

SHELTIE TALES

April 2008

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

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2008 Officers and Board Members:

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

Committees:

Breeder Referral: Maryann Lannon
Newsletter Editor: Holly Potts
Show Chairman: Lorna Staab
Website: Holly Potts
Membership: Hector Hector
Bonnie Thatcher
Maryann Lannon

Upcoming Club Events -----

Next General Membership Meeting:

Puppy Picnic:

Location:

What to bring:

What activities for the Puppy Picnic:

Who to invite:

Directions:

Saturday, May 10, 2008, at 10:30 p.m.
Immediately following meeting.

Tradewinds Park – North Side
3600 West Sample Road
Coconut Creek, FL 33073
Office: 954-968-3880

Puppy/ies and adolescents, ex-pens,
water, chairs, and lunch.

Puppy grooming, measuring, ear setting,
structure evaluation, and temperament
testing.

New and prospective puppy buyers might
find this interesting, so club members are
encouraged to invite them.

From I-95, exit at Sample Road and go
west past Florida's Turnpike overpass.
Take the park's entrance on the north side
of Sample Road.

From Florida's Turnpike, exit at Sample
Road. Turn west (left). Take the park's
entrance on the north side of Sample Road,
west of Florida's Turnpike overpass.

From U.S. 441 (State Road 7), go east on Sample Road. Take the park's entrance on the north side of Sample Road before Florida's Turnpike overpass.

Club Information-----

MDR1 Testing: Shelties are more sensitive to certain drugs compared to other breeds. It is well known that collies and related breeds can have adverse reactions to drugs such as ivermectin, loperamide (Imodium®), and others. Advances in molecular biology have led to the discovery of the cause of multi-drug sensitivity in affected dogs. The problem is due to a mutation in the multi-drug resistance gene (MDR1). This gene encodes a protein, P-glycoprotein, which is responsible for pumping many drugs and other toxins out of the brain. Dogs with the mutant gene can not pump some drugs out of the brain as a normal dog would, which may result in abnormal neurologic signs. The result may be an illness requiring an extended hospital stay—or even death.

A test has been developed at Washington State University (<http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/depts-VCPL/>) to screen for the presence of the mutant gene. Instead of avoiding the use of certain drugs in known susceptible breeds, veterinarians can now determine if a dog is normal, in which case the drug can be administered or, in the case of abnormal, an alternative treatment can be given. A list of problem drugs can be found at: <http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/depts-VCPL/drugs.aspx>.

Owners and breeders can submit samples for testing. All that is needed for the test is a cheek brush sample that can be obtained and sent by mail for analysis. At this time, the cost of testing is:

- \$60 per test for 1-4 tests included in a single shipment;
- \$51 per test for 5 or more tests included in a single shipment (a 15% discount).

However, July 1, 2008, prices will increase to:

- \$70 per test for 1-4 tests included in a single shipment;
- \$60 per test for 5 or more tests included in a single shipment (a 15% discount).

Members of our club have shown interest in having this testing performed and Holly Potts has agreed to spearhead this project for the club. Therefore, if you would like to have your dog/s tested, please let Holly (hpotts@sunridgeshelties.com) know how many dogs you would like tested on or before **April 29, 2008**. Holly will order the test kits on April 30, 2008, and should have them to pass out at the next club

meeting in May. The arrangement will be that you then bring the test kit containing the cheek brush sample to the club meeting in June (along with payment) and deliver it to Holly. She will then forward them on for testing well in advance of the price increase. Test results will generally be available in two weeks.

Letters Received Regarding Our Specialty Shows -----

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

Letter from Robert Piccirillo, conformation judge:

Lorna,

Please convey to the membership of the SSC of SE Florida my sincere appreciation for the honor of allowing me to judge your specialty last Friday!! Notwithstanding the unbelievable trip there, it will be an assignment I will long remember! My utmost thanks to both Holly Potts and yourself—you are both the utmost examples of “southern charm & hospitality”! Looking forward to perhaps sometime in the future when I might be able to “explore” some of the local landscape! ☺

Sincerely,

Bob Piccirillo

Letter from Colleen Andrus, sweeps judge:

Shetland Sheepdog Club of Southeast Florida –

I want to thank-you all for entrusting me to judge your sweeps—I enjoyed it very much and your hospitality was great!!

