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by Julene Mathews

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Hi Everyone!

As usual for Utah, our weather is unreliable and up and down for June. We deal with it and at least our shows were indoors last month. I'm grateful for that much!

Please consider a couple of items this month.

We are still looking for someone to act as a liaison for watching for laws and legislative actions which might be contrary to the sport of dogs or owning animals for that much. Please consider this and work with our esteemed member David Calderwood who is working so hard for all of our rights. I'm not sure how to go about doing the job but I'm betting David has some great ideas he would share and it's so very important! Are you all aware we already have cities with breed bans? This is a foot in the door. Please consider whether you might contribute in this capacity.

We have a very important meeting coming up on June 16th. Charges were levied against a member, all of you should have received a copy of the charges. The member in question has been sent a certified/registered copy of the charges and this meeting we must vote as a club what we feel we must do. Please know that every member is important and I hope you will be there to vote your conscience. The meeting will be held at Alta Groomery unless I get a lot of RSVP's that attendance will make it too small there. In that case, we'll move it to the park on 8710 South 200 East in Sandy. I will send out an email confirming which place we will be at. Bring a chair and by all means bring a dog! We are still on the lookout for a free place to meet each month, hopefully that we can bring dogs to. Keep your eye out!

Lastly, we have some issues on the agenda for the meeting which is important. I know you all feel that the world won't cave in if you are not there, but, your participation is important. I hope you all feel that this is YOUR club. We all built it together. It's not my club. I don't even have a vote really unless it's to break a tie. It's your club. Recently in a Showsight magazine there was a great article by Peter Belmont, Jr. I would like to reprint the article, but I haven't gotten permission to do so, so in very short, he made a few very valid points.

He stated in short that first and foremost, clubs must level off the membership playing field. That takes understanding and compromise not fighting! Compromise being the main ingredient that is needed not competitiveness. It must be recognized first that a club is for all members, not just the so-called important members. It should be **our** club not **your** club. If it is your club, and you are making all of the decisions, forget it, Members will quit. If it is our club, then members feel a sense of belonging, respect, dignity and an incentive to participate, promote and build the club. People who feel included, promote and build the club.

We don't need any glass ceilings in this club. Every member should feel important. I hope that we can accomplish this to a good degree this year! Help other people who are not as knowledgeable, feel included and important. Thanks for all your work on behalf of the club!!

Julene

NEXT CLUB MEETING IS: JUNE 16TH. BOARD MEETING AT 6PM WITH GENERAL MEETING AT 7PM. MEETING AT ALTA GROOMERY 8048 S 700 E. SANDY, UT''''''''''

**NEW UKC CHAMPION
UKC CH. AKADIA SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT
"GABBY"**

Windsor Shelties is pleased to announce our very first champion ever, Gabby finished her UKC Championship on Saturday May 29, 2010 in Farmington, Utah.

"Ashley" Twincreeks Gone With 'Z Wind also showed and has all her points just needs one more competition win.

