

SHELTIE TALES

July 2007

Newsletter of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Southeast Florida, Inc.

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President: Hector Hector
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Secretary: Meredith Hector
Treasurer:
Board of Directors: Lorna Staab
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Maryann Lannon

Committees:

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Lorna Staab
Maryann Lannon

Upcoming Club Events -----

Next General Membership Meeting: Special Informative Program:

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 14, 2007
8:15 p.m., Tuesday, August 14, 2007

Location:

Home of Frank and Maryann Lannon
8440 Palomino Drive
Lake Worth, FL 33467-1184
561-968-1322 hm

For directions see below.

“Winslow Way” Handling Seminar:

Friday-Sunday, August 24-26, 2007

**See attached flyer for details, prices,
registration form, and deadline date.**

Friday Itinerary:

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Friday
7:00 p.m. - Hors d'oeuvres
Elk's Lodge
700 Northeast Tenth Street
Pompano Beach, Florida 33060-5772

Saturday and Sunday Itinerary:

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday
Sunview Park
Community Center Building
1500 Southwest 42nd Avenue
Plantation, FL 33317


Club Information-----

Club Treasurer Needed: Due to health issues, our treasurer has resigned. Are you in a position to step in and volunteer to be club treasurer?

General Membership Meeting and Special Informative Program: On Tuesday, August 14, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., Frank and Maryann will graciously open their home for the next membership meeting, and after the general membership meeting, have agreed to do a presentation of the ASSA's CD on the sheltie standard. The ASSA spent an immeasurable amount of time in the production of this CD so that all sheltie fanciers could benefit. So, please make plans to come and benefit from this presentation.

Directions to the Lannon's home are as follows:

- **Best route:** Go north on Florida's Turnpike to exit 93/SR 802/Lake Worth exit. When you exit turnpike, make a right turn onto Lake Worth Road going west. Stay in the right lane on Lake Worth Road until you get to Blanchette Trail (which is just after the New Beginnings Church). Make a right turn onto Blanchette Trail and then make a right turn on Palomino Drive. (You will go over two speed bumps before you get to Palomino Drive.) The Lannon's home is the second house on the right: 8440 Palomino Drive.
- **Alternate route:** If you use I-95, exit at Lantana Road and go west to Jog Road. Make a right turn (north) onto Jog Road. Take Jog Road to Lake Worth Road. Turn left (west) on Lake Worth Road and stay in right lane past the turnpike to Blanchette Trail. Make a right turn onto Blanchette Trail and then make a right turn on Palomino Drive. (You will go over two speed bumps before you get to Palomino Drive.) The Lannon's home is the second house on the right: 8440 Palomino Drive. Again, the turnpike is the best route.



“Winslow Way” Handling Seminar: Seminar dates are Friday-Sunday, August 24-26, 2007. **See attached flyer** for details, prices, locations, and registration form. Registration deadline is August 17, 2007. Please pass the word to other individuals and clubs as this is an all-breed handling seminar.

2008 Back-to-Back Specialties: Tentatively, our specialty will be held Friday, March 7, 2008, at the South Florida Fair Grounds in West Palm Beach, Florida. Sweeps judge will be Colleen Andrus. Breed judges will be Robert Piccirillo and Stanley Saltzman.

Plans are progressing, but many items are still not finalized and we need volunteers! Is there a position you can volunteer for? We are looking for a volunteer to be:

- Raffle chairman.

Exciting Member News -----

Since this announcement does not go under “Members with New Litters on the Ground” or under “Who Has What Available for Placement,” I have had to create a whole new category this month for this special announcement. So, here goes . . .

Stephanie Trautman-Riley and Sean Riley are pleased to announce that Stephanie and Sean are expecting their first baby! Yep, that’s right. You understood correctly—the two-legged variety! Their bundle of joy is due February 2008.

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 . . .

Colleen Kessler of Simcos Shelties (954-463-4710) has available for placement one bi-black female born May 7, 2007. The sire and dam are: BPISS/BISS AKC/UKC CH Cameo Dreamchaser ex Simcos Queen of the Night. The sire is owned by club member Lorna Staab of Sta-A-Bit Shelties.

