

Sheltie Connection

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Submission
Deadline is the
20th of each month.
Club Meetings are the 3rd
Wednesday of each Month.
Board will meet 1 hour prior
to the club meeting.

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President's Message Jim Newman

Just a couple of things this month: Have a fun and safe July 4th weekend.

We have been trying to catch up with Dr. Kimberly Heinemann and have her come to one of our club meetings. Her specialty is alternative medicine for our canine friends. We wanted her for our July meeting but that is not going to happen this month. We will continue in our efforts to get her to come because there has been a lot of interest expressed.

A matter of concern was brought up at last month's board meeting about the club's library and items that the club purchased for the library. To be up front the board has no idea what is suppose to be in the library or who has the items that we know nothing about. We are asking every club member to look around your house and she if you have any items that belong to the club (library or other items) and bring them to the meeting this month, give them to a board member, etc. We are not blaming anyone or pointing fingers; we just want to gather it all up, inventory it, and setup a sign out/return system.

An example of how things happen is years ago I found a book on my bookshelf at work, that I had borrowed from an engineer. I had failed to return the book when I was done with my research. I had the book for several years and when I went to return it he had retired. Fortunately for me the guy's wife still worked here and I was able to get the book back to him. Even if you have had it for 10 years or more we just want to account for everything. I had that book for almost five years. Things happen in our busy lives and to me that is understandable.

And lastly I just want to remind everyone about our club picnic on August 1st. Every year I expect to see everyone there and hope again this year to see everyone. Please RSVP with Judy

Williamson @ <u>ilwilliam59@hotmail.com</u> so we can have an accurate count. Don't forget your shelties because Peggy has been tasked with developing some games for our dogs. See you at the meeting on July 15th and at the picnic.

Jim

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

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Announcements

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

Summer Picnic August 1st River Front Park East Pavilion 10991 S Riverfront Parkway South Jordan Pot Luck, bring a salad or a dessert. See map on last page Shelties are invited to attend with you!!

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.

> 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

- **5 Charles Albrecht**
- 6 Peggy Newman
- 6 Cheryl Sorensen
- 20 Cindy Wilkinson
- 23 Kevin Matthews
- 24 Laurie Kendrick

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







ROBBIE PICKED UP HIS LAST POINTS IN STYLE WITH A FOUR POINT MAJOR BEST OF BREED WIN AND GROUP 3 UNDER JUDGE PETE DAWKINS ON SUNDAY JUNE 14TH IN BLACKFOOT IDAHO. THEN 5 DAYS LATER HE WENT WD IN GREAT FALLS UNDER JUDGE ROBERT MOORE TO FINISH!!

CONGRATULATIONS AND A BIG THANK YOU TO SHANNALEE FOR HER EXPERT PRESENTATION OF ROBBIE. WE ARE STILL FLYING HIGH!!!

-- CHERIE AND MARISA HYDE AUTUMN SHELTIES

RODAL HILL'S COVER GIRL "Katee"

On Saturday June 26, our darling 7 month old puppy, Kacee was in her 3rd show at the Mt. Bachedor Kennel Club in Redmond, UR Kacee had a great day; in suge competition she was Winner's Bitch, Best of Winnersand Best of Breed and then went on to a Reeding Group One for a 5 point major!!! We are so proud of inis darling girl who is sized by BOS, BOSS, Ch. Dop Star SS of Northern Farm, CC, X Ch. Nowood Saloona. Breeders Linda Cornerla & Alexandra Luhrs Biggs. Owners: Linda & Jason Cornella. She was beautifully presented and handled by Damela Korcek of Dvan Lee Shelties who has been training and socializing Kacee for the past two months. We Couldn't be more Proud!!!



Ch Norwood Saloona "Sonya" Am/JCCGr Ch Ch Pop Star SS of Northern Farm

Royal Hills Shelties is pleased to announce the birth of a litter of puppies born June 30th.

They are by AM/JCCGR Ch. Pop Star SS of Northern Farm X Ch. Norwood Saloona

2 blue girls and a tri boy.

We couldn't be more excited!!

BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES

KS lan for presenting him so well!

