

SHELTIE TALES

January 2007

Newsletter of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Southeast Florida, Inc.
www.sscsefl.com

2006-2007 Officers and Board Members:

President: Hector Hector
Vice-President: Jana Thomas
Secretary: Lorna Staab
Treasurer: Colleen Kessler
Board of Directors: Cindy Theiss
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Committees:

Membership: Beth Sirvinskas
Breeder Referral: Maryann Lannon
Newsletter Editor: Holly Potts
Show Chairman: Lorna Staab
Webmaster: Jana Thomas
Assistant Webmaster: Holly Potts

Upcoming Club Events -----

Next General Membership Meeting: Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.
Location: Home of:
Bonny Thatcher
3758 Pebblebrook Manor
Coconut Creek, Fl. 33073
954-425-0391

Specialty Show Committee Meetings: Thursday, January 25, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, 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 Saturday, March 3, 2007, and
All-breed Obedience and Rally Trials: Saturday, March 4, 2007
Location: Okeehlee Park, Micanopy Pavilion
7715 Forest Hill Boulevard
West Palm Beach, Florida 33413

Club Information -----

Membership Dues: Membership dues were due January 1, 2007. If you have not paid your dues, please contact Colleen Kessler at 954-463-4710 and give her any updated address or contact information on yourself and make arrangements for *immediate* payment.

Annual Meeting and Elections: The nominating committee nominated the following members for club positions:

- ✓ President: Hector Hector
- ✓ Vice President: Karen Salvage
- ✓ Secretary: Meredith Hector
- ✓ Treasurer: Beth Sirvinskis
- ✓ Board of Directors: Martha Hollingworth and Colleen Kessler.

The following nominations were taken from the floor at the January meeting:

- ✓ Board of Directors: Dione Houchins.

Additional nominations will be taken at the February meeting after which time the nominations will close.

All nominees may present their qualifications to the general membership in writing for submission in the February newsletter. The annual meeting and elections occur at the March meeting.

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;
- ✓ 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.

Who Has What Available for Placement -----

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

- ✓ Stephanie Trautman-Riley of Trilliant Shelties (954-242-1223 telephone) (www.trilliantshelties.com) has available for placement to an approved home (no children) a three-year-old sable and white bitch. She will be spayed before going to a new home.
- ✓ Hector Hector and Meredith Hector of Enclave Shelties (954-472-7945 telephone) (www.enclaveshelties.com) have some puppies available for placement.
- ✓ Coleen Kessler (954-463-4710 telephone) of Simcos Shelties has available for placement puppies from an AOAC litter born December 4, 2006.

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 no new litters were reported to the Newsletter Editor.

This Month . . . A Look at Therapy Dogs -----

You may ask . . . What is a therapy dog? As many acknowledge, the bond between dog and man dates back to early history, but it wasn't until recently that a correlation was acknowledged between this bond and the emotional health of humans. Studies have shown that a person holding or petting an animal will cause a lowering of blood pressure, the release of strain and tension, and can draw out a person from loneliness and depression. Thus, the need for therapy dogs is now discernable.

Volunteer handlers take these dogs to nursing homes, hospitals, other institutions, and wherever else therapy dogs are needed. Therapy dogs are also used to help children with reading skills. These dogs provide emotional support with the goal of bringing joy and comfort to those in need. Therapy dogs can bring unconditional love to people that may not otherwise have visitors. A visit from a therapy dog can bring back memories of dogs previously owned and loved. Therapy dogs can help with physical therapy by getting the patients to reach out and pet the dogs or brush their coat. The greatest benefit of all is the ability to make a difference in the lives of so many, by sharing their canine companion with those who no longer are able to have a dog of their own.

Our club is privileged to have a few members who participate in this volunteer work. This month, I thought you might like to meet one of those dedicated club members who has done this volunteer work for more than two decades. So, . . .

