



# Sheltie Connection

UTAH SHETLAND SHEEPDOG ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 2009

## Presidents message

by Julene Mathews

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Special thanks to Clan Duncan Shelties for use of clip art....

Lets hit the ground running this year!

We have six months to put the specialty together. The application for the show is submitted, we are still looking at awards and sewing up ends from this last Mays show. There are many aspects to successfully putting on a show. YOU...yes, you are needed. I mean you, the one reading this right now. Many hands make light work so please help us. We had a few problems last May, Lets make sure they are not repeated so things go smoothly. Thanks in advance!

December 12th is our Christmas party. It's pot luck and we'll do the fun game that Eva and Ava started for us so many years ago! Bring a 10.00 gift and call Sarah Bagdorian to communicate your potluck item. Please no dogs and there is a map in this newsletter! Lets loosen up and have a great day!

This should prove to be an interesting year. Our education chair is Peggy Newman. If you have a suggestion for the educational portion of our meeting, please share it. We also have a wonderful chance to keep apprised of the political atmosphere concerning our rights to own our dogs. If you have a mild interest in this subject, trust me, animal rights activists don't. Their interest is actively trying to remove your rights! If you have no interest, that's what they are hoping for! Get interested and active starting with reading the material David Calderwood is graciously supplying the club with and see what you can do to maintain our constitutional rights in regard to owning our dogs.

There are many things planned for this year! Be active and lets make the club a communal effort again. We are lucky we have a club to participate in. Because of the work of so many, and for so many years, we are able to provide to our area many more shows than we have had in past years and shows that afford us the ability to win majors! This is something we never had years ago, and that we all had to travel to bigger clusters out of state to find! Appreciate the efforts of so many that have brought us to this point. Now we have up to 9 chances in state in the year for points and we have had good luck holding majors during our specialty weekend bringing us chances in state for five majors in one weekend! Hard to find and little travel for us. If no one helps put on a show, that could quickly disintegrate. If you want to have these opportunities in this tough economy, then you should help out even a little so we can continue to offer club sponsored shows.

We'll see you at the meeting and thanks for attending! Contact me for any concerns or questions. My door is open...till 9:00pm...ggg

Julene



# Positive side.....By David Calderwood

This month's article will be a little more on the positive side.

My brother, Don Calderwood who lives in Providence Utah, is running for a seat as a City Councilor in Providence. In my discussions with other legislators as well as with him, I've learned that a lot of information passes between elected officials of the various cities as well as between other levels of government. Besides the fact that he is a proponent of property rights, I've been telling him about the animal rights (AR) problem for years. If successful in his election bid, his ear will be a valuable asset to our efforts to oppose AR legislation in Utah.

Because of the wisdom of your Utah lawmakers, you can count the below information as a step in the right direction.

David

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<http://www.standard.net/topics/politics/2009/10/22/animal-rights-group-sues-saying-fee-morgan-mink-protest-means-speech-isnt>

<http://tinyurl.com/yg6h5gr>

## **Animal-rights group sues, saying fee for Morgan mink protest means speech isn't free**

By Tim Gurrister (Standard-Examiner staff)

Oct 22 2009

SALT LAKE CITY -- An animal-rights group planning to protest mink farming in Morgan has filed suit claiming the Utah Department of Transportation's permit process tramples their right to free speech.

UDOT is requiring the Salt Lake Animal Advocacy Movement to buy a \$1 million liability insurance policy and pay for an off-duty highway patrol trooper to act as security at its planned Nov. 28 protest in Morgan.

"Free speech is supposed to be free," Colleen Hatfield, SLAAM director, said in a news release.

"When UDOT or any other government agency fixes a price tag on the right to assemble in a public forum, they inevitably exclude voices from the marketplace of ideas and deny people rights guaranteed them in the Constitution."

UDOT's Division 1 office in Ogden is evaluating SLAAM's permit request for the protest planned on a state road in Morgan city. Vic Saunders, UDOT spokesman, said the insurance and security are required for all such special event permits.

"It's the same for marathons or St. Patrick's Day parades," he said. "We have to indemnify Utah's taxpayers if there are injuries during an event. The concern is that all participants are safe."

