

SHELTIE TALES

March 2007

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

2007 Officers and Board Members:

President: Hector Hector
Vice-President: Dione Houchins
Secretary: Meredith Hector
Treasurer: Beth Sirvinskas
Board of Directors: Lorna Staab
Karen Salvage
Maryann Lannon

Committees:

Membership: Karen Salvage
Breeder Referral: Maryann Lannon
Newsletter Editor: Holly Potts
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Upcoming Club Events -----

Next General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.
Location: Home of Lorna Staab
410 Southeast Second Avenue
Pompano Beach, Florida 33060-8074
Directions: I-95 to Atlantic Boulevard. Go east on Atlantic Boulevard. Turn south (right) on South Cypress Road. Turn east (left) on Southeast Fifth Court. Turn north (left) on Southeast First Terrace. Turn east (right) on Southeast Second Avenue.

Club Information -----

Annual Meeting and Elections: The annual meeting and elections took place at the March general membership meeting. The new officers and directors are as follows:

✓ President Hector Hector
✓ Vice President Dione Houchins
✓ Secretary Meredith Hector
✓ Treasurer Beth Sirvinskas
✓ Board of Directors Lorna Staab, Karen Salvage, Maryann Lannon.

Successful Back-to-Back Specialties 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:

✓ Sweeps results
✓ Conformation results
✓ Obedience results
✓ Rally results
✓ Link to show photographer's web site.

2006 Awards: Hopefully next month we will include in the newsletter the form to submit for those dogs who received AKC titles in 2006.

Letters Received Regarding Our Specialty Shows -----

It is a pleasure to reprint some of the letters received regarding our back-to-back specialty shows:

E-mail from Mark Houston-McMillan, conformation judge:

Hi Holly,

I would like to thank you for taking good care of me during my visit to your club.

It was an honour to be invited by the SSCSF committee to judge their show and I enjoyed the opportunity to make my assessment of the shelties entered. Overall, I had some difficult decisions and I was very happy with the quality [of] my final winners.

I look forward to seeing you in Portland.

Regards
Mark

Card from Jonathan Franklin, obedience judge:

Dear Lorna,

I would like to thank you and the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Southeast Florida, Inc. for having included me on your panel of judges at your recent show. I had a wonderful time!

Please thank your committees for great accommodations and the ring stewards for an excellent job at ringside.

I wish you and your club success with future shows. If I can be of any further assistance, please call.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Franklin, Jr.

Card from Victoria Brown, obedience judge:

Dear Lorna,

Thanks so much for inviting me to judge obedience at your recent trial. I thoroughly enjoyed my assignment. My stewards were very helpful. I enjoyed talking with your club members (and learned some things I didn't know about shelties).

The gift card was very nice and unexpected and I will put it to good use.

Thanks again and hope your show was a success.

Vicky Brown

Card from Judy Guaraldo, obedience exhibitor:

Please thank your club members so much for the wonderful prizes “Jackson” and “Wish” won at your trials. It is nice when breed clubs treat obedience people so well. We enjoyed the nice show site and the friendly people. We are looking forward to your next trial. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Judy Guaraldo

Other Letters Received -----

A get-well card was sent to club member Debbie Marshall’s husband on behalf of our Club. Below is a nice thank you in regard thereto:

E-mail from Debbie Marshall, club member:

Lorna,

Could you please pass along to the club that my husband and I appreciate the get well card. Thank you, it is so very thoughtful to think of him. It also helped him to realize that my world does include him.

Sincerely
Debbie Marshall

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 . . .

Dee and Walter Silverstein of Silver Trails Shelties (www.silvertrailsshelties.com) (561-753-3330 telephone) have available for placement a sable and white female puppy born January 22, 2007. The dam is [Tapestry’s Centre of Attention](#) (AKC pts).

Dee and Walter Silverstein of Silver Trails Shelties (www.silvertrailsshelties.com) (561-753-3330 telephone) have available for placement a stunning sable and white male puppy with a full white shawl born June 30, 2006. The sire and dam are: [Am/Can Ch Gairloch's King Of Hearts](#) (ASSA Y2K AOM) ex [Heart Lake Deja Vu](#).

Stephanie Trautman-Riley of Trilliant Shelties (www.trilliantshelties.com) (954-242-1223 telephone) has available for placement a couple of male puppies from an AOAC litter born February 7, 2007. The sire and dam are: [BISS CH Macdega Notorious](#) ex Cameo Song Sung Blue.

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.

Unique Story -----

Lynn Deering is known by a lot of this club's general membership. For those of you who may not know her, Lynn is confined to a wheelchair and was the head agility instructor at the Dog Obedience Club of Hollywood for many years. Lynn tells of a recent happening of February 22, 2007, wherein her border collie, Elijah, proved himself invaluable. Lynn relates the story . . .