PHOTOS BY ELAINE

Finished in 11 shows in just 3 short weeks!!!

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** May 24 3 point BW J
** May 26 2 point BW
** May 30 1 point WD
** May 31 1 point BOB
** June 4 Best in Sweepstakes
** June 9 2 point BOB
** June 11 5 point BW
** June 13 5 point BW

Judge Roger Hartinger Judge Patricia Putman Judge Sandy Wheat Judge Sulie Greendale -Paveza Judge Judge Paula Hartinger Judge Linda C. More Judge Jean Fournier

our First Homebred Champion and we couldn't be more proud!

NEW CH. Akadia Just Special



"Ethan" finishing was such a "Special" day!

He is the third Champion from the wonderful litter sired by Ch. Hilliviews Patriot Games and out of our top producer, Akadia HellsBells (pts)

> Thank you Suzi and Marie for letting us share in the legacy of dogs that are making the Champions of the futurel



Akadia Shelties had a great June!! With the help of Debbie Sirdofsky, my partner in crime, we accomplished the following:

- 7 pts, 1 major on Akadia Project Runway "Heidi" (owned by Ava Jane Pickering)
- A 5 pt, and 3 pt major on Mistybrooks Fiora (she now has 12pts)





• 3 pt major to finish Ch. Akadia Just Special (making him the 3rd to finish in his litter) (See picture on previous page).

• 2 majors, a BOB and Group 3 on Autumn Ice Castles to make him a new Champion (owned by Cherie and Marissa Hyde)(See picture on Page 3.)

and so many reserves we lost count!!

Thanks to all our friends for the wonderful support.





 Announcing a new baby at Akadia. Kensil's ? comes from the Calderwood's to our home. "Bunchy" (formally "Tickles") is a darling little girl. By Ch. Kensil's The Pipes Are Calling ex Kensil's Laughter in the Rain. She is so much fun and a character to boot!

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I am very proud to announce that between June 6th -June 14th Cody ministed two titles and started working on a third. We showed at the Davis County Fairgrounds then we head up to Filer, Idano then on to Blackboot, Idaho.

illadia Wildfire, CD. F

CD (Companion Dog) Title

June oth Farmington, Utan 1st place with a score of 189. June 9th Filer, Idaho 1st place with a score of 192-1/2. June 10th Filer, Idaho 1st place with a score of 195-1/2.

RE (Rally Excellent) Title

June 11th Blackloot, Idaho 2nd place with a score of 98 June 12th Blackloot, Idaho 4th place with a score of 90 (bad handler error cost us 10 points) June 13th Blackloot, Idaho 1st place with a score of 98

RAE 1st leg (need a total of 10 double Q's for title)

June 1-Mit Blackfoot, Idaho Excellent B. 2nd place with a score of 93 Advanced B. 1st place with a score of 97.

All together Cody got 5 1st place placements, 2 2nd place placements and 1 4th place. He also showed a days in a row and Pm so very proud of my boy. Forought him a new, toy but the only toy he wanted was his bumble bee.



BISS Ch. Macdega Notorious X Lacewood Casseopeia (akc pts)





We would love to thank Tricia for sharing this dream of a tri girl with us here at lona ,,

What a nice quality girl, We are just tickled and in love with her ,, I want to call her Emma where my youngest daughter wants to call her Cloe after her favorite Bratz doll, Thank You Tricia, and thank you Shannalee and Debbie for bring this sweetie to us :)..

Animal Rights

What you should know

By David Calderwood

What the below article indicates is something we've observed to hold true, since we became involved in the fight against animal rights:

David

HSUS Scores Washington Lawmakers

By Pork news staff | Saturday, May 30, 2009

With its eyes squarely fixed on the U.S. Congress, the Humane Society of the United States has published its "Humane Scorecard," which shows Washington, D.C., lawmakers' position on "animal-rights" issues.

House and Senate Democrats scored higher than their Republican counterparts, Seven Democratic senators received a 100+ rating, as did 22 congressmen. HSUS' measure for the 100+ rating reflected those members who were the prime sponsors of pro-animal leg-islation that became law.

