

SHELTIE TALES

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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:
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Karen Salvage
Maryann Lannon

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Membership: Karen Salvage
Lorna Staab
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Upcoming Club Events -----

Next General Membership Meeting: Saturday, October 13, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.
Location: Tradewinds Park
3600 West Sample Road
Coconut Creek, Florida 33073
954-968-3880
Just west of Florida's Turnpike,
north side of Sample Road. ([Map](#))

Club Information-----

2008 Back-to-Back Specialties: The club's next back-to-back specialties are progressing, but many items are still not finalized. Tentatively, our specialty will be held Friday, March 7, 2008, at the South Florida Fair Grounds, 9067 Southern Boulevard, West Palm Beach, Florida 33411. Sweeps judge will be Colleen Andrus. Breed judges will be Robert Piccirillo and Stanley Saltzman.

We are looking for volunteers to assist at our specialties. Is there a position you can volunteer for?

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

"Winslow Way" Handling Seminar: This seminar presented by Rose Chandless was truly an exceptional one! All in attendance benefited greatly.

The members of the club and visitors alike truly appreciate the time Rose spent in the preparation and presentation of this seminar. In addition to Rose's efforts, the members appreciate the time spent by our club vice president, Dione Houchins, in arranging this wonderful and informative seminar.

In the near future, Rose will be releasing an instructional DVD of her handling techniques. Therefore, if you are interested in obtaining your personal copy upon its release, please give your name and address to Dione so that she may forward the information on to Rose. At this time, the price of the DVD has not yet been determined.

Who Has What Available for Placement -----

Lorna Staab of Sta-A-Bit Shetland Sheepdogs (<http://www.trilliantshelties.com/sta-a-bit-shelties-home.htm>) has available for placement Cameo Cut to the Chase, a two-year-old blue-merle male born May 18, 2005. The sire and dam are: CH Cameo Dreamchaser ex Cameo Song Sung Blue (a Kent daughter). "Cutter" has two blue eyes, is debarked, microchipped, and housebroken. "Cutter" can be viewed at the above website.

Karen Salvage of Sunspun Shelties (<http://www.sunspunshelties.com>) has available for placement one sable and white male puppy born July 20, 2007. The sire and dam are: CH WarmWinds Bourbon d'Bear ex Touchtone Sunspun Autumn Star.

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

Cay and Bruce Ireland of Ireland Shelties (<http://www.irelandshelties.com>) are pleased to announce the arrival of an AOAC litter of three puppies, two tri boys and one bi-blue girl, born on August 17, 2007. The sire and dam are: CH Macdega Nortorious ex Wistwin Ireland's Blue Willow, a/k/a "China." Cay mentions that "China" whelped easily and is being a very good mother. Everyone is healthy and doing well.

Interesting Information -----

With the summer months here, I thought it appropriate to list some warm weather hazards to our pets:

Warm Weather Hazards

- ✓ Animal toxins—toads, insects, spiders, snakes, and scorpions;
- ✓ Blue-green algae in ponds;

- ✓ Citronella candles;
- ✓ Cocoa mulch;
- ✓ Compost pile fertilizers;
- ✓ Flea products;
- ✓ Outdoor plants and plant bulbs;
- ✓ Swimming-pool treatment supplies;
- ✓ Fly baits containing methomyl; and
- ✓ Slug and snail baits containing metaldehyde.

Meet a Club Member -----

Continuing with my series of interviews of the club's officers and directors, this month my interview is of:

Karen Salvage, Director

Karen was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. In 1972, she moved to Florida. Professionally, Karen is a teacher and has just finished her 31st year of teaching. Currently, Karen teaches basic computer (software) at Dillard High School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and has taught there since the beginning of the 1980-1981 school year. Karen has eight more years until she can retire.

Karen first started out in the world of dogs in the obedience realm with a Labrador/shepherd mix, two rescued miniature poodles, and an apricot standard poodle. When asked what first attracted her to shelties, her response was that she wanted to know why her dogs did not come when they were called. Karen's vet had a highly respected trainer (Candace Hammack) teaching classes at night. Karen relates that the first night of class the trainer brought out this "little black, white, and brown dog" (which Karen later learned was a tri-color sheltie), and the two of them performed an obedience pattern. To say the least, when the trainer asked who wanted to do what they just did, Karen's hand shot up in the air. She was hooked. In time, Karen learned that this trainer's dog, "Boffy," was ranked anywhere from one to ten nationally in obedience for many years. Karen mentions how she loved watching "Boffy" in the ring.

After that, Karen wanted and ultimately in 1993 acquired her first sheltie, "Shelby," a/k/a WarmWinds Push and Pull, CD, from Dori Gibbs of WarmWinds Shetland Sheepdogs (now Dori Stadler of Touchtone Shetland Sheepdogs). "Shelby" was sired by CH Kylene Cindahope Town Cryer, ROM.

Karen currently owns five grown shelties, along with a litter of puppies. The call names and registered names of her current shelties are:

Call Name:	Registered Name:	Age:
1.) "Taffy"	BISS CH WarmWinds Sunspun Delight, CGC;	13
2.) "Teddybear"	A/CH BIS U-CH Warmwinds Bourbon D'Bear, CGC;	4

3.) "Kodybear"	Sunspun Private Stock (6 points);	2
4.) "Autumn"	Touchtone Sunspun Autumn Star;	2
5.) "Lindy"	Sunspun Street Dancer; and	1
6.) "BooBoo," and "Misty"	Puppies born July 20, 2007. "Misty" will be grown out. "BooBoo" is available for placement.	

