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President's Message Jim Newman

I would like to take the opportunity to thank those that helped put on our specialty this year. I would also like to thank all those that showed this year because without you we would not have had a successful show. We had excellent entries in conformation and obedience.

Now it is time to start thinking about our show for next year and what you as a club member can do to make next year's show successful.

We need everyone's help to put on a successful show. This year we had some glitches starting with Onofrio Dog Shows. They did not set up the rings for us until Wednesday morning. This was part of the reason for the specialty getting started late. I have talked with the people from Onofrio and we hope to have that problem solved for next year. We are hoping they will work with us on this problem.

This leads me the major problem I had preparing for the shows. I want to let everyone know what happened with the catalogs. On Monday my computer was attacked by a virus that destroyed the files for the Sheltie catalog, as well as the Doberman, Collie and Swissy catalogs. Peggy and I worked all day Monday trying to fix the catalog files with no success. We worked from Tuesday morning to Wednesday morning, without sleep, trying to get the files fixed. Again without success. We had to run to the shows Wednesday morning with no catalogs, just judge's books. I did get the catalogs done but I had to rebuild all the files in order to get the catalogs printed.

I think this year Murphy and his law were VERY present, as anything that could go wrong did. Come to the meeting this month as we need to start planning for next year and for the CGC test for later this summer.

Thanks again and best wishes to all.

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Announcements

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Apology!!

I would like to apologize to Steve Holmes for a misunderstanding. I misspoke and used the term "program" when I meant "file". It was a file he sent to Jim that did not work for us not a program. And I thought it pertained to sheltie stuff and it did not. I apologize for the misuse of terms and the misunderstanding.

— Peggy Newman

Notice

Anyone who has puppies for sale, or is looking for a puppy or older dog, please contact Peggy Newman
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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

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Happy Birthday

We want to wish the following members a very happy Birthday

8 Tammy Blakely
22 Linda Cornella
28 Shirley McLaughlin



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

The Clan Duncan Easter Egg Hunt 2009



*Sometimes you just have to let go and
do something silly.
Happy Spring, everyone!*



*Oreo and
Bindi*



Tardy and Imp



Tardy



*Bey's
first
egg*



Rowena has always preferred pink eggs.



Fox

April has been good to Akadia



4pt Specialty major
for Fiora



5 pts, 1 major for
Kohlman



A CHAMPIONSHIP
for Kaylani



A 4pt specialty major
for Madison

And More.....

A 5pt major
for Joy



Standing at Stud at Akadia

Norwood Majestic Starlight



By Ch. Macdega Ben Lomond
out of
BIS Ch. Norwood Nenana

*This cute little tri dog is non-white/bi factored
OFA excellent
eye clear
VwD clear*

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Chandelle Shelties

Presents:

Akadia Chandelle Steel and Flames "Kohman"

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Congratulations to Shannalee CDichalcky on Kohman's win in Lewiston.
Thank you for doing such a great job, I'm very proud of you and Kohman.

Also thank you so much for sharing this beautiful boy with me!!!



Mistybrook Curvaceous
"Kari"
Ch. Mac Dega Notorious X Ch. Imagine Dangerous Curves

4th 9-12 AOAC class at the National

Proudly owned by
Lacewood shelties
and co-owned
with Jan Williams
of Mistybrook

Thank you Jan
for trusting me
with this amazing
girl. We are so
excited about her
and all of her
littermates that
are doing so well
in the show ring!!!

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Animal Rights

What you should know

By David Calderwood

At this time we're seeing so-called "Puppy Mill legislation" in between 20 and 30 states (with almost 40 states on the agenda). Each one of these bills are very similar with the fact that they do little to effect actual puppy mills but seem to be designed to put restrictions in responsible breeders instead. The HSUS has co-written these bills with each individual states legislators and the HSUS has already stated that they intend to come back in subsequent years to tighten the restrictions.

Some time ago, the AKC suggested to clubs that they appoint a club member to be its "AKC Legislative liaison". Because of the proliferation of animal rights legislation across the Nation, which is designed to make it more and more difficult and expensive to own animals, I would like to see the USSA appoint a member to that position -- if the club hasn't already done so.

I would be very willing to help the appointee to get started in this position -- which basically is to inform the club of legislation which they should be concerned.

"As an ongoing series of articles regarding animal rights -- I felt this article entitled "A wolf in sheep's clothing" was very good -- in it's explanation of, what I consider to be the most dangerous AR organization -- the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and the sponsor of these, so called, Puppy Mill bills.