Senate Democrats on the "100+" list include Joe Biden (Del.), now the U.S. vice president, Barbara Boxer (Calif.), Diane Feinstein (Calif.), John Kerry (Mass.) and Carl Levin (Mich.) Ten other Democrats rated a score of 100, while only two Republicans in the Senate earned a 100 rating: Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins, both of Maine.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Nevada Democrat, earned the relatively low score of 33.

Lawmakers also were rated based on their co-sponsorship of bills, and the scorecard gave lawmakers credit for attempting to increase funding to enforce animal-welfare laws on the books.

In the House, 38 Democrats received 100 percent ratings, including Barbara Lee (Calif.), Dennis Kucinich (Ohio) and Charles Rangel (N.Y.). Only six Republicans rated 100: Christopher Shays (Conn.), Roscoe Bartlett (Md.), Jim Gerlach (Pa.), Todd Russell Platts (Pa.), Dave Reichert (Wash.) and Frank LoBiondo (N.J.)

House Republican legislators receiving a score of "0" totaled 16, including House Minority Leader John Boehner (Ohio), and five in the Senate: Tom Coburn (Okla.), Jim DeMint (S.C.), George Voinovich (Ohio), John Sununu (N.H.) and Pete Domenici (N.M.).

The scorecard also outlines HSUS' goals for the 111th Congress. Among those goals is to ensure that emissions from "factory farms" are not exempt from legislation to combat global warming. Others include animal-cruelty crimes to be reported as a separate cate-

gory in federal crime statistics databases, ensuring that students can choose humane alternatives to animal dissection, phasing out the use of chimpanzees in research and much more.

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Appeals court upholds dismissal of suit against Salt Lake County employees

By Pamela Manson The Salt Lake Tribune Updated: 06/01/2009 05:37:51 PM MDT

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday upheld the dismissal of a lawsuit filed against two Salt Lake County employees by animal-rights activists.

The decision stems from a February 2007 demonstration by five members of the Utah Animal Rights Coalition (UARC) at the Salt Lake County Equestrian Park. The picketers were protesting a calf-roping event at the Jordan World Circus taking place at the park, which is county-owned land in South Jordan.

A county employee called South Jordan police, who told the demonstrators to leave because they did not have a permit. The demonstrators sued the city and county in federal court, claiming violation of their free speech rights.

Salt Lake County permits small demonstrations without a permit but South Jordan did not in 2007 and, under state law, its ordinances applied at the park. The city eventually settled the UARC suit by agreeing to not enforce permit requirements for demonstrations involving five or fewer people.

The coalition continued to press its claims against two county employees who were responsible for park operations. U.S. District Judge Dale Kimball ruled in 2007 that the two did not cause the protest to disband and dismissed the suit. The picketers appealed, leading to Monday's ruling.

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Temperament Testing Puppies By Kathy Diamond Davis

Puppy temperament testing is both science and art. Much of a dog's temperament is genetically based. We continue to learn more ways the behavior is shaped by physical traits, including invisible or subtle ones. Dogs have different structures in their eyes that cause them to actually see the world differently, just as one example.

By the time a puppy is old enough for a temperament test—commonly 7 to 8 weeks, though other ages work well, too—the pup's experiences in life have also affected temperament. Even at this tender age, it's not possible to say with absolute certainty that a particular trait is solely genetic and not at all learned. Indeed, you can dramatically improve a puppy's responses on a temperament test by good handling and good experiences. The changes you make in the test scores this way wouldn't be inherited by that puppy's offspring. And yet the ability to benefit similarly to such handling and to show improved test scores from it might well be passed on to pups.

The mother dog's behavior affects the puppies through her contact with them. She passes her genetic material to them and then heavily influences their early life experiences.

Clearly it's in everyone's best interests to make sure mother dogs have good genetics, good health care, good training, good conditioning to human handling, good socialization to everything that will be around when rearing pups—and even good experiences when pregnant. She is far, far more than an incubator! Which One to Pick?

People enjoy puppies, and some insist on adopting their dogs only in puppy hood. Puppy temperament testing offers a tantalizing promise of predicting the pup's adult temperament. The tests seem simple and tend to be scored in easy numbers such as one through five. It sounds easy! Sometimes, though, you simply cannot tell what that puppy will be like as an adult.