Meet a Club Member -----

Club member Jana Thomas has been doing therapy work for some 23 years now and is extremely dedicated to this volunteer work. During these 23 years, Jana has owned the following registered therapy dogs:

Past:

- ✓ "Toasty" Linden Toasted Topaz, AKC CDX, WWKC CDX, CGC;
- ✓ "Ember" Starfall's Burnin' Ember O'Topaz, AKC CD, HIC, WWKC CD, CGC;
- ✓ "Chris" Winter Smooth Sailing O'Topaz, AKC CD, WWKC CD, CGC;
- ✓ "Floyd" Pretty Boy Floyd O'Topaz, AKC CD;
- ✓ "Mandy" Goldengait Service With a Smile, AKC CD, WWKC CD, TT, CGC
- ✓ "Sugar" U-AG1 Topaz Talk of the Town, AKC CC, TT, CGC;
- ✓ "Jade" U-AG1 U-CD, WWKC CH Topaz A Star is Born, AKC CD, AKC RN, TT, CGC;
- ✓ "Mickey" Topaz World's Greatest Lover, AKC CD, TT, CGC;

Present:

- ✓ "Pogo" U-AG1 Simcos Meyer the Cryer, AKC RN, CGC;
- ✓ "Angel" U-CH Topaz Watching Over Me, AKC RN;

Current therapy dog in training is:

✓ “Joy” Kealoha Joy to the World.

As you can see from the registered therapy dogs that Jana has worked with over the years, she has a deep commitment to this work. At this point, you may be asking . . . How did it all begin?

Way back in 1977, Jana started obedience training with her then English Springer Spaniel “Sir,” acquiring his CD in 1978. It was not until 1982 that Jana acquired her first sheltie, “Toasty,” from Sherry Lee (Linden Shelties). In 1984, Jana was asked to participate in an obedience demonstration at a nursing home. After that demonstration, she and “Toasty” mingled with the residents. At that time, Jana saw how much joy it brought to the residents and, as a result, this event started her life as a volunteer.

Now, in addition to her weekly visits, Jana tests people and their dogs for a national organization and then finds them places to visit locally. She is the official tester for all the therapy dogs for Vitas Hospice of Broward and the Memorial Healthcare System. The organizations she recommends for therapy dog registries are the Delta Society (www.deltasociety.org) and Therapy Dogs, Inc. (www.therapydogs.com). Both these organizations have strict testing procedures which she feels is critical.

Jana expressed her feelings this way: “I can’t describe the feeling it gives me to see the smiling faces every week when they snuggle with my dogs. I have seen patients who haven’t talked in years start singing to them. I have seen patients in terrible pain stop crying when they hold the dog. I have been blessed with dogs that are very sensitive to the patients, know they need extra love, and just snuggle for hours if needed. I would not have been doing it for 23 years if I didn’t get as much out of pet therapy as the dogs and I give.”

I think I can aptly sum this article up by saying that Jana’s commitment to this volunteer work is indeed commendable!

January General Membership Meeting Minutes -----

SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA, INC. *Member of the American Shetland Sheepdog Association*

Meeting was called to order by President Hector Hector at 7:35 pm on 1/9/07 at the Pompano Beach Elks Club. He thanked everyone for coming and hoped that all our holidays were great.

Motion was made by Maryann Lannon to accept meeting notes as published Jana Seconded, motion passed.

VP report-nothing to report

Sect-Lorna Staab advised that a letter form PNSSC-for basket for ASSA Raffle. Suggestion was to have fruit shipped, perhaps the other clubs would be doing

something and we would contribute. Lorna will contact the other clubs and get back to them.

Treasurer-Colleen passed out the Treasurers report. Lorna asked if there was a list of members who have not paid dues, Colleen has list and will contact in February. Also, insurance bill has arrived and will need to be paid.

Motion made by Meta to accept the Treasurers report as submitted, Frank Lannon Seconded, voted and accepted.

Board Reports-Beth-no new Membership Applications

Breeder Report-8 e-mails all from ASSA, 6 out of area 2 inside state-6 phone calls

Sunshine-Flowers were sent to Pat Jewett on 1/2/07.

MaryAnn Lannon would like Board to meet to decide on expenditures. She asked that there be some kind of guidelines. Dione Houchins suggested donation to ASSA in lieu of Flowers. Hector will put on agenda for next board meeting.

Newsletter-Holly asked for any suggestions for the newsletter. Lorna Staab thanked holly for taking care of the newsletter. Goal is to have newsletter out as soon as the minutes from preceding newsletter will come out. Mid month is her goal. Perhaps some articles, announcements etc.