—David Calderwood

<http://ourohio.org:80/index.php?page=a-wolf-in-sheep-s-clothing>

A wolf in sheep's clothing

A donation to the HSUS does not support the volunteers and staff who are sheltering and protecting animals in your community. It supports HSUS' Washington/Hollywood fund-raising machine.

"The life of an ant and that of my child should be granted equal consideration." — Michael Fox, former Humane Society of the United States vice president

I find it hard to believe many of us agree with that kind of extreme thinking, but if you are a donor to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), you are buying into it - literally.

Well-intentioned folks who send five or ten bucks to HSUS to protect animals in their local community are being hoodwinked. HSUS acknowledges, albeit quietly, that it is "not affiliated with, nor a parent organization of local humane societies." So be very clear about this: A donation to HSUS does not support the volunteers and staff who are sheltering and protecting animals in your community. It supports HSUS' Washington/Hollywood fund-raising machine. HSUS' 2006 tax return shows annual income of more than \$100 million and assets in excess of \$225 million. Some of that windfall comes from average citizens who are tricked into giving by images of sad-

eyed puppies. Ironically, another way HSUS brings in money is by charging local nonprofit groups for advice on how to run animal shelters.

So if all that cash isn't being used for local humane efforts, where's it going? Mr. Fox gives us a pretty clear indication. The HSUS agenda is to convince the world that animals have the same rights as humans. They want no pet=2 0ownership, no circus acts, no biomedical research. And no meat, milk or eggs. HSUS Grassroots Coordinator J.P. Goodwin proclaimed, "My goal is the abolition of all animal agriculture." HSUS President Wayne Pacelle has enforced a "no animal products" policy in the office; he's hired lawyers and activists from multiple anti-animal agriculture groups including one staffer who said "nothing is more important than promoting veganism." Mr. Pacelle is certainly ambitious; his stated political goal is to build "a National Rifle Association of the animal rights movement." Clearly, I couldn't disagree more with the HSUS agenda. But neither would I argue against their right to believe as they choose. My complaint is with how their beliefs are marketed. Donors are sold a pretty package that says "help animals," but under that wrapping is a product that few expect, and even fewer would ever buy.

Kathie Gray agrees. As president of the Wayne County Humane Society in northeast Ohio, she said it's best to look at HSUS and other national organizations with a "skeptical eye." Said Gray, "If I send \$10 to HSUS, it may go into a political arena I don't agree with." Conversely, money given locally is "very visible; we have to account to this community." Gray and the rest of the Wayne County Humane Society are so disenchanted that they have removed links from their Web20site to many national groups who have been "infiltrated by HSUS." Comparing HSUS to her agency, she added, "They send out glossy brochures. We take care of companion animals." It's my sense that as pet owners, livestock farmers or zoo visitors, we pretty well agree on our responsibility to provide for an animal's best welfare. But assigning rights to animals — considering them somehow equal to humans — is a concept few of us accept. Recognize there are enormous differences between animal welfare groups and animal rights activists. Support the welfare work done by your local humane society. And think twice before mailing a check to HSUS.

John C. (Jack) Fisher, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation executive vice president



Article Of Interest

How Animal Rights Has Twisted Our Language

by JOHN YATES

American Sporting Dog Alliance

<http://www.americansportingdogalliance.org>

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

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

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

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

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

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

The entire language about dog ownership has been hijacked by the rhetoric of the animal rights movement. The worst part is that we have allowed it to happen. We are too fearful and wimpy to stand up for ourselves. We keep searching for inoffensive euphemisms to describe what we do, so that we don't open ourselves up to attack.

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

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

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

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

None whatsoever!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

They are professional athletes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

What do the animal rights freaks have? They have their ideology. They look in the mirror and feel smug and self-righteous, as if God has personally anointed them to protect animals from the likes of me.

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

They can keep it.

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

I owe them my life.

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

I am very proud of doing that.

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

I have done this through rigorous selection. My puppies today are the result of 35 years of my stubborn

insistence about never breeding a dog that does not have a wonderful disposition, perfect conformation, great intelligence, exceptional natural ability, breathtaking style and that mysterious ingredient called genius.

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

Simply put, my puppies today are a lot nicer than my puppies of 35 years ago. Today, there is a much higher percentage of good ones, a much lower percentage of deficient ones, a much higher average of good qualities, and a much higher percentage of true greatness emerging from my kennel today.

That's what it means to be a breeder.