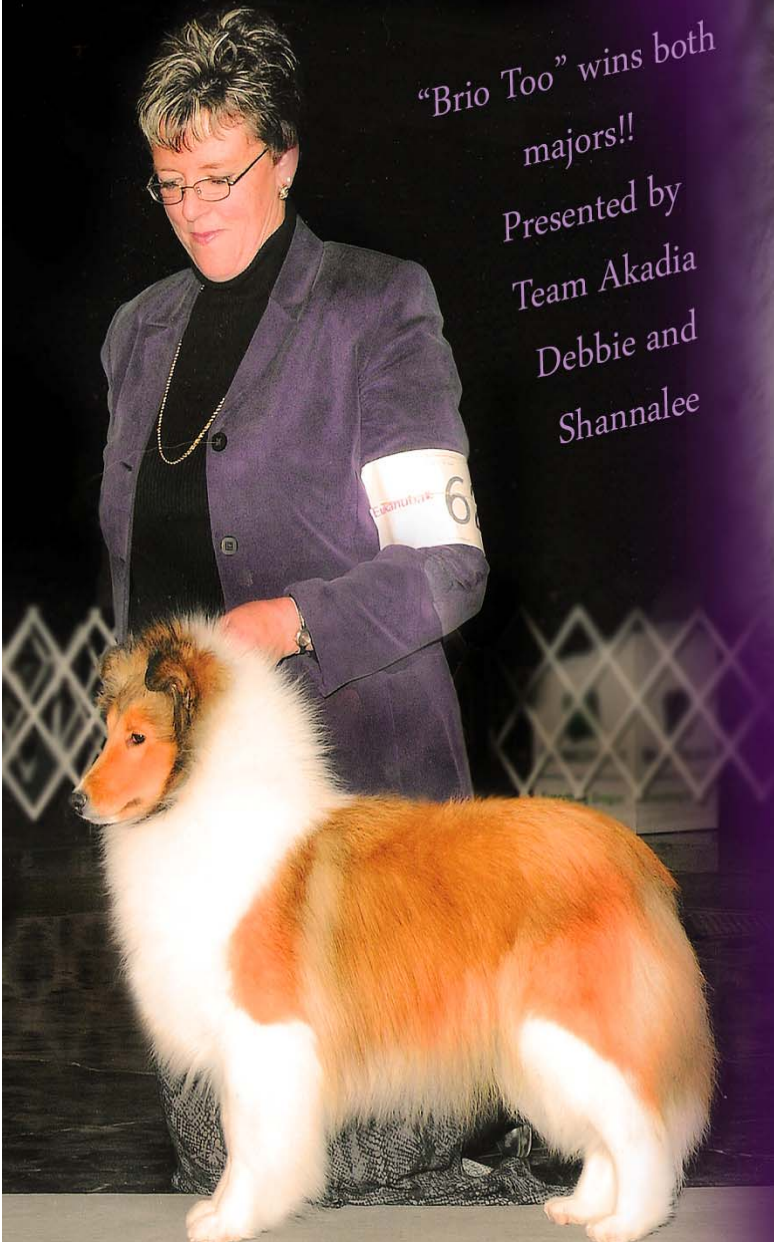
On Monday May 31, 2010 I got to show Marie Miles beautiful boy Cache and I'm happy to report he is now a UKC Champion. UKC CH. Freedom's Hearts Desire he also went Best Male/ Best of Winners/Best of Breed/Group One and Reserve Best In Show winner. I want to thank Marie for letting me show Cache he was a fun dog to show.



Tararose ALEGO COMBPIO TOO

"Brio Too" wins both
majors!!

Presented by
Team Akadia
Debbie and
Shannalee



Bred and proudly
owned by
DR. AVA JANE
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Presenting.....
Akadia Coalesce

“Fez”

by Ch. Akadia-Chandelle Steel and Flames

ex

Akadia Brite Eyes, Bushy Tail (5pts)



Bred by Akadia
Owned by Akadia
and
Judith Williamson



PROUDLY
co-bred and co-owned
Shannalee Michalsky
Judith Williamson

Ch. Akadia
Chandelle
Steel
and
Flames

"Kohlman", first time as
a special (all breed) wins
back-to-back
Group 1sts!!

Photography by Kayla Bertagnolli





Animal Activists Fight for Their Own Rights

By Jesse Fruhwirth

May 12, 2010

Animal-Rights “Rock Star”

Peter Daniel Young, 32, is certainly the most prominent animal liberator/convicted “eco-terrorist” in Utah. The son of a radio disc jockey, Young was born in California and mostly raised in the Seattle-area community of Mercer Island. Already a hardcore music fan and Straight Edge kid—meaning he loved aggressive, angry music but disdained drugs and alcohol—Young became only the second vegan in his high school and hasn’t eaten meat or dairy since, not even in prison.