Puppy testing became well known after the publication of Clarence Pfaffenberger's book "The New Knowledge of Dog Behavior." Every dog lover will enjoy reading this fascinating book about the puppy testing and handling methods that revolutionized the selection and rearing of puppies for guide dog training. Considering the time and expense that goes into training a guide dog—not to speak of the hopes and dreams and the genuine need for the service of the dog—the choice of a dog to put into the program takes on great importance. The new methods raised the success rate from around 9 percent to about 90 percent!

The jobs dogs are trained to do have expanded many times over since the book's first printing in 1963. One of the most important jobs dogs do today is unofficial, and that is the job of companion to humans. Particularly where there is a vulnerable human in the household, suitable behavior from the dog becomes critical.

We also now work with dogs in other assistance roles for people with disabilities, as therapy dogs to provide emotional support for humans, in several police roles, multiple military roles, search and rescue, arson detection, termite detection, customs, border protection, livestock herding, livestock guarding, drug detection in schools, security for people at high risk, and many other jobs. New tasks that dogs can perform in partnership with humans are found all the time. Dog training has become so sophisticated that we now know how to elicit behaviors in dogs that in the past we had to just hope would happen by accident.

The rub, though, is finding the right dog. Just like people, individual dogs are different, with different strengths and weaknesses. Breed is a clue as to what a dog might be trainable to do, but far from a guarantee. Bloodline is another clue, but puppies in the same litter can be quite different from one another. If you see them grown up trying to do the same job with two different handlers, it's not unusual to note that those dogs would be better matched with the opposite of the handlers they have! It's easy to see why puppy temperament tests have become routine. They are far from perfect in predicting how the pup will turn out, but any information helps. Keep in mind, though, that puppies change a

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LOT as they mature, and the effects of experiences they have later will not show in puppy testing. We all think we can give our puppies the perfect upbringing, but of course there is no such thing as a life free of mistakes and accidents. If you need a known temperament for a specific purpose, a young adult dog is a better choice than a puppy, and plenty are available.

The Tests

Where can you find a puppy temperament test? There are many. The Pfaffenberger book goes into great detail. Susan Clothier wrote a puppy testing booklet. Carol Lea Benjamin wrote one. William Campbell's book "Behavior Problems in Dogs" includes a puppy temperament test. Wendy Volhard developed one of the best-known tests.

Other puppy tests have been devised by all sorts of organizations and individuals in attempts to choose the right dogs for their needs. Each trainer will have a different personality, different physical abilities, and will often be teaching the dog different tasks using different training methods. With experience, each program and each trainer learn to narrow the criteria of testing to come closer and closer to the ideal dogs for their work.

To pick the test that best fits your needs, study as many as you can find, in books, online, at seminars, from your puppy's breeder, from rescue and shelter workers, from experts in the work you want to do with your dog, and anywhere else you can—BEFORE you choose a puppy! Here are some of the elements you are likely to find on a puppy temperament test:

1. Take the puppies one at a time to an unfamiliar but comfortable setting for the test. Ideally the person handling the pups will be a stranger to them, possibly taking directions from someone who knows the test. It's important to handle each pup exactly the same. Videotaping is a good idea, along with taking notes.

2. Test the puppies more than once, because one test might catch some of them at an off time physically and give an inaccurate result. The puppies are jetting through critical development periods at these ages, too, and not all at the same pace.

3. A good breeder or caretaker will have many observations on each puppy to share with you, so listen carefully and consider these with the test results.

4. The breeder has that all-important genetic knowledge (or should have) that puts the test results into the context of what a puppy with those test results of that breed AND bloodline is likely to be like as an adult. The more you know—the more you'll know! Testing pups of known genetics is more accurate than testing pups from unknown bloodlines. Tests on mixed breed pups leave a lot of room for error.