Elijah to the Rescue (As told by Lynn Deering)

Today [February 22, 2007] I was getting ready to go to my Women's Group to be held this evening and I had to move from the bed to the wheelchair. Well, I misjudged my position and fell—rather oozed—to the floor, catching myself between the metal foot pedal and the bed in the process. As I fell, I really scraped my back on the metal pedal, but at least I slid gradually so I didn't really hurt anything too badly—a sore scrape and maybe a pulled muscle, but nothing broken! Unfortunately, I was now sitting on the floor and unable to get from the floor to either the wheelchair or the bed, as both are too high and I am no longer strong enough. Once I caught my breath, I started to try to figure out ways to get back up. My first two approaches failed. Was I going to have to spend the night on the floor? Call 911?

Since Xena has been getting older, I had purchased a set of small plastic pet steps from Wal-Mart for her so she could get onto the ottoman and the bed. Inconveniently, I only got one set. So, I taught Elijah the word ""ZZ Steps"" so he would drag the little steps from the bedroom to the living room and back to the bedroom. (Being that she really needed steps in both locations, I eventually sent for a nicer, sturdier, and higher set of steps from one of my dog catalogs. This set had a steel frame and plastic/wicker covering.) So why is this important?

Well, I figured that if I could kneel up and drop my bottom onto the first step, I might be able to use the lift switch on the power chair to help me rise to the second step and eventually get into the manual chair. Unfortunately, ZZ's Steps were on the other side of the bed, blocked by the power wheelchair and out of my reach. Solution—Elijah! I kept pointing, saying "Back!" and "Steps! ZZ Steps!" He charged around to the other side, dived under the bed, and brought me back his blue Orca ball. No, no...try again. Focus. Listen to me! "Steps! ZZ Steps!" He stood for awhile trying to process all of this, glancing first at the shelf where the TV remote sits, then at the folded towels sitting on the grooming table, then at the paper that had fallen on the floor....checking back in with me after each glance. I replied with a quiet "Wrong" for each incorrect glance. Then he nose-bumped the steps and I gleefully cried "YES!!"

Now you have to understand how unwieldy these larger steps are. It's hard to figure out how and where to grab them. But if my little man is one thing he is tenacious. He wrestled those steps out and around the king-sized bed and eventually brought them within my reach, topped off by a big wet nose lick for good measure. Delightfully proud of himself, he next pulled my manual wheelchair to me from the bathroom. (He has that command—"Get my chair!" —down pat.) Now I was sitting on

the tile floor, the power chair to my right, the steps to my back between me and the bed, and the manual chair to my left. I managed to kneel up and plunk my big bottom down on the first step. Then I had to hitch up and balance my right hip on the pedal of the power chair. I was having a hard time keeping my balance so 'Lijah stood stock still in front of me so I could use him for stability. Once on the pedal, I was able to push the lift button which got me to the second step—almost seat level for the manual. One pull from 'Lijah and I slid onto the seat cushion, sore and exhausted, but finally off the floor.

I still have no really good way to get back up if I fall out of my wheelchair, but if it had not been for Elijah—"The Wonder Dog"—I would still be fuming on the cold, hard, tile floor. He may be a nut case when he wants to play with other dogs, but he knows when I am in need. I don't know how he does it, but he seems to read my mind and figure out what it is I want or need. I usually don't even have to ask he just knows and does. It makes it easy for me to forgive him when he barked up a ruckus at 4:00 a.m. waking me up because some cat dared to walk his fence. What a guy!!

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 7:45pm. On 3/14/07. Meeting was held at the Pompano Beach Elks Club. Hector welcomed all members.

Motion to approved February minutes by Karen Salvage, 2nd by Beth Sirvinkas. All approved.

Hector thanked all help to make our show success....Our Club has really showed the balance of the state of our clubs success for our shows. Our club has now become the club to BE like. Thanks again...

Collie club has asked to join us due to our success. We should all be proud. Hector asked that we have our awards and show celebration together...

VP-absent

Secty-3 thank you notes from show, and Mid Florida Calendar Order form were rec'd.

Treasurer-report was viewed, Karen Salvage made motion to accept the treasurers report, Meredith Hector 2nd, all approved.

Hector asked for 2 volunteers to audit books prior to the next meeting. Also he would like a total accounting of show expenses and assets. Holly and Beth will get together.

Board-no new members

Maryann, 11 e-mails 2 in our area 9 on west coast of Florida. 2 calls were rec'd.

Sunshine-sympathy card, Bonnie Jackson, Get Well for Debbie Marshall Husband.

Newsletter-Holly-all is fine. Holly was commended for the great job she is doing.