The roots of his radical respect for animals can be traced to John Robbins’ markedly unradical *Diet For a New America* television special from 1992, which Young saw in a high school class. The 60-minute film barely mentions animal rights and focuses on Americans’ unusual levels of meat and dairy consumption relative to other countries. There’s just a brief scene about the conditions of animals on factory farms, but it’s presented as more of a gross-out to eaters than an argument that animals deserve better treatment. Nevertheless, those images stuck with Young.

Young graduated from high school in 1995 and continued his practices of picketing businesses that exploited animals. He quickly grew intolerant, however, of the slow pace of progress and moved on to criminal acts of activism, often referred to as “direct actions.” “We were under the illusion that this [picketing] was building up toward some crescendo where all the animals were free, and it just wasn’t working.”

His first illegal direct action was to smash the windows of a Seattle ham store and paint “Meat is Murder” on the walls. That made the news, as did other crimes he committed anonymously. Before long, though, both cops and news crews recognized him as an activist. He felt “marked” and needed anonymity to continue his illegal work, so he headed for the Upper Midwest in 1997.

“The road trip that lead to my indictment was to be my last stop before college,” he said. “I wanted to do one last, great thing.” That thing was to assist in the release of thousands of mink from their cages at six ranches in South Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin, sort of an epicenter of mink farming. Wisconsin is the top producer of mink pelts with 71 farms, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Utah is the second highest, with 65 farms.

Mink are among the best animals to liberate, Young says, because they’re scrappy survivors who have the instincts for life in the wild. The fur industry disagrees about minks’ chances of survival after a lifetime in a small cage—which is usually only months long—never having time to run around, much less hunt or swim. Each side has anecdotes and scientific research to back their mortality/survival claims.

Young and a co-defendant were caught—their red Geo Metro with Washington plates had been spotted at mink farms and was seized by a Wisconsin officer—but he was not indicted until the next year. Young went underground and stayed on the lam until

2005, when he was arrested in San Jose, Calif. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years in prison and \$254,000 in restitution, most of which went unpaid because he stopped making payments after his one-year probation expired.

Young became a convicted eco-terrorist, though he never intended to nor actually did hurt anyone—except financially. He sees mink releases as akin to interrupting a rape in progress, so he doesn't have any mixed emotions about harming animal-exploitation businesses. He says he's now engaged only in above-ground, legal activism because, as a "marked" man, he attracts a lot of law-enforcement attention.

Young also drew attention of animal-rights activists, becoming a "rock star" among local groups, at least according to a woman who once dated Young and is now suspected of working as an informant for the FBI.

Busy Litigants

Though some complain about being treated like terrorists, there are some stark contrasts between them and suspected terrorist jihadis. Detainees at Guantanamo Bay, for example, have been detained for nearly a decade without being charged with a crime. The closest local situation with any similarity—remote though it may be—is that of Jordan Halliday, 22, principle organizer of a local Animal Defense League chapter, who spent four months in civil detention for refusing to testify before a federal grand jury about the local mink releases. Halliday says that he endorses mink releases and believes he's being targeted for his speech. "[Federal prosecutors] are trying to view me on the same terms as any ALF member because I'm vocally supportive of it," he said. He was freed at the expiration of the grand jury but soon after was charged criminally with contempt, which could send him back to prison for years.

Often, the activists are in court as litigants, not defendants, and have successfully argued multiple times that their rights have been violated.

The most recent example involved a protest at a mink farm in Morgan County. Members of the Salt Lake Animal Advocacy Movement (<http://www.slcanimalrights.com/>) argued in a federal lawsuit that Morgan County and the Utah Department of Public Safety violated their rights to protest near a mink farm in November 2008. In February, the case was settled, which netted civil rights attorney Brian Barnard nearly \$40,000 in legal fees from the state and county.

The criminal penalties they suffer have also been rather modest, compared to other convicted terrorists or even to drug convicts, despite complaints that the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=Animal_Enterprise_Terrorism_Act) of 2005 lumps them together with other terrorists.

Viehl, for example, was sentenced to two years in prison in February but expects to be released from prison in just five months, he wrote to *City Weekly* in a letter. He was given credit for time served pretrial.