Although not four-legged, Stephanie Trautman-Riley (813-986-9109) has for sale a 2002 Itasca Sunrise Class A motor home. It has low mileage and low generator hours. It is clean and in very good condition, has brand new carpet (you can even clean it with bleach - great for dogs!). It has two slides (living room and bedroom). It is available with all the supplies in it (plates, glasses, bed linens, etc.). For additional information and price, please E-mail Stephanie at trilliant@tampabay.rr.com or call 813-986-9109 (home).

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 one new litter was reported to the newsletter editor.

Karen Salvage of Sunspun Shelties is pleased to announce the arrival of five sable and white puppies, four boys and one girl, born on July 20, 2007. The sire and dam are: CH WarmWinds Bourbon d’Bear ex Touchtone Sunspun Autumn Star.

With Sorrow-----

Stephanie Trautman-Riley mentions the passing away of her collie “Murphy.” “Murphy” was acquired as a shelter dog that was positive for heartworms and scheduled to be euthanized. With Stephanie’s loving intervention, “Murphy” lived an enjoyable 14 years loving everyone she met, doing agility, therapy work, obedience, and warming many a couch and heart. She will be missed so much.

Medical Information -----

The *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* (JAVMA) in its July 1, 2007, Vol. 231, No. 1, pgs. 79-88, issue contains a retrospective study of "Gallbladder Disease in Shetland Sheepdogs: 38 cases (1995–2005)." The objective of the retrospective study was "to determine risk, clinical features, and treatment responses for gallbladder disorders in Shetland Sheepdogs." What is of interest is the statement that published case reviews have suggested that there is a "breed predilection for gallbladder mucoceles in Shetland Sheepdogs. . . . Thus, ultrasonographic examination of the gallbladder should be considered during routine health care surveillance in middle-aged to older Shetland Sheepdogs."

Meet a Club Member -----

As you may remember, I am doing a series of interviews of the club's officers and directors. This month it is my pleasure to continue this series with an interview of:

Meredith Hector, Club Secretary

Since Meredith is a second-generation sheltie lover, she has had an extraordinary life when it comes to shelties. When Meredith was born in 1970, her mother, Julie Desy, was already actively breeding and exhibiting shelties. In fact, Meredith's mother has bred and shown shelties under the Ilemist kennel name for over fifty years. As a youth, Meredith always traveled to shows with her mother and says that she probably started showing in fun matches and such around age five, but more seriously and consistently between ages eight and ten. It was around this time when she started thinking about particular dogs as being hers.



The first sheltie that Meredith truly thought of as hers (even though she wasn't) was CH Ilemist Sheila O'Shannon, a/k/a "Sheila." "Sheila" suffered through all the humiliations of playing dress up and being pushed around in wagons. She was Meredith's dog of choice as Meredith "bumbled" her way through 4-H and AKC obedience and junior showmanship. "Sheila" had an outstanding temperament and somehow managed to keep her dignity despite everything Meredith and her brother subjected her to. "Sheila" also happened to be the grand dam of the first dog that truly was Meredith's, that being CH Ilemist Gorgeous George, CD, ROM, a/k/a "George." (See photo.) "George's" CD title was the first AKC title from start to finish that Meredith put on a dog.

Meredith's accomplishments with her own dogs and other's dogs have been many. With her own dogs,

Meredith is most proud of the Best of Opposite Sex win at the 1994 ASSA National from the veterans' class with CH Ilemist Gorgeous George, CD, ROM. She is also very proud in seeing "George" achieve his ROM. Another highlight that Meredith is proud of is when she qualified to compete at Westminster as a junior handler with CH Teaberry Lane Hey Dude. She is also proud of winning the 9-12 month class at the 1997 ASSA National with CH Royal Hill Laura Ashley.