Show Secretary-any recommendations-she felt it went fairly well. There were some problems with the entries money wise but went fairly smooth.

Show Chair-all done but food, would like to have more help setting up and taking down.

Show Hospitality-very good

Trophies-Meredith-Huge thanks to all that contributed especially for Dione Houchins assistance for collecting trophies. Apologies to Dione Houchins and Lois Paulson that their names were omitted from the Catalog for Trophies donated. Names will be shown on the web site. Dione Houchins mentioned that the Jennifer Houchins award should go in the catalog.

Security-No problems reported

Raffles-Bonny/Colleen-Excellent

Ads-Bonny was thanked, for all ads. She commented about the quality of the ads being poor.

Photography-Meredith-nice photographer but quality of photos was questioned. May look for new photographer.

Web Site-no report

Old Business-

Elections-

Sectry-Lorna Staab cast the following ballots.

President-Hector Hector-passed

VP-Dione Houchins-passed

Secty-Meredith Hector-passsed

Treas-Elizabeth. Sirvinskas-passed

Board-Karen Salvage-passed

Lorna Staab-passed

MaryAnn Lannon-Passed

Karen Salvage has offered to do membership. Beth Sirvinskaskas gave her the "book"

Holly asked about extra KVvet gift cert-Holly suggested sending to Nationals. Bonny suggested that we buy something with the gift cert. If not save them for match.

Holly reminded Hector that he needs to reappoint the committee heads. She reminded that the committees are on the website and they need to be updated.

2008 Show and options-we need to move the show. When. Suggested were March, May and July. Dione Brought up Dec shows in Miami. Frank is going to contact Jupiter Tequesta, and Palm Beach Dog Fanciers. Dione Houchins to revisit Miami.

Keep thinking about judges.

New Business-

Purchase of cards and photos for Thank You's. Motion made by Frank to spend up to \$100 on cards. Bonny volunteered to process with assistance.

Awards Dinner and Show Celebration-Lorna will volunteer to do the awards dinner. Breeder of year award to be added to the awards. A motion was made by Meredith, at annual awards event we award, if qualified, breeder of the year. Criteria would have bred the dog who has gained the most champions in any AKC recognized venue. CH. OTCH, Mach, HC.

Match-is it required, Holly will check on the requirements.

Frank Lannon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:45., Karen Salvage seconded, all were in favor.

Next meeting-4/10/07-At Lorna Staab and Beth Sirvinskaskas-410 SE 2nd Ave., Pompano Beach, Fl. 33060 7:30pm

Braggs:

Karen Salvage brags that on Sunday March 11, 2007, "Kodybear" Sunspun Private Stock, earned his first point towards his champship in the ring of Judge James White. Kody was bred and shown by his owner Karen Salvage.

Maryann Lannon Brags-Champion Topshelf Cinnamon Buns, Bunny owned by Maryann Lannon, Beverly Polisseni & Kathleen Dzielgel went Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex at the Greenville Shetland Sheepdog Club on 2/18/07. Bunny was awarded a 5 Point Major.

On 2/24/07, the following weekend Bunny took her 2nd major for 3 points, finishing her CHAMPTIONSHIP at the Tallahassee Shetland Sheepdog Club under Breeder Judge Dr. Robert Carpenter.

Lorna Staab brags that Cameo It Must Be Love, Beaner. Under breeder judge Glenda Henson took her first major, 5 points at the Spartunburg Shetland Sheepdog Club. Beaner is shown by Kathy Dziegel.

Check out Beaner's ad and her Uncle Chase's ad on Shelties on Line beginning 3/24/07. (www.sheltiesonline.com)

Stephanie Trautman-Riley-Trilliant Shetland Sheepdogs brags that Cameo Wildest Dreams, Whitney took WB and BOW for a 3 point major at the Tampa Bay Area Shetland Sheepdog Club's February Specialty Show. It's her first Specialty Major. She was handled and groomed to perfection by Meredith Hector. Whitney is sired by BISS Ch. Cameo Dreamchaser out of Cameo Song Sung Blue

In addition, Whitney took RWB (4 point major) at the Shetland Sheepdog Club of SE Florida March Specialty Show. A BIG Thank you to Kathy Dziegel for always wonderful presentation of Whitney.

Check out Whitney's ad on Shelties Online (www.sheltinesonline.com) starting on 3/24/07

And Lastly, Trilliant Shetland Sheepdogs is proud to announce a beautiful litter of SEVEN born 2/07 out of Whitney's dam, (Cameo Song Sung Blue). The sire is BISS Ch. Macdega Notorious. There are 2 tri males, 2 bi blue mails, 2 tri girls and 1 blue merle girls. We have high hopes for this gorgeous litters.