I sure would have enjoyed an evening with you but those things happen, so maybe at the National it would be fun!!

I am now back in the snow & ice but we are experiencing “SPRING” and I love it except for all the water—

Take care!!

Good-luck with all your Shelties!!

See you soon in Greeley!

As Always,

Colleen Andrus

“Trevanne”

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

Lorna Staab is pleased to announce the arrival of two AOAC boy puppies, one tri and one blue merle, born on April 18, 2008. The sire and dam are: CH Ambrozia Midnite In Memphis ex CH Cameo It Must Be Love.

Interesting Information -----

As you may remember, last month I mentioned that you should stay tuned for this month's "Interesting Information" section to find out more about how "early neutering" is not in the best interest of our dogs or the dogs we place as companions or performance prospects. I also mentioned that I would give you the answer as to what age research indicates physical closure occurs. This month's information comes from a 1991 research article from the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* entitled "**Gonadectomy in Immature Dogs: Effects on Skeletal, Physical, and Behavioral Development.**" This article is very enlightening and I encourage all who are interested to ask me for a copy.

To give you a little background information on this research paper. It was a 15-month study of 32 mixed-breed dogs from five litters. Male and female puppies were allotted to three groups: group I were neutered at seven weeks; group II were neutered at seven months; and group III were left sexually intact.

Some highlights of the research article that I found interesting are:

Behavioral results: Seven behavioral characteristics were assessed subjectively—excitability, general activity, barking, playfulness, aggression toward other dogs, affection toward people, and outgoing nature. Excitability and general activity were the only behavioral characteristics that were significantly different among the treatment groups. All neutered dogs (regardless of sex) scored higher for general activity compared with the sexually intact dogs. Group-I males scored highest for excitability. (So much for the common misconception that neutered dogs are less active and calmer than sexually intact dogs.)

Body weight and food intake: The article stated that the rate of weight gain was not affected by gonadectomy, but males gained weight more rapidly than did female. Sex was the only factor that appeared to affect food intake with males consistently consuming more food than females at any given age.

Secondary sex characteristics: The penis, prepuce, and os penis of group-I males were "infantile" in comparison with group-II and group-III male dogs. The external genitalia did not fully develop in the group-I dogs. The prepuce, penis, and os penis growth in the group-II dogs was not to the same extent as in the sexually intact group-III dogs.

In females, the vulvas of group-I and group-II bitches were "small and infantile" in comparison to the group-III intact bitches. However, the dorsoventral length of the vulvar commissure did not grossly appear to reflect differences.

Skeletal growth: “Radial and ulnar growth plates were considered closed when a radiolucent line was no longer visible at the physis and bone length remained constant.” So, with this in mind, at what age did growth plate closure occur? Radiographic evidence of physeal closure was completed between 40 and 42 weeks (41.7 weeks \pm 1.1 weeks) in the sexually intact group-III dogs. This information correlates well with other findings in other growth studies that were referenced in the article.

Some other interesting comments on skeletal growth were: “Growth plate closure was delayed in all neutered dogs, as compared with sexually intact dogs. . . . Whereas growth rates of the sexually intact dogs slowed after seven months, neutered dogs continued to grow for a longer period. . . . Gonadectomy delayed closure of the radial and ulnar growth plates by approximately 4 months in group-I dogs and by 3 months in group-II dogs.”

Article conclusion: The article concluded saying that neutering puppies at seven weeks affected skeletal, physical, and behavioral development much the same as it did by neutering the seven-month-old puppies.

What is your conclusion?: So, after reviewing these three articles over the past several months with their many cited research articles, one should be able to at least readily see that it would not be in the best interest of those dogs that we bring into the world to require that they be spayed or neutered before their growth plates have closed which, according to research, would be at about 9 1/2 months old.

Board Meeting Minutes -----

SSCSEF Board Meeting Tuesday April 8, 2008 At Dione Houchins House

Attendance: Dione Houchins, Karen Salvage, Lorna Staab, Meredith Hector, Hector Hector, Maryann Lannon, Frank Lannon, Bonnie Thatcher, Holly Potts.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President Dione Houchins

Treasurer: Lorna reported that SSCSEF treasurer's books are now on the computer and it has been audited. Made money from show. (net) made a little more money than \$400.00. There still may be some outstanding bills from West Palm Beach DFA. Motion made by Maryann to accept treasurer Report. Meredith seconded the motion.