Meredith was 14 or 15 years old when she started assisting her mother and professionally handling dogs for clients. As a professional handler, Meredith has had the privilege to help show numerous dogs to their championship titles and to exhibit national winners including the 2003 ASSA Best of Breed winner, Am/Jap CH Kencherry Keep Top (who she took back in for the final cuts for her mother), and 1996 ASSA Best of Opposite Sex winner, CH Duluta Fist Full of Dollars (who she took in for the final cut for Tammie Gabrielson). While she is most proud of her handling accomplishments at national specialty shows, she is also pleased to have won an all-breed Best in Show with CH Willow Layne Makin' Out when she was a college student.

Due to Meredith's unique opportunities, she was able to grow up around and worked with some of the most accomplished individuals in the breed. When asked what words of wisdom from these mentors she would like to share, she did not have any exact quotes, but summed things up very nicely in stating: "What I have consistently heard and observed is that all of these individuals seem to share an innate curiosity and a drive to continually succeed. They always strive to do or learn more and do better. They also share a real commitment to lifelong knowledge and growth as well as to the protection, promotion, and betterment of the breed. They do not rest on their laurels or settle for the status quo. They are successful because they plan to be and because they work to be. It is not an accident."

Currently, Meredith owns three shelties:

- 1.) "Oliver" CH Ilemist As You Like It (co-owned with her mother and Elaine and John Frazier) (sire of seven champions, all specialty winners);
- 2.) "Josie" Mejimo Enclave Black Venus (pointed one-year-old female co-owned with Robyn Fatula-Confer and Hector); and
- 3.) "Harrison" "Harrison," an eight-month-old puppy being grown out as a show prospect.

Meredith and her husband, Hector Hector, share a number of personal goals when it comes to shelties. One of those shared goals is to become breed and junior showmanship judges, and they plan to apply for their licenses soon. In terms of their dogs, their goal is to establish a small, yet recognizable, line of dogs of exceptional virtue. More generally, they would like to continue working to be part of the next generation of sheltie breeders and exhibitors by collaborating with like-minded friends and colleagues.

Meredith became a member of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Southeast Florida when she relocated to South Florida sometime around 2002. She is a member of the Fort Lauderdale Dog Club and is a former member of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Greater Detroit. Meredith has been a member of the American Shetland Sheepdog Association since 1994. As an ASSA member, she has served on the board of directors as a Region 1 representative and currently serves as chair of the Juniors Committee and as the program administrator for the Regional Advisory Program.

In her capacity as club secretary, Meredith plans to make time to do a thorough review and cleaning of the club's records. She feels that the club needs a transition book and more accurate records as to when people became members, etc. For the club as a whole and not just in her role as secretary, Meredith would like to build on the positive momentum that our club has begun to establish through our specialties. She would like to see the club work on expanding its capacity to serve its members to the best of the club's ability. She states how our club's educational programming has been a terrific start. She is hopeful that our club can continue to unify, attract more members, and create new, exciting activities and resurrect some of our old favorites as well.

One can easily see that Meredith has had unique opportunities when it comes to shelties, and due to those opportunities, has an extensive foundation of experience and knowledge from which to draw. Please feel free to ask Meredith any question you might have as she is more than willing to assist.

Need Help Fighting Fleas? -----

Believe it or not, there are effective, natural, no-chemical ways to control fleas—honest! It is far more effective and far less expensive than paying a lawn service company to come spray your yard every month, not to mention the drawbacks of using chemicals around our pets. So, then how do you control fleas without using chemicals?

Outdoor Control

For outdoor control, you can use beneficial nematodes. Okay, so what are beneficial nematodes and how do they work?

Beneficial nematodes are microscopic, non-segmented roundworms that occur *naturally* in soil. Inside the nematode's gut is the real weapon—symbiotic bacteria that, when released inside the flea, causes septicemia and death within 24 to 48 hours. The nematodes enter insects via the mouth, anus, respiratory openings, or directly through the body wall of the pest. The bacteria multiply and cause blood poisoning of the pest, leading to death.