Saunders estimated the one-day insurance policy costs about \$275, and groups typically have to pay an off-duty trooper's time at the event.

UHP doesn't have the resources to take a trooper off the road to assign to such gatherings, he said.

The lawsuit, filed Wednesday by veteran Salt Lake civil rights attorney Brian Barnard with a \$350 filing fee, seeks an injunction against the requirement for both the insurance and the trooper's salary.

The suit is pending before U.S. District Judge Clark Waddoups. No hearing date has been set.

"SLAAM wants to shed light on the unspeakable and unnecessary animal suffering that is so commonplace on mink farms," SLAAM member Jeremy Beckham said in the news release.

"We will defend our rights to speak out on behalf of abused animals in Morgan even if that means we have to take the fight to the courtroom."

Saunders said the lawsuit is premature because UDOT is still evaluating the permit, even considering a hardship exception and waiving the insurance requirement.

"The permit should be resolved in a couple of days," he said.

But the lawsuit claims SLAAM was told Oct. 12 by Tommy Vigil, a permit supervisor in the District 1 office, that the insurance would not be waived.

The suit names UDOT, Vigil and another permit officer who works under Vigil, Rodger Jay Genereux, as defendants.

"With 15 operating fur farms, Morgan County has more fur farms than any other county in the U.S.," reads the animal-rights groups' news release.

Mink are raised in shoebox-sized cages and killed by anal electrocution or suffocation to avoid damage to pelts, the group claims.

The group pointed to last year's release of thousands of mink from Kaysville and South Jordan farms by other animal-rights advocates.

"Although many of the mink were recaptured, many that are descendants from the liberation have been spotted recently in Kaysville."

SLAAM has established a Web site at [FurFreeUtah.com](http://FurFreeUtah.com) outlining plans for the Morgan protest.

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Then for more on the mink see:

<http://www.fox13now.com/news/kstu-animal-rights-activist-indicted,0,3641752.story>

<http://tinyurl.com/ye65sl5>

SALT LAKE CITY - A federal grand jury has indicted an animal rights activist who refused to testify about the release of thousands of mink from Utah ranches. Jordan Halliday, 22, served several months in jail for contempt of court after he said he invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self incrimination. When he was released in June, he was handed a federal grand jury indictment for contempt.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for Utah declined to comment on the grand jury indictment of Halliday, who goes on trial Nov. 2.

# Board meeting Oct. 2009

## **USSA Board Meeting Minutes October 21, 2009**

In attendance: Peggy & Jim Newman, Sarah Bagdoian, Julene & Kevin Mathews, Cheryl Sorenson, Mike Cornella.

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

Motion made by Peggy to accept the September minutes as is, Kevin seconded, motion passed.

President's report: Jim thanked the board for their service during his two year tenure and gave Julene a welcome as incoming President.

Vice President report: Kevin also thanked the board and volunteered to take over the newsletter. All information for the newsletter should be e-mailed to: **ussanews@yahoo.com**.

Corresponding Secretary: nothing to report.

:Recording Secretary: Since Sarah was in charge of the upcoming holiday party she verified the date and location of this year's party. Julene and Kevin have made arrangements to have our party:

Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 1:00pm – 3:00p.m.

Alta View Estate's Club House

9830 South 35 West

Sandy, UT

It will be a pot-luck, with The Club picking up the cost of meat and drinks, and attendees to bring other dishes. No dogs allowed.

Alta View Estates asked for a \$50 cleaning deposit which is refundable based on how well we clean-up the club house.

Treasurer Report: Mike reported September's figures. Also asked for volunteers to help Linda sell more calendars. Kevin motioned and Peggy seconded to accept the financial report.

#### Old Business:

- Jim sent Tomi the USSA logo to see if she can stitch that onto items we might want to use for prizes at the Specialty. Julene has also been looking at other prize options such as: crate pads, shade tarps (6 x 8 foot sunscreens), X-pens, thrown pottery, buckets filled with goodies.
- It was mentioned that it is time to re-order the ASSA medallions
- Cheryl is trying to find a breed judge. She will check with Sandy MacIntosh

Cheryl is also going to check on hotels for the judges. It was also suggested to have the Club take a poll on which judges they recommend. Some judges are not popular and that might dissuade some people from the Specialty if we get a judge that is not well respected.