In 1997, the most destructive act of eco-terrorism in Utah history was committed against the Fur Breeders Agriculture Co-op in Sandy, a farmer-owned co-op that provides livestock food, when an incendiary device started a fire that caused about

that caused about \$1 million in damage. Brothers Douglas Joshua Ellerman, then 21, and Clinton Colby Ellerman, then 22, later pleaded guilty to explosives charges and served seven years and five years each in prison, while a federal jury acquitted three others charged in the incident. None are currently active in local animal rights groups. Recently, five activists were acquitted after being charged with violating Salt Lake City's targeted-residential picketing ordinance, passed in July 2007, to manage animal rights protests at the homes of University of Utah researchers who use animals in their experiments. At least six residential demonstrations were held after the ordinance passed without arrests, says acquitted picketer Thomas Risk, but at the seventh demonstration, 16 picketers were cited. Others were convicted, four of whom are appealing.

But another case local activists have no direct relationship to has them worried. The so-called SHAC-7 case, upheld by the U.S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals in December, charged six activists and their organization—Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty—with animal-enterprise terrorism and stalking. The group coordinated protests at the homes of officials from Huntingdon Life Sciences, an animal-testing agency based in New Jersey.

No one was charged with actually vandalizing property, issuing violent threats or trespassing, though prosecutors presented unproven evidence of those crimes and others. The SHAC-7 were nevertheless convicted of encouraging and supporting illegal activities, in part, by posting addresses on its Website (<http://www.shac.net/>) and cheering on illegal acts that they say were committed exclusively by others. The Center for Constitutional Rights has asked for an *en banc* review of the 3rd Circuit panel's decision, stating Americans have long been allowed to condone illegal behavior. CCR argues that what the SHAC-7 did with their Website was "menacing public speech," which has been protected by the courts in the past, not a "true threat," which is not protected.

The case deeply concerns Young. He's the closest thing to a SHAC-like entity in Utah. Since his release from prison, he's compiled *The Blueprint*, a national directory of hundreds of mink farms across the country and distributes it on his Website ([http://www.voiceofthevoiceless.org/store/index.php?](http://www.voiceofthevoiceless.org/store/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=1&products_id=21)

[main_page=product_info&cPath=1&products_id=21](http://www.voiceofthevoiceless.org/store/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=1&products_id=21)). Previous to Hall and Viehl being arrested, he offered a \$2,500 defense fund to anyone arrested in connection with the mink release. He repeats ALF communiques posted on other Websites. He publicly endorses illegal actions like mink releases.

Captain in the chute...



Captain also competed in the DOCNA trials held recently in Pocatello and finished his Beginners Standard Title and Intern Jumpers Title, earned his Intern Trigility Title, and his Snakes N' Ladders title, earned 2 intern jumpers legs, qualified in gamblers and qualified to attend the nationals in Grand Junction. He qualified 8 of 11 runs in the sun, rain, hail and snow. We had it all over the weekend

Captain in the snow...



Himark Blue Diamond of Redcoat CDX RE AX AXJ OF "Captain" competed in obedience, rally and agility at the shows in South Jordan. He earned his 5th RAE leg at the specialty winning the Excellent B and Advanced B classes. On Sunday he earned his 6th RAE leg. Out in the agility rings I messed up a triple Q on Saturday pulling out of the weave poles early. Captain earned an MX leg and an XF leg

Redcoat a Fortune In Cash CD RAE NA NAJ NF "Kilo" ran wild and crazy in the agility rings, but managed to finish the courses, but had too many faults to Q. She was in season for the DOCNA trials and stayed home.

At the DOCNA trials he earned his Snakes N' Ladders title, earned intern legs in standard and jumpers and also qualified for the nationals.

Ch. Soraj Chances Are CD RAE AX AXJ OFP "Chance" earned an MJP leg on his first run in agility and he was a total maroon in the obedience ring. Comic relief for all that were watching!

Himark Black Diamond of Redcoat "Tennille" debuted in conformation and rally earning her first RN leg and second place.



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