Secretary: Karen read the board meeting notes from March. The motion was made to accept and Hector seconded.

Karen gave Lorna a copy of the paperwork for next year's shows. Lorna also received a disk of the tribute made to Beth S by Hector at the specialty. Bonnie Thatcher graciously taped it and put it on a disk for her.

Committees:

1. Website: Holly- Dione sent an email to Jana to ask her how she wants to become involved in the club. She did not receive and reply. Holly is now taking care of the website.
2. Newsletter: Holly Nothing new to report.
3. Breeder referral Maryann Nothing to report this month
4. Sunshine Lady: Maryann- card sent to club member Dorothy Moore.
5. Membership - board responsibility, Dione asked Hector to head up the membership duties.
6. Combined meeting will be discussed at general meeting.
7. Combined Committee: Hector Hector, Frank Lannon and Lorna Staab
8. Show Chair specialty 2009--Lorna will be show chair of combined show for 2009
9. Club education and entertainment- Meredith
10. Political action committee- liaison is Frank Lannon. He will update us of the laws that are being passed and what new laws are coming up.

Unfinished business:

Lorna will talk about audit results and some ideas.

1. 3 hours to load checkup etc. checkbook balanced.
2. Lorna handed out a check request form for review.
3. Change to \$100 and over from \$50.00. Add to standing rules.
4. Motion to make changes by Dione to make a check request form prior to issuance of check. Karen second. Hector opposes. Motion passes

Receipts vs. Payments--Must have receipts to receive payment and for services that are rendered for the club for certain purchases you can make your own receipt. Motion any amount of money for which you want to be reimbursed must have a receipt. Motion made by Dione and passed unanimously. It was added to the standing rules.

New business:

Resurrect past fun events: Dione proposed small scale events; awards. Instead of big dinner for the yearly awards, it was suggested that the awards will coincide with general membership meeting. Member who receives new titles will still receive a new plaque or new tag to add to a previously received plaque. Dione wants to start awarding certificates again.. Wants officers and board members to take on an event a big or small as they want.

Other suggestions are:

1. Olympics
2. Holiday party
3. Puppy event basic commands , grooming

Each member showcases an award and a project.

Motion to adjourn board meeting made by Maryann at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Salvage, Secretary

General Membership Meeting Minutes -----

SSCSEF General Meeting Tuesday, April 8, 2008 Meeting was held at Dione Houchins' House

At 7:55 President Dione Houchins called the general club meeting to order
ATTENDANCE: Dione Houchins, Lorna Staab, Karen Salvage, Maryann and Frank Lannon, Bonnie Thatcher, Hector and Meredith Hector, Holly Potts. Lisa Malanowski

Secretary: Karen read the minutes from the last board meeting. Lorna made the motion to accept the minutes and Hector seconded it.

President Dione: Opening statements:

1. Acknowledged Wally for getting the gifts from KV Vet for our specialty such as: , beds ,cabanas, gift certif.. raffle items..
2. Special thanks to Frank for being at the specialty grounds at 7:30 and helped setting up and making sure raffle was there and making sure ring was ready. Bonnie was there with raffle .

The Night before the specialty Loran was in double time mode. Our breed judge for the first specialty, Bob Picirriolo was stuck in blizzard in Dallas, Texas and he couldn't get out. Lorna helped him get on another flight. Loran got him on a 6 am flight. Bob Picirriolo was picked up from the airport by and got him to the show. Super Human Effort.

- Order a show book Updated one.
- Lorna will ask AKC if we can get one for free, if not the club will order one.. Dione made motion for Lorna to request a show book. Maryann second. All agreed.
- A special thanks was given to Holly for stewarding and keeping the peace..
- Frank. Needs to make sure the rules for dogs in the building overnight at our next specialty, are clear and can be read easily because someone left the dog overnight. Frank had to call the handler to go to the show site and get their dogs. No dogs overnight.

Vice President: Meredith no report

Meredith wants to have seminars and educational activity for meetings.

Secretary: Karen

1. We received a thank you note card from our sweeps judge, Colleen Andrus, and one from our Breed judge from the first show Bob Picirriolo
2. Signature card from Bank
3. Bonnie will notarize it and take it back to Bank Atlantic on Sunrise Blvd and Pine Island Road.
4. Motion to accept treasures report Hector Hector and Maryann Lannon second.