#### New Business

Motion was made by Kevin to cancel the Post Office Box. The location of the box makes it very difficult for Cheryl to pick up mail from the Post Office. It will save the club the annual fee of the post office box as well, and it is more efficient to have all mail for the Club go to the current corresponding secretary directly. Peggy seconded motion, motion passed.

- It was suggested that the Club put on an AKC herding trials/instinct test. We can make this event a fund raiser in addition to satisfying our AKC Club education requirement. It is about the same amount of work as a fun match. The cost is: \$70 to apply and we hope to get 30-35 dogs. The cost of the sheep is about \$250/day and about \$100/day for judges. We can make it a multi day event where we have a seminar (if we can get a speaker) on Friday and then have the trials on Saturday and Sunday. We can use the facilities at the River Bottoms in Riverton. Peggy will check with AKC on prizes and ribbons. We need to finalize the date, but it was suggested that we do this the end of August to take advantage of the International sheep herding trials that take place Labor Day weekend at the Soldier Hollow Classic.

Kevin motioned and Julene seconded to adjourn meeting. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 6:50p.m.



# Club meeting Oct 2009

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In attendance: Peggy & Jim Newman, Sarah Bagdoian, Julene & Kevin Mathews, Cheryl Sorenson, Mike Cornella, Kathy Cain, Tomi Hamblin

Meeting called to order at 7:05p.m.

Jim asked if there were any edits or corrections for September's minutes? No corrections, motion made by Peggy and seconded by Kevin to accept the minutes, motion passed.

President's Report: Goodbye. Jim thanked the club for their support during his two years of service

Vice President's Report: Goodbye and Kevin also thanked Club members.

Corresponding Secretary: Peggy wished Cheryl good luck as the incoming correspondence secretary.

Recording Secretary: nothing to report. You'll have to put up with Sarah's minutes another year.

Treasurers Report: Mike read financial report. Peggy motioned and Tomi seconded treasurers report.

Election of officers and board members. Kevin motioned to accept the ballot as nominated and vote in new officers as stated. Peggy seconded motion, motion passed with unanimous vote of yes.

### Officers and Board Members for 2010:

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No dogs allowed.

- Kevin has volunteered to do the newsletter. Please send all newsletter information to [ussanews@yahoo.com](mailto:ussanews@yahoo.com).
- AKC herding trials/instinct test  
We can put this event on and it will satisfy our education requirements for AKC as well as serve as a fund raising event. See Board meeting notes for more detailed information.
- It was announced to the club members that the board voted to close the Post Office box since mail should go to the current Correspondence Secretary Cheryl Sorenson.

Motion made by Kevin to adjourn meeting, Mike seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 7:20p.m.

**From Linda Cornella**

***I still have PLENTY of Calendars left! Contact your sheltie friends, buyers if they are interested in purchasing our Calendars. They make great gifts for birthdays, Christmas gifts and so forth. Please contact me with my e mail address [royalhill@msn.com](mailto:royalhill@msn.com). Thanks, Linda***

***Lets help out the club as well as the rest of the sheltie people, buy a calendar..***





# Akadia shelties welcomes....



Akadia Shelties introduces:

"Perry"

Icon Ice Age

by BISS Ch. Icon Drops Of Jupiter  
ex  
Icon Arctic Summer Dream



CHANDELLE  
AKADIA  
DIPLOMATIC  
INTRIGUE



"Mattie"



*Ch. Braeleen Foreign Intrigue ex Twincreeks Akadia PullnStrings*

CHANDELLE SHELTIES

Akadia announces a new  
visitor at stud

## *CH. MACDEGA AUTHENTIC*



To approved bitches  
Non white factored,  
all tests clear

By BISS Ch. Macdega Asterisk ROM  
ex  
Fantasia Siena (Monroe daughter)

Contact:  
Akadia

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208-200-6470

# Getting to know..... Kristin Sittner.

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

Kristin Sittner

**2) Kennel name and how you came up with it:**

Versa Shelties... My goal is to breed a truly versatile sheltie. I want a dog that can go from the conformation ring, to the agility ring, to the herding field and win in all three on any given day. A good friend of mine was tossing out names and suggested "Versa".