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

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

It also makes for healthier dogs. Generation after generation of perfect functional conformation means that the dogs are less likely to get injured, wear out or develop arthritis. Many generations of selection for vigor, toughness and good health means that they are able to laugh at the extremes of climate, weather and terrain. I also have virtually eliminated genetic health problems from my strain of dogs. For example, hip dysplasia is the most common genetic problem in English setters, afflicting a reported four-percent of the breed. In the past 20 years, I have had only two questionable hip x-rays, which both would be rated "fair" by the Orthopedic Foundation of America (OFA). The last one was 10 years ago.

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

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

They make me smile a lot. I think I make them smile, too.

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

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

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

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

Alas, I am not.

It has been years since I actually have made money on a litter of puppies. Usually, I lose my shirt.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

were no animals for them to exploit, they would have to get a real job.

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

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

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

Only problem is, my dogs don't agree. They love to work. They love their jobs. The only time they are sad is when it is not their turn to work. For my dogs, working is sheer joy and passion! They love every second of it. What animal rights groups live for is creating imaginary victims. Helping victims makes some people feel better about themselves and, of course, it helps them to part with their money so that animal rights leaders can live high on the hog. Oops. I mean high on the carrot. How callous of me. I guess I'm just not a sensitive kind of guy.

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

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

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

Another way of putting it is that both my dogs and my own example provide proof that life is not pointless drudgery and exploitation. We provide living proof that joy, beauty and personal fulfillment are possible in life. I just don't think of those qualities when I think of the animal rights fanatics I have known. They seem a rather sad and sorry lot to me. I'll take my dogs' company any day.

Oh, but the icing on the cake is that I use these poor exploited creatures to hunt innocent birds. How terrible! Hunting, of course, is a subject of its own, and I won't attempt to cover it here.

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

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

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

I am proud to be a hunter, too.

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

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

So stand up and shout it to the rooftops!

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

want to live up to your dogs.

What you are doing is right.

It's just that simple.

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

The American Sporting Dog Alliance also needs your help so that we can continue to work to protect the rights of dog owners. Your membership, participation and support are truly essential to the success of our mission. We are funded solely by the donations of our members, and maintain strict independence.

Please visit us on the web at <http://www.americansportingdogalliance.org>. Our email is ASDA@csonline.net.

Complete directions to join by mail or online are found at the bottom left of each page.

PLEASE CROSS-POST AND FORWARD THIS REPORT TO YOUR FRIENDS

I Have a Question



This 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.

I've had some success by using a squirt bottle filled with plain water to squirt the dogs while telling them "quiet". Some people add a little bit of lemon juice to the water, but I haven't tried that. It's fairly successful, as long as the dogs can see that you can reach the squirt bottle.

Debarking, more properly called "bark softening", done properly by an experienced veterinarian, is NOT cruel. The dog absolutely doesn't care -- doesn't even notice -- that his voice has diminished. The surgery has roughly the same complexity and risk as tonsil removal on humans, and the recovery is similar as well. In my opinion, the cost and small risks associated with bark softening are trivial compared with the prospect of having angry neighbors, high stress in you home, or the possibility of animal control taking action against you.

*Hope this helps,
—Jim Melton*

Debarks are wonderful!

A spray bottle works also, but it's hard to run around after them in the yard. A clicker works too. Obedience classes can help too but they have to be better classes than pet smart offer.

Getting in tune with your dog never hurts.

Really can't say enough about debarks.

—Tomi Hamblin

Next Month's Question: How do you feel about re-homing a dog? Is it hard to re-home an older dog? How easily do dogs adjust to a new home? Is it better for a retired dog to live out their life with a new family as a cherished pet or better to stay in their original home?

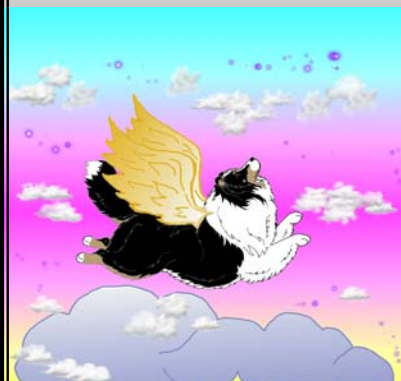
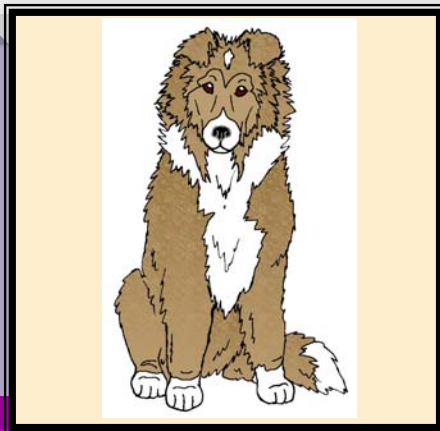
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If you have a question for this column that you would like to receive an answer for, you can submit the question anonymously to Tricia at lacewoodshelties@comcast.net or mail to Tricia Harris 2082 Mountain Vista Lane, Provo, UT 84606

