

SHELTIE TALES

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Newsletter of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Southeast Florida, Inc.
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Upcoming Club Events -----

Next General Membership Meeting:
Awards, Puppy Picnic, and Barbeque:

Saturday, July 18, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.
Immediately following meeting.

Location:

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

What to bring:

A side-dish item—potato salad, potato chips, slaw, pork ‘n beans, a dessert, etc.
Puppy/ies and adolescents, ex-pens, water, and chairs.

Who to invite:

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

Directions:

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.

Club Information-----

Upcoming Events: The club is working towards and planning several upcoming events. Please take note of the following:

- The Sheltie Olympics on Saturday, September 19, 2009, at Dione Houchin's house.
- Details regarding a future seminar are in the works.

March 2010 Specialty: If you would like to assist in some capacity in our upcoming specialty, please let your wishes be known to Hector Hector, Show Chairman.

In regard to our March 2010 Specialty, the following positions have been filled:

- Show Chairman: Hector Hector;
- Chief Ring Steward: Lisa Malanowski;
- Judge's Hospitality: Holly Potts;
- Catalogs and Raffle: Diane Sedberry, Lisa Malanowski, Dee Selby;
- Security: Debbie Canderelli;
- Trophies: Lorna Staab;
- Judge's Gifts: Lorna Staab;
- Advertising: Hector Hector; and
- After-Show Dining: Frank and Maryann Lannon.

Our sweeps and class judges will be:

- Class Judge: Linda C. More, Cary, North Carolina; and
- Sweeps Judge: Madeline Griffin-Cone, Tampa, Florida.

Awards Application: The 2008 Awards Application Form is attached hereto. The application should be turned into Dione Houchins. The awards meeting will be held in conjunction with the barbeque and puppy picnic on Saturday, July 18, 2009, at Tradewinds Park. If you have not already done so, it is imperative that you immediately turn in your application.

Membership Application: There is a pending associate membership application by Diane Sedberry. Diane has been to two meetings and has given a little synopsis of herself and her dogs. Diane currently has two shelties, "Patrick" and "Kelley." If you have not already met her, please introduce yourself at the next club meeting.

Sheltie Olympics: The Sheltie Olympics is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2009, at Dione Houchin's home. Show-up and set-up time is 9:30 a.m. Start time is 10:00 a.m. Also, please make plans to stay and help clean up. Club members are

asked to e-mail their list of puppy buyers to Hector Hector or Meredith Hector for purposes of inviting these ones to the Sheltie Olympics.

Who Has What Available for Placement -----

Colleen Kessler of Simcos Shelties has two blue merle female puppies born on March 31, 2009, available for placement. The sire and dam are: Am/UKC/Can CH Cameo Dreamchaser ex Simcos Wild Blue Yonder (a "Boomer" daughter).

Meredith and Hector Hector of Enclave Shelties (www.enclaveshelties.com) have three tri-factored sable female puppies born on May 7, 2009, which are available for placement. The sire and dam are: Am/Can CH GrandGables Ravenscourt Joker ex CH Rosmoor Shaizach Starlet.

Dee and Walter Silverstein of Silver Trails Shelties (www.silvertrailsshelties.com) have available for placement a tri female puppy born on January 31, 2009. The sire and dam are: CH Dury Voe Wintergreen ex Silver Trails Uprising (a CH Anysworth I Have a Dream daughter). Dee mentions how this little girl is small and very agile like a little monkey/mouse and would be suitable for an agility home. Her photograph can be seen at www.silvertrailsshelties.com/Puppies.html.

Interesting Information -----

"E.P.A. to Review Safety of Pet Flea and Tick Products" is the title of an article in the June 17, 2009, *New York Times*. The article states: "[F]ollowing a recent increase in reports of adverse reactions among pets, the Environmental Protection Agency has intensified its scrutiny of the products, warning pet owners that the treatments may have serious, even fatal, side effects. . . . The E.P.A.'s report on liquid flea and tick treatments is expected by October and will be published on the agency's Web site."

This is a good reminder that the use of these products can cause severe or even fatal reactions. Therefore, we should seriously scrutinize any and all products that we use on our pets. The entire article quoted above may be viewed online at:

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/06/17/health/17pets.html?_r=1&ref=health.

This type of serious adverse reaction has even hit home to one of our club members. Just this last weekend Colleen Kessler was notified by one of her puppy buyers that their now two-and-a-half year old dog had a neurological reaction to the product Promeris. The dog was admitted to the veterinary clinic for emergency medical treatment which included IV fluids, an overnight stay, and other necessary care and treatment. He is now home. However, his recovery is progressing slowly.

Since there are well-founded safety concerns with using chemical flea and tick products, would you like to know how to get rid of fleas *without* chemicals? Well, the answer is below.

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 on or 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. I have even heard that some Home Depot stores carry them. 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!

With Sorrow-----

“Taffy” BISS CH WarmWinds Sunspun Delight, CGC

Club member Karen Salvage announced the passing of “Taffy,” BISS CH WarmWinds Sunspun Delight, CGC, on June 8, 2009. “Taffy” was 15 years old and will be missed.