For best results it is recommended to use the *Steinernema carpocapsae* variety for the northern states and to use *Steinernema feltiae* for the warmer southern states.

Beneficial nematodes are shipped in an easily dissolved clay formulation that you mix with water. The solution is then applied using a hose-end sprayer, pump sprayer, watering can, backpack, or through irrigation (sprinkler) or misting systems. If applying through your sprinkler system, it only takes ten minutes—start to finish! Recommended release time is early in the morning or pre-dusk when temperatures are cooler and the sun is not so bright. The soil should be moist at the time of application and lightly watered immediately after application. After application, regular watering of the treated area will provide sufficient moisture. Generally speaking, water every three to four days if rainfall does not occur.

What is its application rate? It is best to make at least two applications, separated by seven to ten days in order to stagger the life cycles of the nematodes and to assure complete coverage. In cases of severe infestations, applications should be made every seven to ten days or until infestation subsides. If fleas return the following year, another application would be necessary.

So, you say that your neighbor has dogs too. Well, be a generous neighbor. Offer to spray their yard as well or offer to spray at least the section of their yard that adjoins yours. I'm sure they would be more than thankful, especially if they are fighting the same battle that you are.

So where can you buy these beneficial nematodes? I have seen them at garden centers or you can order them online. Arbico Organics has an entire line of organic pet-care products which includes beneficial nematodes. You can order online at: <http://store.arbico-organics.com/1220310.html>. If you order online from Arbico, please make note to order the variety developed for the southern states with warmer climates.

Okay, so you say you are not the do-it-yourself type. Well, there are companies that will come spray your yard for you. In our area, you might want to call Fleabusters (954-351-9200). Their web site is: <http://www.fleabuster.com>. (Fleabusters also provides a service if you are plagued with ticks, although for ticks they do use a chemical.)

Indoor Control

For indoor eradication, use a natural diatomaceous earth product (not the kind you use for swimming pools). Diatomaceous earth is a powder that kills insects by dehydrating the insect. It is composed of finely milled fossilized shells of miniscule organisms called diatoms and is odorless and nontoxic. Insects control their body moisture by means of a complex “waxy” coating on their exoskeletons. This coating is naturally porous, which permits slow loss of water and evaporation. The powder's microscopically fine, sharp edges desiccate the insects' exoskeletons upon contact and the pests dehydrate and die within 48 hours of contact. The good news—insects cannot become immune.

How is the diatomaceous earth applied inside? First vacuum your carpet and remaining areas of the house. Then sprinkle diatomaceous earth throughout your house and onto carpets. Work it down into the fibers of carpeting with a broom.

You can order diatomaceous earth online from pet-care stores such as KV Vet (http://www.kvvet.com/KVVet/product_family.asp?family_id=272&gift=False&mscssid=082A772D022F34C6AA989A275EE7E3DE). Or, if you have Fleabusters come spray your yard, they can also treat the interior of your home as well.

So, if you have flea problems, try *both* of these outdoor and indoor control methods. They do work!

Board Meeting Minutes -----

SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA, INC.

Member of the American Shetland Sheepdog Association

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

Animal Recreation and Rehabilitation Center

Davie, FL

July 10, 2007

President Hector Hector called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Animal Recreation and Rehabilitation Center in Davie, FL, on Tuesday, July 10, 2007. Quorum was present. In addition to the President, members present included Frank Lannon, Maryann Lannon, Martha Hollingsworth, Meta Hollingsworth, Holly Potts, Cindi Theiss, Karen Salvage and Meredith Hector.

Treasurer – Beth Sirvinskas had to resign unexpectedly due to health concerns. Discussion was held as to a viable replacement amongst the board members. No board member was able to take on the responsibility and no club members present were either to do so. It was suggested by the group that Bonny Thatcher be approached as a possibility now that she has been a member for a year. Meredith agreed to reach out to her and will handle treasury responsibilities in the interim.

2008 specialty – It was noted that the date for our back-to-back specialty was revised to Friday, March 7th as the Boca Raton Club backed out of the cluster. Our judges will be notified to see if they are still available.