Committee Reports

1. Newsletter-Holly -nothing new
2. Website: leave pictures from former members on the website unless we are running out of room.
3. Breeder referral- Maryann- nothing new
4. Sunshine lady - card sent to member Dorothy Moore
5. Membership: Lisa Malanowski arrived for her second meeting. The attending membership voted unanimously to accept Lisa into the club
6. Lisa lima2bellsouth.net USAMalanowski
954-763-1730 954-224-9028.

Meeting-combined specialty- Hector and Meredith attended the Mid-Florida SSC meeting where the combined specialty was discussed. Some of the Mid-Florida combined members were not there. 2009's shows were brought up 2010. They are leaning towards 2010. The club members are willing to include us next year in Feb 09 and possibly everyone else is 2010. However they are not sure what the venue is going to be. Venues kept going further north instead of south. No compromising. They did if the fees and profits would be split evenly. Cannot be done without contract.

Committee for combined work for 2010. Hector Hector, Fran Lannon and Lorna Staab.

- What are we going to do for 2009
- Frank will talk to appropriate people to see if we will be able to have show with Palm Beach DFA again.
- Two shows with sweeps for next year. With PBCDFA.
- We need to know what our options with Miami for a supported entry for Saturday and Sunday especially if we can have a say in judges (for 2008 shows).
- Start thinking of two judges for next year March.

New business:

- 1) Holly-MDR1 Multi Drug Resistance Test. Sensitivity to certain drugs that shelties can have. There is a test out for it. Cheek swab \$60.00 \$51 for four or more sent in. There is a price increase July 2008.
- 2) Let Holly know by April 21 is interested in having dog(s) tested. Holly will order test kits. Want to beat price increase. \$70/\$61 in July.

- 3) Holly- test for TGAA for thyroid precursor information for thyroid problems in the future.
- 4) Jupiter Tequesta seminar in August. Mary Savant. Maryann. Canine reproduction.
- 5) Seminar in Titusville .Pat Trotter. Author of born to win. Pedi dog structure and breeding. October

Hector made the motion to adjourn Karen seconded.9:09 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Salvage, Secretary

Member Brags -----

Kathy Reeley is having fun with a new sable and white male puppy named "Sky," a/k/a Starfall's Sky Walker. "Sky" was born on November 16, 2007, and bred by Linda Reimers and Cheryl Reimers. "Sky's" sire and dam are: CH Starfall's Winds of Summerlove (a Man About Town grandson) ex Rhymes Treasured Starfall.

Lorna Staab is also having fun with a new puppy. "Piper," a/k/a Skyehaven Sweet Dreams is a bi-black female. "Piper" was born on January 15, 2008, and bred by Sherrie Sparling and Cam Sparling. "Piper's" sire and dam are: BPISS/BISS AKC/UKC/CKC CH Cameo Dreamchaser ex Can CH Skyehaven Caught By Design.

Dione Houchins is pleased that "Skylar," a/k/a Raymar Skyrocket, took Winner's Bitch for her first point on March 15, 2008, at the Fort Lauderdale Dog Club, Inc. "Skylar's" sire and dam are: CH Lorain's Street Performance ex Primo Raymar Red Rocket.

Karen Salvage is pleased that "Teddy Bear," a/k/a CH Warmwinds Bourbon D'Bear was Best of Breed and Group IV on March 15 and 16, 2008, at the Fort Lauderdale Dog Club, Inc. "Teddy Bear's" sire and dam are: CH Foxglove Ashburton Bottoms Up ex Warmwinds Mischief Maker.

Lorna Staab reports that "Wyatt," a/k/a Cameo Gray Market, was Reserve Winner's Dog on March 15 and 16, 2008, at the Fort Lauderdale Dog Club, Inc. "Wyatt's" sire and dam are: CH Carloway Black Market ex Cameo Song Sung Blue.

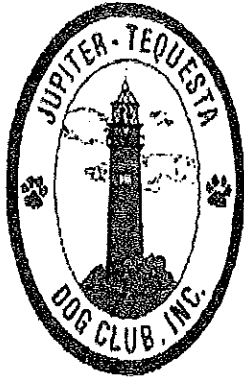
Colleen Kessler reports that Simcos Wild Blue Yonder was Reserve Winner's Bitch on March 16, 2008, at the Fort Lauderdale Dog Club, Inc. The sire and dam are: CH Shadow Hills Air Force One, OA, OAJ, ex Simcos Splendor In The Grass.