As you can see from the above list, Karen has obtained several titles with her shelties. In addition to "Shelby's" CD, she is equally proud of "Taffy's" conformation championship. "Taffy" came from a litter of seven girls, wherein three of the siblings finished their American conformation championships and one finished her Canadian championship. Karen remembers vividly "Taffy's" first Best of Breed win at our specialty when "Taffy" was four years old. At that show, there were five other champions with a total entry of 85 dogs. Since then, she has finished "Teddybear's" conformation championship. Recently though, Karen is proud to have bred "Kodybear" (see photo) and proud that she has been able to put "Kodybear's" first six points on him by herself.



Karen's mentor is Dori Stadler of Touchtone Shelties. Dori started Karen and has kept her going. They are still good friends and talk "dogs" often. When asked what words of wisdom she received from her mentor that have stuck with her the most, her response was: "Be open minded, not kennel blind. Don't follow the leader. Keep studying and listening and learning." In addition to Dori, Karen feels that there are many other people who she has learned from and to whom she still asks questions. She feels that our club has had some fantastic seminars in the past few years which have allowed her to continue to learn and to grow.

She feels that she has finally found the line that melds with her line and she hopes to continue improving her line closer to the AKC standard. She wants to produce structurally correct, fun-loving companion, conformation, and performance dogs.

In 1995, Karen became a club member of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Southeast Florida, Inc. She has previously held the positions of board member, president, and vice-president. She is currently a board member once again. Karen has been a member of the American Shetland Sheepdog Association since 2000.

What would Karen like to see the club accomplish this year? She says that she would like to see two very successful specialties. In addition, she mentions that: "It would be nice if more club members would become more involved with activities. I hope everyone tries to encourage new sheltie people to join and participate in club activities."

When asked about her current and future goals, Karen's response was: "To continue having fun." And then she added: "I hope to be involved in this wonderful sheltie world for a long time to come." I am sure we can all agree that we would like to "continue having fun" right along with Karen!

General Membership Meeting -----

SSCSEF MINUTES

September 11, 2007

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. Attendees were Frank Lannon, Maryann Lannon, Dione Houchins, Hector Hector, Bonny Thatcher and Meredith Hector.

Hector noted that no quorum present so no votes were to be taken. The gathering was an informational session only.

President: Hector thanked everyone for their well wishes and support during his hospitalization and he thanked Dione for her outstanding work on the Rose Chandless seminar. He said the event was beneficial, informative and fun and he hopes we will have similarly successful programs in the future.

Vice President: Dione said the seminar was great and that she was particularly pleased by the high number of out-of-towners who attended. She expressed concern that only 10 club members participated and hopes that more members will be able to support future activities. She noted that Jackie and Lorna opened their homes to out-of-town guests which was a real plus for us and for them so she hopes that will be a trend going forward. On a procedural note the group discussed and would recommend that future events implement a non-refundable fee for no-shows and last minute cancellations to help defray administrative costs. This recommendation can be voted on at the next meeting.

For our next informational activity, we might consider viewing one or both of 2 canine reproduction videos featuring Robert Hutchison.

Secretary: Meredith read correspondence from the AKC regarding need to submit our show applications and noted that she had received letters of acceptance form all three of our 2008 judges.

Acting Treasurer: Meredith presented the current bank statement and actual balance based on deposit for seminar and outstanding checks. The bank is in the process of having monthly statements mailed to her instead of Beth.

Committees:

Sunshine: Maryann sent get well cards to Hector and to Paul Thatcher and a sympathy card to Cheryl Allison on the passing of her husband Ed.

Breeder referral: Maryann received 8 emails - 3 outside of the area and 5 within the area. She also received 6 calls - 2 in the area and 4 outside the area. She mentioned that one of the calls was from Bill Peters, a former club member looking to get back into the breed after a long absence due to Hurricane Andrew. He is looking for a sable brood bitch.

Show: Group noted that our applications to AKC need to be submitted right away. We will coordinate with Michelle at the PBDFA to get a copy of their disaster plan.

New business: the next meeting will be Saturday, October 13, at 10:30 a.m. at Tradewinds Park - it will be a brief 30 minute business meeting followed by a sheltie social. So bring your dog, your lunch and something to pass. It will be great to reconnect, catch up and have fun.

Old business: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. and was followed by an informative presentation of the ASSA's interactive breed video. The group had an opportunity to be the judge from a selection of 3 male and female heads.

Member Brags -----

Martha Hollingsworth brags that "Brock," a/k/a Stellar's You're an All Star, placed in the top ten of the jumpers with weaves competition at the agility state tournament on June 30, 2007, and placed fourth in the same class on July 1, 2007.

Lorna Staab is pleased to announce that "Emma," a/k/a CH Cameo It Must Be Love, finished her championship in style! On September 3, 2007, under Judge Bettie L. Krause, "Emma" took Best of Breed over three specials at the Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club show in Lexington, Kentucky. "Emma" was shown by Judy Stachowski. "Emma's" sire and dam are: CH Blue Heavens Cabana Bi Night ex Cameo Calico Cat.

Stephanie Trautman-Riley is pleased that "Whitney," a/k/a Cameo Wildest Dreams, acquired her second major on September 8, 2007, bringing "Whitney's" total to seven points with both majors out of the way. "Whitney" is currently being shown by Becky Johnson. "Whitney's" sire and dam are: CH Cameo Dreamchaser ex Cameo Song Sung Blue. "Whitney's" sire is owned by club member, Lorna Staab.

Nancy Frazier has a new puppy, "Chase," a/k/a Jandale Chasing Dreams to brag about. Sire and dam are: Daval Going My Way ex Daval Never Surrender.

Bonny Thatcher brags that "Shadow," a/k/a Simcos Majestic Crown Royal, took Reserve Winners Dog at the UKC shows last month in Clearwater and Lakeland. "Shadow's" sire and dam are: Highfields Wayward Wind ex Simcos Queen of the Night.