**3) How did you first become interested in shelties?**

I grew up with indoor/outdoor cats in the foothills of Salt Lake. We got tired of having them disappear when they got older and more adventurous, so my parents suggested we get a dog. I convinced them to let me get a purebred and pick the breed, so after much research I decided on a sheltie. I wanted a dog that would want to go out and do things whenever I did (I was an avid soccer player at the time and wanted a dog to play with), but that would be happy to sit around the house and lounge when I wanted to stay inside.



**4) Who was your first sheltie and what color was he/she?**

Tika is my first sheltie, first dog period. She is a cute little sable girl who has changed my life.



**5) Do you breed shelties? What lines do you breed?**

Yes, on an extremely limited basis. Tika is tightly bred on Zion and Daval stock. There are many lines that I watch and admire, but I am not sure what I will eventually hone in on.

**6) Who was/is your mentor, Who do we thank for getting you started?**

Tika is from Ernie and Caren Ciampini; they encouraged me to dabble in agility and conformation and truly got me started in the world of dog shows.

As far as conformation and shelties go, I consider Shannalee Waller-Michalsky my biggest mentor, but also turn to Marie Miles and Suzi Beacham when I have questions. However, I tend to learn through osmosis and pick things up at every show I attend, not only by watching the dogs, but also by watching the handlers and talking to everyone I can. I want to own, show, and breed nice dogs so I do everything I can to make it so I can.

My mentor for working is absolutely Shauna Gourley. She was in Tika's puppy class with Gyp and has helped me turn Tika into the dog she is today. I couldn't be where I am today without her.

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

I have three dogs at the moment - two shelties and a border collie.

As I said, Tika was my first and I got her and trained her from puppyhood. She has attended the USDAA agility national three times, with the fourth coming in a few weeks. Her highest titles are her ADCh (agility dog champion) and TM-Gold (a tournament title where she had to qualify in 50 tournament events). Her name is officially ADCh Angel's Olympic Gold MX MXJ XF CD PT RN SACH SCh GCh JCh RCh .... (and more that I can't remember from four different agility organizations and three herding organizations)

Gyp is the border collie and my second dog. She was given to me earlier this year by my friend and trainer, Shauna Gourley, to show while Tika was busy with puppies. She never left. Everyone's first question is always, "Why did she give her away?" Well, Gyp didn't fit into the pack and became a completely different dog when she moved in with me. I had heard people say that so and so dog was a different dog when they went to the new home. Never did I expect I would have one. She worried when she was worked on sheep and would work WAY wide, now she is quite appropriate... still worries, but not as much. She was always a nice agility dog, but she is phenomenal with me (or so I'm told). We earned her ADCh in August. I adore this dog, and she loves me and college life. She LOVES college life! Her name is officially ADCh Lil Gypsy Rose AX AXJ ... lots of agility titles back here



Kai is the baby of the group. He is now four months old and just got to try his hand at herding for the first time. I'm hoping he will be my next all around dog (conformation, agility, herding, the whole shebang). So far so good, knock on wood.



**8) Who is your favorite dog (that you own)?**

Oh, probably Tika (don't tell the other dogs that), but it's a hard call because they're all so different. Tika helped me through some really hard times and really did turn my life around. I say that because if I HAD to, I could make do without the other two, but it was excruciating to be without Tika when I lived in the dorm and I don't want to do that again.

**9) Who is your favorite dog not owned by you (living or passed)?**

Mmm, hard call. I'm going to play the rookie card and say I haven't been around long enough or seen enough dogs to say I have a favorite. Let me just say, I adore Jewelee, BIS Ch. Iona I Can Shine, and Kohlman, Akadia-Chandelle Steel and Flames. Oh, actually one of my favorites is MACH 5 Romaine Prairie Skye... Skye is a 10 year old agility dog who has been on the world team multiple times and is absolutely stunning. He never did conformation but could have done well. Very cool dog!

