

SHELTIE TALES

October – December 2006

Newsletter of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Southeast Florida, Inc.
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Upcoming Club Events -----

Next General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.
Location: Elk's Lodge
700 Northeast Tenth Street
Pompano Beach, Florida 33060-5772

Specialty Show Committee Meetings: Thurs., December 28, 2006, at 7:30 p.m.
Thurs., January 25, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.
Thurs., February 22, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.
Location: Home of:
Hector and Meredith Hector
1108 SW 128 Drive
Davie, FL 33325
954-472-7945

2007 Back-to-Back Specialties and All-breed Obedience and Rally Trials: Saturday, March 3, 2007
Saturday, March 4, 2007
Location: Okeecheelee Park
7715 Forest Hill Boulevard
West Palm Beach, Florida 33413

Club Information -----

March 3 and 4, 2007: The following information regarding our 2007 Back-to-Back Specialty Shows and All-Breed Obedience and Rally Trials can be found on the Club's website at www.sscsefl.com:

- ✓ Breakfast/Lunch Food Menu;
- ✓ Trophy Donation Form – deadline date December 15, 2006;
- ✓ Advertising Form – deadline date February 14, 2007;
- ✓ Premium List – closing date February 14, 2007, at 6:00 p.m.; and
- ✓ Frequently Asked Questions – hotels, camping, security, directions.

Membership Dues: Membership dues are due January 1, 2007. If you have not received your dues notice from the club treasurer, please contact Colleen Kessler at 954-463-4710 and give her any updated address or contact information on yourself and make arrangements for payment.

Nominating Committee: This year's Nominating Committee consists of: Meta Hollingsworth (Chair), Karen Salvage, and Bonny Thatcher. Cindi Theiss and Martha Hollingsworth will serve as alternates. Meta Hollingsworth will call a meeting of the committee before the January meeting. So, if you want to run for office or know of someone who would like to be nominated, now is the time to let the committee know.

2008 Back-to-Back Specialties and All-Breed Obedience and Rally Trials: It's time to think about who our judges will be for our 2008 Specialties and Obedience and Rally Trials. Please bring your suggestions to the next club meeting.

This Month . . . A Look at Herding -----

Herding can be a very exhilarating sport for our dogs. After all, most of them are born with a natural instinct to herd. Herding tests and trials are not as frequent in number as conformation shows or agility trials. Therefore, when herding tests and trials hit close to home, those club members who enjoy this sport with their dogs take advantage of the opportunity. As such, the December 2 and 3, 2006, Central Florida Herding Tests and Trials held in Palm Bay, Florida, proved to be quite an exciting weekend for our club's herding enthusiasts. The following dogs owned and/or bred by club members earned herding titles that weekend:

- ✓ Showcase Neverending Story, CDX, OA, OAJ, RE, PT, a/k/a "Bradley," earned his PT. "Bradley" is owned, trained, and handled by Holly Blakney-Salazar and was bred by Jennifer Houchins.
- ✓ CH MACH Sunridge Follow Your Heart, HT, VCX+CH, a/k/a "Mandy," earned her HT. "Mandy" is owned, trained, and handled by club member Holly Potts. This herding title now entitles "Mandy" to her VCX+CH title awarded by the ASSA. "Mandy" was bred by Holly's mother, Charlotte Hulett.
- ✓ Silver Trails Maggie Mae, PT, a/k/a "Maggie," earned her PT title. "Maggie" is owned by Tracie Lampton, trained and handled by club member Dawn Thomason-Westfall. "Maggie" was bred by club members Dee and Walter Silverstein, and "Maggie's" sire is owned by club member Lorna Staab.
- ✓ Vankrol Mist Over the Lake, PT, a/k/a "Misty," earned her PT title. "Misty" is owned by Rick and Michelle Grimm, and is trained and handled by club member Dawn Thomason-Westfall. "Misty's" sire is owned by club member Anna Whiting.

Meet a Club Member -----

Based upon the above-mentioned accomplishments at the herding trial by club member Dawn Thomason-Westfall, I thought that it was appropriate to mention a little bit of information about Dawn.

As you can see from the dogs that received herding titles handled by Dawn, she exhibited her skills proficiently at the herding trial with several different shelties.

By profession, Dawn is certified as a pet dog trainer by the Certification Council for Pet Dog Trainers and she has recently started her own business as Dawn Thomason Dog Training. Dawn's passion however is working shelties in herding. She has devoted a lot of time to working on herding with shelties and, to date, she has put herding titles on the following shelties:

- ✓ Trilliant Great Expectations, PT, RN, NA, OAJ, a/k/a "Toonie;"
- ✓ Seo Morning Song, HT, OA, AXJ, a/k/a "Seo;"
- ✓ Vankrol Mist Over the Lake, PT, a/k/a "Misty;" and
- ✓ Silver Trails Maggie Mae, PT, a/k/a "Maggie."

