on a rack. Store in air-tight container.



***** 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:

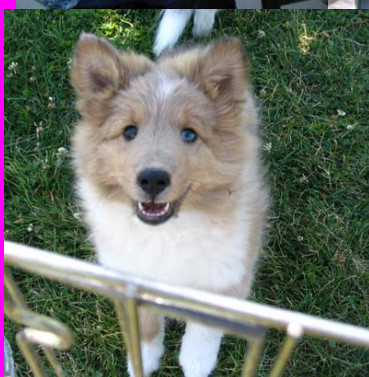
- 1) State your full name(s):
- 2) Kennel name and how you came up with it:
- 3) How did you first become interested in shelties?
- 4) Who was your first sheltie and what color was he/she?
- 5) Do you breed shelties? What lines do you breed?
- 6) Who was/is your mentor, Who do we thank for getting you 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 you are particularly excited about?
- 14) What goals have you set for yourself in pure-bred 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.



summer picnic



Congratulations to Cherie
Hyde on the engagement of
her daughter Marissa to
Bryce Bertola



Calendar of Events

September 12-13 — BBKC shows

September 16, 2009 — Club Meeting

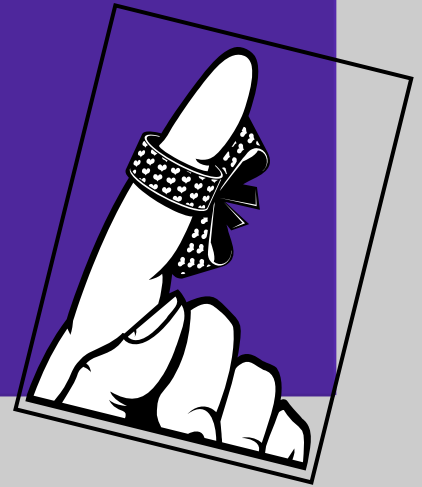
September 25-27 — Carson City shows NV

October 8-11 — Boise Shows, ID

Oct 9 — SSCSN specialties — Las Vegas, NV

Oct 10-11 — Las Vegas shows

March 14-21 — Sheltie National Tucson AZ



Hey, Mom! You took off your coat. Why can't I take off my coat?