**10) Who do you admire?**

Sheltie people - David and Sylvia Calderwood, Shannalee Waller-Michalsky, and Suzi Beacham because I am hard pressed to find dogs they have out that I don't like. Many, if not most, of the dogs I have seen from them seem to be dogs that could go out and do anything. Sheltie agility people - Lori Michaels has some of the best working shelties I have seen, including Skye.

**11) What is your favorite part of showing dogs?**

Ahh, the thrill of running an agility course at breakneck speeds and watching my dogs execute a skill we have been working on beautifully. I've been training Tika running contacts and they are just so fun to watch.

**12) What has been your favorite or most memorable win?**

Tika won the USDAA South Central Regional this year in August. It was her first show back after having the puppies and she not only qualified for nationals in the first round, but she went out



and won the whole thing, with multiple world team dogs present. It was astounding. My favorite non-win was at her first agility national... she made it into Steeplechase semi-finals. She had a stunning run and for the first time in months, decided to stop on her contact. I was so stunned that I stopped and ended up being the first dog not to get into the finals, by .03 seconds. It was a heart-breaker. They take 12 dogs.

**13) Is there a dog that you own now that you are particularly excited about?**

I'm excited about both girls going to nationals. Both have the opportunity to get into finals. Kai is my up and comer, though. He is a remarkable little dog and will hopefully be my versatility dog of the future. He's already showing signs of herding brilliance, so I'm keeping my fingers crossed. I am thrilled with his whole litter, though. They went all around the country and are showing the signs of becoming great little workers.

**14) What goals have you set for yourself in purebred dogs?**

I would like to keep a little breeding program to produce a truly versatile dog. I want people to understand that you don't have to find a "agility breeder" to have a great agility dog. As far as breeding goes, I want to breed my own multi-champion. I really want to get onto the agility world team with one of my dogs, and if I can breed that dog, it is all the better. Who knows, maybe Kai will be that dog. I think part of my love of the dogs, part of my addiction, really is trying to grasp the possibilities.

**15) Any words of advice for newcomers?**

Reach for the stars, then reach a little farther. Set your mind on what you want and make it happen, and never, ever let anyone convince you that you can't accomplish what you want. If you really learn, really study, stay patient, and make the best of what you have, you really can do anything.

Last but not least, as a college student people think is nuts, geez, I think I'm crazy sometimes with all I have on my plate, trust me when I say that if you're passionate about what you're doing, you can make it work.



# THIS IS A REMINDER OF THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

ON DECEMBER 12TH FROM 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM AT ALTA  
VIEW ESTATES CLUB HOUSE LOCATED AT 9830 SOUTH 30  
WEST SANDY, UT

DIRECTIONS FROM THE NORTH: EXIT 295 OFF OF I-15.  
TURN LEFT(EAST) TO MONROE STREET. TURN RIGHT  
(SOUTH) TO CIVIC CENTER DRIVE. TURN LEFT(EAST) TO  
EVENINGSTAR WAY. TURN LEFT(WEST) TO CLUB HOUSE.

FROM THE SOUTH: EXIT 295 OFF OF I-15. TURN RIGHT  
(EAST) TO MONROE AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS FOR NORTH-  
ERN ROUTE.....

BRING A POTLUCK ITEM, AND A 10.00 GIFT

CONTACT SARAH BAGDONIAN FOR MORE INFORMATION!

801-508-1331



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**CLUB MEETINGS ARE AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK BUILDING 8680 South 500 east WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FEBRARY MEETING (renovation of building).**

**NOVEMBER 18, 2009 CLUB MEETING**

**DECEMBER 12, 2009 CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**JANUARY 20, 2010 CLUB MEETING**

**FEBRARY 17, 2010 CLUB MEETING**

**MARCH 14-21 2010 ASSA NATIONALS**

**TUCSON, AZ**

**MARCH 17, 2010 CLUB MEETING**

**APRIL 21 2010 CLUB MEETING**

**MAY 5, 2010 CLUB SPECIALTY**

**SL COUNTY EQUESTRIAN PARK**

**SOUTH JORDAN, UT**

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ONLY...**