“Taffy” was born June 4, 1994, and was sired by CH Satins Limited Addition ex WarmWinds Forever Fancy. “Taffy” came from a litter of seven girls, wherein three of the siblings finished their American conformation championships and one finished her Canadian championship.



“Taffy” gave Karen a lot of "firsts" in the realm of dog shows—show dog, point, conformation champion, Best In Specialty Show. “Taffy” starting winning from the time she went to her first match when she was just 14 weeks old where she took Best in Match. She was a show girl and knew her job. She knew what to do and did it with flair. Karen remembers vividly “Taffy’s” first Best of Breed win at our specialty when “Taffy” was four years old.

“Taffy” was also Karen’s loving couch potato. She loved to sleep and snuggle and loved to eat and get snacks. Getting a massage and a back rub were her passion. Karen expresses her loss with the words: “A piece of my heart went with her to the Rainbow Bridge. She will be missed.”

Member Brags -----

Cay Ireland:

“China,” Wistwin Ireland’s Blue Willow.

Sire and dam: CH Sea Haven's Sharper Image ex Wistwin Alize'.

- On Saturday, June 6, 2009, at the Skyline Kennel Club, Inc. show, “China” was Reserve Winners Bitch.
- On Sunday, June 7, 2009, at the Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club, Inc. show, “China” was Winners Bitch and Best Opposite Sex
- On Monday, June 8, 2009, at the Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club, Inc. show, “China” was Winners Bitch and Best Opposite Sex.

“China” is now minored out and just needs a major to finish!

Diane Sedberry:

“Patrick,” Simcos Midnight Dream, RE, CD

Sire and dam: BPISS/BISS AKC/UKC/CKC CH Cameo Dreamchaser ex Simcos Queen of the Night.

- On Saturday, June 6, 2009, at the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County, “Patrick” got his first leg towards his CDX title with a score of 188 and first place.

Lisa Malanowski

Lisa’s mother, Merrylee Malanowski of Cierra Shelties, has a litter of four blue girls—one bi-blue and three blue merles, whelped May 14, 2009. Sire and dam are: BISS CH Cierra Mystic Blue (made two cuts at the 2009 National towards BOB) ex Northdoor Cierra Moonshadows (a BIS BISS CH Seahaven Chasing Moonbeams, ROM, daughter). Lisa is eagerly waiting the answers to the following questions: Will Lisa get one of these puppies? Will Mom bring the puppy down and stay for a visit?

Lorna Staab:

“Wyatt,” Cameo Gray Market:

Sire and dam are: CH Carloway Black Market ex Cameo Song Sung Blue.

- On Friday, June 19, 2009, at the Brevard Kennel Club, Inc. show, “Wyatt” was Winners Dog.

“Wyatt” now has ten points with one major out of the way.

“Presley,” Cameo Hunk of Burning Love:

Sire and dam are: CH Ambrozia Midnite In Memphis ex CH Cameo It Must Be Love.

- On Friday, June 19, 2009, at the Brevard Kennel Club, Inc. show, “Presley” was Reserve Winners Dog.
- On Sunday, June 21, 2009, at the Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay Inc. show, “Presley” was Reserve Winners Dog.

THE SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA
2008 AWARDS APPLICATION FORM

Each year the Club recognizes its members' dogs that have earned titles during the previous year. The Club awards a plaque for official AKC titles, one plaque per dog. However this year and thereafter, you will have to pay for your own plaque.

Additional titles after the first will earn a title bar for a new title. Please indicate below the awards you have earned in 2008, one form per dog, please.

Additionally we will be awarding certificates and/or special items in the following categories. Please circle the award for which you are applying and list the show(s) or trial(s) at which the dog qualified for the award on the back.

New Plaque @ \$32 for _____
 New Title Bar for _____
 Certificate for _____
 Owners Name _____
 Full Name of Dog _____ AKC No. _____
 Owner Phone and Email _____

Conformation

SHOWDOG OF THE YEAR	greatest number of dogs defeated
BREEDER OF THE YEAR	greatest number of champions bred
BREEDER'S 1ST CH	1st Champion bred *Dione Houchins
OWNER-HANDLER 1ST PTS	1st Point won by an Owner-Handler
OWNER-HANDLER 1ST CHAMPION	1st Ch won by an Owner-Handler
CLOSE BUT NO CIGAR	Most reserves won *Dione Houchins
BEST COMIC PERFORMANCE	wide open

Performance

BEST PERFORMANCE DOG	highest title won
BREEDER OF THE YEAR	greatest number of winners bred
BEST AGILITY DOG	highest title won
BEST HERDING DOG	highest title won
BEST OBEDIENCE DOG	highest title won
BEST RALLY DOG	highest title won
AGILITY 1ST CLEAN RUN	1st agility qualifying score
HERDING 1ST Q SCORE	1st herding qualifying score
OBEDIENCE 1ST Q SCORE	1st obedience qualifying score
RALLY 1ST Q SCORE	1st rally qualifying score
BEST COMEDIC PERFORMANCE	wide open

Club Appreciation awards to be determined by your Board

MAN OF MANY HATS	most valuable *Maryann Lannon
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR	1st year member exceptional service
ABOVE AND BEYOND	exceptional club service

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