Restraining the puppy gently with tummy up is a common test. You would want to see different responses depending on the temperament you need. As with many things in life, there is not just one "right" answer. Few handlers would be looking for the puppy who fights this restraint, but some people want the dog to struggle just a little before accepting it. They feel that shows certain working qualities. Reading the dog is important, too. The dog who just lays there might be relaxed — or frozen with fear.
 Another test is to lift the puppy off the ground. You're looking for the degree and duration of resistance to being held in the air.

7. Young puppies tend to follow, and how much the pup follows you when you walk away can indicate the degree of interest in humans.

8. Kneeling or squatting and calling the puppy—remember to call each puppy exactly the same way also shows the pup's interest in humans.

9. Touch sensitivity is sometimes tested with pressure of thumb and forefinger squeezing the webbing between two toes, counting slowly to ten as the pressure is increased. Fingernails are not used, and the pressure is stopped when the dog gives any reaction at all.

10. The tester may teach the pup a simple skill such as sitting for a treat, looking for trainability, response to praise, response to food, and other qualities.

11. Retrieving instinct can be tested by getting down on the ground with the puppy and tossing a light, appealing item forward a few feet. You gently restrain the pup and make sure the puppy is interested in the item first, and then you toss it in a way that causes the pup to visually track it. You release the pup to

run to it.

You're looking for any part of the sequence: a) run to the item, b) pick up the item, c) carry the item, d) start back to you with the item, e) carry the item part or all of the way to you, and f) deliver the item to your hand. If the puppy does bring the item to you, give it right back to the puppy to reinforce this terrific response. If the pup runs out and grabs it, you've got something to build on. If the puppy runs out, grabs it, and carries it, that's outstanding, too.

12. In a non-frightening way, pups are often tested with unusual sights, sounds, footing, and other experiences. These experiences, as well as the whole temperament evaluation, should be made enjoyable for the puppy. There is no excuse for hurting or frightening a puppy in the name of temperament testing! Puppies soak up learning like sponges, and temperament testing should contribute to a puppy's future, never detract from it.

Who Gives the Test?

Your best bet when getting a puppy is to deal with someone who thoroughly knows the genetics of the litter and is an expert in that breed. Such a person will be happy to arrange puppy testing because it enhances her own knowledge of the litter. You will want the benefit of all possible information from the testing she routinely does.

Most of us are well served by letting this knowledgeable person choose the pup for us—making sure, of course, to be completely honest with her so she can best know what kind of pup will make a good match. It's highly possible she will choose a different pup for you than you would choose for yourself, and that her choice for you will be better. She will also have the advantage of observing the puppies in other settings, probably for many hours. She brings a real depth of familiarity with those puppies to the task of choosing the best one to join your family.

If you have a specific job in mind for your dog, talk to experts in that work and find out what puppy tests they consider applicable and what responses they like to see to those tests for their working purposes. Find out the rationale behind their methods—you want to understand as much as possible prior to any testing. A video of your prospective pup and littermates being tested will allow you to study the test over and over, and to get the opinions of experts about the pup you are considering.

If you need to give the test yourself, do your homework FIRST! The puppy will be different the second time you test, the third time, the fourth time—every time is a learning experience for the puppy that will change the response the next time. Any interaction you have with the puppy prior to the test will also have an effect, especially if you have spent more time with one puppy than with the others.

Puppy temperament testing is a task you may have better success getting an expert to do for you than other favors. Follow all wishes of the puppy owner as to infection control procedures, which include not going from one kennel to another in the same day. Puppy immune systems are immature, and you certainly don't want to make them sick.

Does It Work?

Experts disagree about the accuracy of puppy temperament testing. Breeds vary greatly, and so do the reasons we test the pups. Different people train differently—and often do not realize just how differently. The meaning of a puppy's responses to a test is open to wide interpretation. This is certainly part of the art and skill that an experienced tester brings to the task. Having tested puppies and then known those puppies as adult dogs will help refine a person's ability to see a response on a puppy test and look to what that response is likely to mean in the adult that this baby dog will become.

So, does puppy temperament testing work? Sometimes it works very well. Most of the time it probably helps at least some, if the person who trains the dog makes good use of the knowledge to shape the temperament in the desired direction.

Provided the puppy is always treated well in the process of testing, it's certainly worthwhile to do it. The people have fun, the puppy learns, and human knowledge of dogs moves forward.