At 7:55 p.m., with no further business, Hector closed the board meeting and opened the general membership meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Hector
secretary

General Membership Meeting Minutes -----

SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA, INC.

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Davie, FL
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No changes or corrections to the May 2007 meeting minutes or June 2007 meeting notes were suggested.

Officer Reports

President – No report

Vice President – No report . Dione was unable to attend.

Secretary – Correspondence from the ASSA regarding the annual dues notice was presented.

Treasurer –No report. Beth resigned.

Committee Reports

Breeder referral - Maryann reported she received 4 emails -3 of which were out of the area. She also received 2 calls from out of the area.

Sunshine – Maryann sent a get well cards to Beth Sirvinskas and Jana Thomas.

Newsletter – No report.

Web site - None

Old Business

2008 specialty – The date for our back-to-back specialty was revised to Friday, March 7th as the Boca Raton Club backed out of the cluster. Our judges will be notified to see if they are still available.

In addition, the various show committee positions were determined as follows:

- Show Chair – Lorna Staab
- Trophy Chairs – Frank Lannon and Cindi Theiss
- Hospitality Chair and Chief Steward – Holly Potts
- Raffle Chair – Bonny Thatcher

Rose Chandless handling seminar – registrations are beginning to come in. All club members are encouraged to attend and to help spread the word. The registration deadline is Friday, August 17th.

New Business

Treasurer – As discussed at the board meeting, Beth Sirvinskas had to resign unexpectedly due to health concerns. No board members were able to take over the post and no club members present were either to do so. It was suggested by the group that Bonny Thatcher be approached as a possibility now that she has been a member for a year. Meredith agreed to reach out to her and will handle treasury responsibilities in the interim.

Donations – Frank Lannon moved that club donate \$50 to the ASSA Foundation for health research and \$110 to the ASSA trophy fund to sponsor a full junior showmanship class (1st-4th). The motion was seconded by Lorna Stab and passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

The August meeting will be held on Tuesday the 14th at the home of Frank and Maryann Lannon at 7:30 p.m. After the meeting they will host a discussion and review of the ASSA interactive CD.

At 8:05 p.m., with no further business, Hector closed the meeting and turned it over to Dr. Joyce Loeser for an educational program on therapeutic massage.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Hector
secretary

ALL activities indoors with A/C!!



The Shetland Sheepdog Club of Southeast Florida is pleased to announce

“The Winslow Way”

August 24-26, 2007

**AN ALL-BREED HANDLING SEMINAR BY ROSE CHANDLESS
(Winslow-Summit shelties)**

Friday, August 24, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

(Elks Lodge, 700 N. E. 10th St. , Pompano Beach, FL 33060)

This important kick-off session will involve handlers but **no dogs** and will be followed by a social/happy hour complete with hors d’ouvres and drinks.

Saturday, August 25, 9:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m.

(Sunview Park, 1500 S.W. 42nd Ave Plantation, FL 33317)

An intensive, hands-on, day long session with dogs. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Sunday, August 26, 1:00–4:00 p.m.

(Sunview Park, 1500 S.W. 42nd Ave Plantation, FL 33317)

A fun match where you’ll have the opportunity to put your newly acquired handling skills to the test. You’ll vie with your fellow classmates for bragging rights in a variety of fun competition categories. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

Seminar fees:

- **ALL 3 DAYS**—just \$75 for club members and \$85 for non-club members
- **Saturday and Sunday only** -\$60 for members and \$70 for non-members

Participants should bring dog, crate, water bowl, fine chain show collar, loop leash (no snap) and a chair.

Questions? Please contact Dione Houchins, SSCSEF Vice President, at 954-434-7947 or RaymarSS@aol.com

REGISTRATION FORM—DEADLINE AUGUST 17TH

mail form and payment (payable to SSCSEF) to Meredith Hector, 1100 SW 128 Drive, Davie, FL 33325

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SEMINAR CHOICE: Full 2 day only (circle one) PAYMENT: _____