Club Meetings

**Our Club meeting for April will be
Wednesday May 20th,
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 finding a lost dog**

*** 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



Sunshine Liver Brownies

1 lb. calf or pork liver
1 cup flour
1/2 cup corn meal
1 Tbsp garlic powder

Puree all of the above in a food processor. Pour onto a cookie sheet lined with aluminum foil which has been oiled. Mixture will be thick. Press flat and even. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Brownies are done when the pink is gone. Do not over bake or the brownies will crumble. Recipe may be doubled.

You can also use fresh garlic instead of the garlic powder, and/or add parsley flakes for color.



***** 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 purebred dogs?
- 15) Any words of advice for newcomers?

After filling this out, please email it to Shannalee Michalsky, akadia@srv.net or akadia2shonga@yahoo.com.



USSA Board Meeting Minutes April 15, 2009

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

Excused: Cheryl Sorenson

Welcome and meeting called to order at 6:00p.m.

Jim asked if there were any corrections to March's minutes. No objections, Cherie motioned and Mike seconded approval of minutes. Motion passed.

President's Report: The AKC has started approving mixed breed competitions in agility, obedience and rally.

Vice President's Report: Kevin was not present, but the Red Cross to do a First Aid Presentation for dogs.

Recording Secretary: nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary: Robyn McTaggart has accepted assignments for 2011.

Treasurer: Mike reported finances.

Paid for Riverbend Park East Pavilion for the club picnic on August 1st, 2009.

Julene motioned and Peggy seconded treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Old Business: Jim would like to have the board go over the Constitution, by-laws and standing rules in a separate meeting via on-line some evening. It was suggested on a Wednesday night around 6:30p.m. would be the best time for the board to access their computers via on-line.

Committees:

Show: Judges will stay at the Best Western Cottontree Inn in Sandy.

We will not be able to set-up for Specialty until Wednesday morning. Exhibitors will not be allowed in the arena to set up at ringside until 9:30 a.m. Dinner will be after both specialties, with a ½ hour break in between specialties so dinner won't be so late.

Still need stewards and someone to transport the judges. Alan Newman may be able to help transport and possibly steward.

Peggy will follow up on the Canine Good Citizen test so we can use that as our AKC certification requirements.

Sarah to check with the parks dept. in June to see if the Centennial Park Pavilion is available around December 5th for the holiday club party.

Announcements: Sheltie Rescue of Utah has qualified for 5013C status so donations are tax deductible.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Julene and seconded by Mike. Approved.

USSA General Club Meeting Minutes April 15, 2009

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

Guest Speaker: Natalia from the American Red Cross

General Meeting called to order 7:50p.m.

Brags: Lacy got her RN title at the age of 13 ½ !!

President's Report: AKC has approved special events for mixed breeds, separate from pure breed events.

This years Specialty numbers match the number of entrants we had last year.

Vice President's Report: Next month's educational seminar will on "How to find a lost dog". Judy will present this.

Recording Secretary: nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary: Peggy received two assignments back and Robyn McTaggart has agreed to judge in 2011.

Treasurer's Report: Mike reported both March and April's finances. The pavilion we will use for the summer picnic has been paid for. Tony motioned and Cherie seconded the treasurer's report.

Show Report: Need stewards, someone to transport the judges.

Need help setting up Wednesday morning. The show starts at 10:00a.m. and dinner will be around 7:30p.m.

Old & New Business: Utah Valley needs ring Stewards for their show

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mike and Cherie seconded. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned 8:15p.m.

Calendar of Events

May 16, 17 — Mount Ogden Kennel Club Show

May 20, 2009 — Club Meeting

June 9-10 — Snake River shows Filer ID

June 11-14 — Black Foot shows, ID

June 17, 2009 — Club Meeting

July 15, 2009 — Club Meeting

August 1 (Sat) — Summer Party at Riverbend 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