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I Have a Question

This Month's Question I'd like to know how much of temperament in our dogs is inherited and how much of it is environment? I have seen shelties that have been out and socialized a lot and they still seem very aloof. I have seen dogs that have been pretty isolated that are very out going. How important is it to look at the temperament in the background of the pedigree as opposed to how puppies are raised? I would



like to get a puppy with an excellent temperament, but I don't know which is more important, or are they equally important? Also when you raise puppies, what things can you do to help ensure a stable outgoing temperament?

I don't think anyone has a percentage on how much of a temperament is environment or genetics. I think they are equally important. A good temperament is the foundation of any dog. Socialization helps the dog learn to cope with life and all the things that are in the world. — Peggy Newman

I think that temperament is made up of both genetic and environmental factors. A puppy with stable, friendly parents (and pedigree) who is never played with, will probably not grow up to be people-oriented. A puppy with shy, weird parents (and pedigree) who is socialized to the max will probably grow up to have acceptable amounts of friendliness and stability, but his level of friendliness and stability may be just barely acceptable. But a puppy with stable, friendly parents who grew up well-socialized will usually grow up to be a delightful adult. So why not aim for both when selecting a puppy?

After 45 years in the breed, I think that temperament is about 1/3 environment and 2/3 genetic. There are some dogs who have much strange temperament in their pedigrees, who, no matter how abundantly and intelligently they are socialized, will never be good companions.

It goes without saying that selecting a puppy is important, so do the research. You would want to see if the puppy came from stock that was free of eye problems, hip dysplasia, etc., and you would research that, so temperament should be researched as well, as just another of the important selection factors.

— Dana Quinney

I think temperament is important when looking at a sire.
I also believe a good dog has to have a lot of one on one to keep temperaments in check.
A good dog reflects it's owner & the time that goes into owning a well behaved dog.
I try to keep my dogs in every kind of situation I am in at all possible times.
They go where I go every chance I get.
Because it really is both how they are breed & raised.
Just my thoughts! — Tomi Hamblin

Next 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?

(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

Club Meetings

Our Club meeting for July will be Wednesday July 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

*** 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



PET PARTY MIX

2 cups Cheerios
2 cups Chex or Crispix
2 cups spoon-size Shredded Wheat
2 tsps dry gravy mix (no onion)
1/2 cup melted butter or margarine
1/2 cup imitation bacon bits
1/2 cup grated American Cheese Powder
1 cup dog treats (Pupperoni, Jerky Treats, etc.)
Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Pour melted butte
Stir in cheese, bacon bits, and gravy mix. Add care coated. Heat until crisp, approximately 45 m



Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Pour melted butter/margarine into a 13x9 baking pan. Stir in cheese, bacon bits, and gravy mix. Add cereal and stir until all pieces are coated. Heat until crisp, approximately 45 minutes. Let cool and store in tightly sealed 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 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.



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USSA Board Meeting Minutes June 17, 2009

In attendance: Cherie Hyde, Peggy & Jim Newman, Sarah Bagdoian, Julene & Kevin Mathews, Judy Williamson, Mike Cornella.

Cheryl Sorenson – excused.

Meeting called to order at 6:00p.m.

Motion made to approve May's minutes by Julene Mathews and seconded by Cherie Hyde , motion passed.

President's Report: Jim wanted the board to think of ideas of how to get more members to attend the Club meetings and how to grow the club's membership.

Vice President's Report: Kevin will work on future educational programs. Still trying to get Kimberly Henneman to do an alternative medicine and therapy for dogs, but she is currently in England.

Corresponding Secretary: The Club received a thank you note from Judge Ellen Worthington on the 2008 Specialty. Peggy has hired Alice Peterson to judge rally and obedience in next year's specialty.

Recording Secretary: Sarah checked with Sandy Parks & Rec. tonight regarding reserving the building for the holiday party in December, but they are booked the first two weeks and it is too early to check the last 2 weeks of December. It was suggested we look for alternate dates and places for the holiday party in case we cannot get this regular pavilion.