Bill and Irene Munsey are pleased that "Bart", a/k/a Donlyn's As If Bi Magic, was Winner's Dog on March 23, 2008, at the Seminole Dog Fanciers Association. Then on

April 19, 2008, at the Heartland Dog Club of Florida show, "Bart" was again Winners Dog. "Bart's" sire and dam are: BPISS/BISS AKC/UKC/CKC CH Cameo Dreamchaser ex Donlyn's Indigo Lace.

Walter and Dee Silverstein are pleased that "Rudy," Silver Trails Valentino, was Winners Dog on April 20, 2008, at the Heartland Dog Club of Florida show for his first point. "Rudy's" sire and dam are: CH Silver Trails WYSIWYG ex Tapestry's Centre of Attention.

Walter and Dee Silverstein are pleased that "Kiki," Silver Trails Full Circle, was Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, and Best of Breed, on April 19, 2008. Then on April 20, 2008, "Kiki" took Winner's Bitch, Best of Winners, Best of Breed, and Group III at the Heartland Dog Club of Florida show. "Kiki's" sire and dam are: CH Silver Trails WYSIWYG ex Heart Lake Circle of Life.



One-Day Seminar

presented by

Myra Savant-Harris, RN

Canine Reproduction and Whelping

and

Puppy Intensive Care

sponsored by

Jupiter Tequesta Dog Club

Saturday, August 2, 2008

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Cost \$80.00

(includes lunch)

Myra Savant-Harris is a Registered Nurse with many years experience working labor/delivery and neonatal ICU. Her two books, "Puppy Intensive Care" and "Canine Reproduction and Whelping" translate many of the things she learned in her career into puppy and canine reproduction terms. Breeders all over the US and Canada are learning many things from her seminars about how to get bitches in whelp, keep them in whelp, deliver puppies safely and keep them alive. In her books and seminars, she teaches how to assess a sick puppy, how to tube feed, hydrate by sub cutaneous methods and administer oxygen. Her books and seminars also teach how to collect canine semen and inseminate a bitch, diet for the bitch in whelp, timing for chilled and frozen sperm and the role of calcium and pitocin in whelping.

Myra's books and completed warming boxes will be for sale at the seminar.

Location of Seminar

Jupiter Tequesta Dog Club Training Facility
FAU John D. MacArthur Campus (Abacoa)
Harriet L. Wilkes Building WB, Room 101
5353 Parkside Drive
Jupiter, FL 33458
www.jtfdc.org

Accommodations available close by

Homewood Suites by Hilton
4700 Donald Ross Road
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418
Phone: 561.622.7799, Fax: 561.622-7734
Daily Rates start at \$119 & include a full buffet
breakfast.

Confirmation letter will be mailed if no email is provided

To register, complete and return with check payable to **Jupiter Tequesta Dog Club** and mail to:
Debbie McCray • 2305 Bermuda Drive • West Palm Beach, FL 33406
561.968.7069 • call 561.308.6211 • email: mccraydc@gmail.com

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Pat Trotter Seminar

Oct. 18-19, 2008

Clarion Inn - Kennedy Space Center
Titusville, FL

Presented by Brevard Kennel Club

World renowned author, dog handler, and Westminster winner, Pat Trotter will give her two day *Born to Win* seminar on pedigreed dogs; their structure, genetics, and breeding.

Based on principles from her book, *Born to Win*, Pat offers an entertaining and informative presentation on canine structure and mechanics, genetics and

pedigree interpretation.

Let Pat give you the keys to putting together a winning pedigree for your breeding program.

The cost of the seminar is \$125.00 for Brevard Kennel Club members and \$150.00 for nonmembers.

Ten rooms at the Clarion Inn - KSC have been set aside for seminar participants.

The cost of the room is not included for the fee of the seminar.

A fee of \$15.00 will be charge for overnight RV parking. **NO HOOKUPS!**

Deadline for seminar sign up is **Wednesday Sept. 24, 2008.**

For more information, contact:

Mary Thrasher, Seminar Chair, at (321) 632-0627

or email her at thrasgar@bellsouth.net.

Contact information:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City & State _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Space is limited! Sign up early!