Nominating committee-slate was presented by Meta. They are as follows:

President-hector

Vp-Karen Salvage

Treasurer-Beth Sirvinkas

Secretary-Meredith Hector

Board-Colleen, Martha

Hector asked for Nominations:

MaryAnn-Nominated Dione Houchins for Board of Directors

Lorna-Nominated Dione Houchins for VP-declined

2007 committee reports

Show

Show Secty-So far we have two entries.

Anyone who needs entry forms, contact Meredith Hector

Jana had some entries returned and asked for assistance getting corrected e-mail address.

Show chair -Lorna Staab-

Sweeps Judge- Linda Myer - contract coming, original sent to Paul Z. Lorna sent new application

All other contracts completed and returned

Advertising - \$425 in ads sold thus far!

Lorna has rec'd pledges of \$650 trophy/general support donations collected. Rest of commitments by end of week is hoped. Minimum she is asking for is \$100.

Security – Mark Hussar family member unable to help out; Hector said regular rate is \$35 per hour, minimum of 3 hours – we'd be looking at 12 hours - \$420. Advised Hector to get a check and get ordered.

Trophies – Meredith Hector advised need to collect \$1850 – have collected about 25%. Lorna Staab asked if anyone at the meeting has not made a donation, to please do so before leaving. Meredith will be following up to complete her phone calls and update the web site with Jana Thomas.

Ad coming from Mid-Florida – spring herding event

Hospitality: Holly Potts – Friday night – need 2 rooms; Jeavons (solo) and Franklin need rooms; Lavene and Korn will drive day ; Saturday – Brown, Lavene, and McMillan (solo) need rooms – Myer will drive; no dinners? – We'll work to determine a way to nice to take care of them – one person

Stewards – 3 for rally, two for obedience (Lavene “bringing” one); Lorna will contact Kathy about stewards;

Supplies – need an easel for running order/scores (dry erase board)

Photography – all set, Meredith needs to check on signs and ramp or stand

Obedience equipment – need a crew to pick up and return

Tents – Stephanie letting us borrow hers, Frank Lannon too

Raffle – items to list: Liz Claiborne sunglasses, Colleen giving list to Jana for web site

Show – times; stagger is preferred if possible so obedience/rally and conformation different times

Insurance – ok, need to mail Sportsmen's

Vendors – have photographer make up flyers, will include in judging program and distribute at show

Grounds – Mark Hussar, Kathy Reeley, Hector Hector – equipment, set-up; Signage – with Holly (holders from Stephanie)

Armbands – Gold Coast donated a stack; Jana ordering judges books

Merchandising – dead? Hold for next year; order for club members/workers?

Worker's shirts – logo, club name?

Other committee's:

Web site – nothing new

Old business? – None

New business –

- Lorna has 6 sheltie calendars, \$10 a piece
- 2008 judges – conformation suggestions- Joe Molloy; Carl & Patty Skinner; Stanley Saltzman; Judy Kelsey (vote at March or April meeting); Obedience & Rally - Carol & Jon Mett; Jerry Iermo
- Mid-Florida going to host a herding instinct tests in the spring– any interest here? (Lorna); Frank said make it fun – picnic, etc, - social then people will go
- Next meeting – Thursday, Feb 15 at Bonny Thatcher's home – Coconut Creek:

From I95 & Turnpike, north to Sample Road. West on Sample to Lyons Road. Turn right on Lyons (north) & go to Wiles Road. Turn right (east) on Wiles & go to NW 39th Avenue, which will be the only street you can turn left. Left (north) on 39th & go to first right turn, which will be Stagecoach Drive. Right on Stagecoach & go to first right turn which will be Pebblebrook Terrace. Right on Pebblebrook Terrace & then first right on Pebblebrook Manor. Once on Pebblebrook Manor, 5th house on left. 3758 Pebblebrook Manor.

954-425-0391-home

954-232-6519-cell

- Any questions, please call or email me. Thank you.
- Adjourn – Frank Lannon motioned, Maryann Lannon seconded, all in favor, adjourned at 9:20 p.m.
- Brags
 - Lorna – Ch. Cameo Dreamchaser took Best of Breed at Jacksonville specialty
 - Jana – Joy is now doing nursing home visits and therapy work; wheelchair and lift in van – Joy works with new equipment doing obedience; will start agility at end of month

Lorna Staab, Secretary