Treasurers Report: Mike reported the finances for the month. He still needs to collect some trophy money before he can finalize the Specialty finances. Kevin motioned and Peggy seconded the finance report, motion passed.

New Business: We discussed trying to find alternative locations or dates for the holiday party as this building is getting harder and harder to reserve for such an event. Kevin volunteered to check other Sandy Parks such as the new Lone Peak Park Pavilion.

Julene wondered where some club items, such as the DVDs of past nationals and specialties are. Who has these items or who had the items last? We should get these back as they belong to The Club and should establish an inventory and tracking system for the club library.

Old Business:

Constitution and Bylaws: General discussion on the constitution and by laws was discussed.

Committees: Peggy volunteered to be Nominating Committee Chair for the next board. Julene volunteered to be Trophy Chair.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Cherie and seconded by Kevin, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00p.m.

USSA General Club Meeting Minutes June 17, 2009

In attendance: Cherie Hyde, Peggy & Jim Newman, Sarah Bagdoian, Julene & Kevin Mathews, Judy Williamson, Mike Cornella, Barbara Ray, Tony Plott, Tomi Hamblin, Ava Pickering.

Welcome and meeting called to order at 7:00p.m.

Brags: Barbara Ray – Rush finished his Ch. in 11 shows!

Cherie Hyde – Robbie was Best of Breed over 2 specials for a 4 point major. Just needs one more point to finish.

Educational seminar: Judy Williamson provided information on how to find a lost dog.

Approval of May minutes: Julene motioned and Kevin seconded to approve the May minutes, motion carried.

President's report: Jim is looking for volunteers to do next year's specialty.

Vice President: nothing to report

Corresponding Secretary: Peggy passed Ellen Worthington's note around thanking the club for allowing her to judge the specialty. Alice Peterson has been hired for next years show to judge rally and obedience.

Treasurer's report: Mike reported finances. He is still collecting and reconciling money for the show and hopes to have that finalized to report next month. Tony motioned and Peggy seconded to accept the Treasurer's report.

Unfinished business:

Sarah mentioned that she checked with Sandy Parks and Recreation regarding renting this building for the holiday party. However, the first two weekends in December are already booked and it is too early to check on the last two weekends in December. Barbara Ray volunteered to check on the last two weekends in December since she lives close. It was also mentioned that Kevin was going to check Lone Peak Park Pavilion, but Barbara said she has looked into that and it is really expensive. If Barbara cannot get the Centennial Park Pavilion, for December, then we need to look at alternative places and/or dates.

New Business:

We need volunteers for next years show committees:

Julene has volunteered to be trophy chair.

Peggy volunteered to be show chair.

Peggy will ask Cindy Williamson to be obedience chair again.

Barbara Ray volunteered to do the judges hospitality baskets.

Ava said if she's available she will see about getting muffins and donuts for the specialty hospitality.

It was a unanimous vote to use Meier's Chicken again for the dinner.

Cherie Hyde said that Tom Lamb is willing to do a seminar at his facility in Vancouver, WA and will take 10 dogs. A specific date has not been set yet, but it will be in August. Let Cherie Hyde know ASAP if you are interested in driving to Vancouver for Tom's seminar.

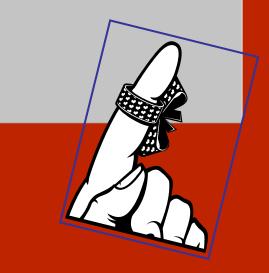
It was mentioned in the board meeting and again brought up in the general meeting that we need to locate all items that belong to The Club, for example the national and specialty DVDs that The Club purchased. These items need to be cataloged. The Club should have a storage box where items such as DVDs, films, books, photos, etc. can be inventoried and stored. Julene motioned and Tony seconded that we should put a note in the newsletter asking members to return all items that might have been borrowed and return them back to The Club so they can be archived and tracked. Please bring items to club meetings or give them to a board or club member to bring back. Motion passed.

Barbara motioned to adjourn meeting and Kevin seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Calendar of Events

July 15, 2009 — Club Meeting August 1 (Sat) — Summer Party at River Front Park East Pavilion 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





Map of the Park for the Summer Picnic

We will be at the Pavilion located at number 24