In addition to the above-noted herding accomplishments, Dawn has also trained "Toonie" to be one of only a few shelties in the nation to be certified as a service dog through Assistance Dogs International, Inc. (<http://www.adionline.org>) and Paws with a Cause (<http://www.pawswithacause.org>). Specifically, "Toonie" has been trained for demonstration purposes for the deaf and hearing impaired and for seizure disorders. In addition to retrieving a variety of objects and being able to open and close doors as a service dog, as a hearing dog, "Toonie" is able to alert Dawn when he hears her cell phone, the doorbell, or the alarm clock. He is trained to use a "help box" to call 911 in case of a seizure.

As if the above is not enough to document Dawn's talents, "Toonie" took fourth place at the 2006 ASSA National in the Herding Started class. At present, "Toonie" has two legs in Herding Started. Besides herding and his service-dog duties, "Toonie" is also training and successfully competing in agility, obedience, and rally obedience.

Who Has What Available for Placement -----

The membership is invited to let the Newsletter Editor know if you have something available for placement—puppies or adults.

Members with New Litters on the Ground -----

The membership is invited to let the Newsletter Editor know if you have a new litter of puppies. This month . . .

- ✓ Cay and Bruce Ireland have announced the birth of six sable and white puppies born in the wee hours of December 4, 2007. There are three females and three males.

The sire and dam are: Am/Can CH Reinmaur's Firecracker ex Barwood's Antigua, a/k/a "Annie."

- ✓ Colleen Kessler is proud to announce the birth of five lovely AOAC puppies born December 4, 2007. There are three females and two males. The sire and dam are: BISS CH Shadow Hills Air Force One ex Simcos Splendor in the Grass, a/k/a "Splenda."

December General Membership Meeting Minutes -----

SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA, INC.

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President Hector Hector called meeting to order at their home on 12/2/06 at 7:04, Hector called for acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting, Karen Salvage, Colleen Kessler 2nd, all in favor.

Hector thanked everyone for all the work that has taken place this year, board members, general membership officers, that are making this club the BEST club in SE Florida. Special thanks Meredith for helping Lorna with the Show and extras that she has taken upon herself and gotten much done. MaryAnn was also thanked her for screening potential puppy buyers. She is the initial contact for our best puppy buyers.

VP Report-No report

Secty- Lorna discussed letter and donations and ads money rec'd.

Treasurer-Colleen discussed disbursements and expenses. Gain of \$237.00 this month. Bank Statement for December has not been rec'd.

Jana made a motion to accept the treasurer's report Wally 2nd all voted yes.

Board Membership-None.

Breeder Referral/Sunshine.

MaryAnn Lannon reported no Sunshine. There were 10 calls for Breeder Referral.

Nominating Committee-Meta-has not called meeting yet. Reminded that this needs to be done before the next meeting.

Trophies-Meredith indicated that Colleen Kessler had sent in trophy donation. Meredith will update the list and put on website.

Wally-KV Vet has agreed to give donations for club 50% cash, 50% in prizes.

Lorna-discussed Chris Ninos and possibility of gifts for raffle and welcome donut boxes Hector added that he may have items for the welcome boxes.

Photography is set.

Food Vendor-all set and up on site.

Security-Hector is still waiting on Mark Hussar.

Raffle-Colleen mentioned that Bob and Nancy Frazier have donated some really nice items for the Raffle. Thank you!

Jana said she needs information on the raffle for the web site. Lorna asked Hector to call Mel at Mels Wickets for a donation.

Show Chairman-discussion was held by Lorna as to the status of the judges, all contracts are out. Judges dinner was discussed, at this time we do not have any persons to take judges to dinner.

Web Site-Jana noted that there have been no comments regarding the quality of the web site. We all expressed our “like” of the web site.

New Business-Hector suggested that we start getting judges for the 2008 show. Start getting names, why you want them, and be able to present them to the membership.

Bonny Thatcher-Has 5 ads for the specialty.

Jana Thomas made motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Salvage seconded all approved.

Braggs

Bonny-Shadow, Simcos Majestic Crown Royal got his UKC Championship. He also rec'd a Reserve Best In Show.

Lorna Bragged-while on the Alabama Circuit with Kathy Dziegiel, Emma took Two Reserve Winners Bitch, one a 4 Point Major Reserve.

Hector and Meredith-Delay - Mejimo Merridon Call Waiting bred to CH. Willow Cove's Wild Card had 4 puppies, 2 tri factored sable males, color-headed white sable male and a tri bitch.

Dee Silverstein and Lorna bragged that Maggie, a Chase and Rainy daughter, got her first leg of her herding title.

Lorna Staab, Secretary