

SHELTIE TALES

October 2009

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

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Upcoming Club Events -----

General Membership Meeting:

Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

Location:

Home of: Karen Salvage
7740 Northwest 38th Street
Hollywood, FL 33024-8404
954-438-1028

Directions:

From I-95:

Go west on Stirling Road; turn south on Northwest 77th Avenue; turn west on Northwest 38th Street.

From either I-75 or University Drive:

Go east on Stirling Road; turn south on Northwest 78th Avenue (second light after University Drive); turn east on Northwest 38th Street.

From Turnpike:

Go west on Griffin Road; turn south on Davie Road; turn west on Stirling Road; turn south on Northwest 77th Avenue; turn west on Northwest 38th Street.

Sheltie Olympics:

Saturday, October 17, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.

Location:

Home of: Dione Houchins
17941 Southwest 50th Court
Southwest Ranches, FL 33331
954-434-7947

Directions:

From I-75 take the Griffin Road West exit. Proceed west 1 1/2 miles to the entrance of Rolling Oaks, Southwest 178th Avenue (this is where the road narrows from two lanes to one). Turn left onto Southwest 178th Avenue. Turn right onto Southwest 50th Court (second street on the right) at the sign for *Orchids by Allison*. The Houchin house (counting the modern house on the corner) is the third house on the right, 17941 Southwest 50th Court.

Club Information-----

Sheltie Olympics: The Sheltie Olympics is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2009, at Dione Houchin's home. Show-up and set-up time is 9:00 a.m. Start time is 10:00 a.m. Also, please make plans to stay and help clean up. **See attached flyer for further information and a listing of the games.**

Please bring chairs, ex-pens, water bowls, water, etc. for your dog/s. Please bring lunch for yourself and also bring a desert, hors d'oevres, and/or finger food items to share.

Please make a concerted effort to invite everyone that you have placed a puppy or adult dog with in years gone by. This will be a fun outing for those who have our puppies. When inviting puppy buyers, you may wish to use the attached flyer to e-mail them or just pick up the phone and call. 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.

If you have a count of how many of your puppy/dog buyers will be attending, please RSVP to Dione Houchins and give her an idea of how many you are expecting to attend.

Basic Genetics for Breeders: On September 19 and 20, 2009, the club hosted a two-day seminar presented by Kim Schive entitled "Basic Genetics for Breeders." It was well attended and it was certainly an education for most of us.

Interesting Information -----

The last time I was at the vet's office, there was a poster of the "Top Ten Reasons Dogs Go to the Vet." I thought it was interesting, so here is the list:

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| 1. Ear Infections; | 6. Bladder Infection; |
| 2. Skin Allergies; | 7. Benign Skin Tumor; |
| 3. Skin Infections; | 8. Arthritis; |
| 4. Vomiting/Gastritis; | 9. Eye Infection; and |
| 5. Diarrhea/Enteritis; | 10. Hypothyroidism. |

The number one cause of recurring ear infections in dogs is allergies. So, the top three reasons that pets go to the veterinarian are for some form of allergies. Okay, so what are the known reasons for dog allergies? They are:

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| 1. Insects/Fleas; | 3. Food Allergies; and |
| 2. Airborne Allergens; | 4. Drugs/Vaccines. |

So, how can we help to stave off these particular allergens?

Airborne Allergens. Airborne allergens would probably be the hardest to have any measure of control over. Nevertheless, as you will read, we can have a measure of success in regard to the remaining allergens which, if they are under control, then our dog's immune system would be better equipped to handle airborne allergens.

Insects/Fleas. We learned in the July newsletter how to remove fleas from our dog's environment without chemicals. Most other types of insects can also be controlled using the same procedure as outlined in the July newsletter.

Food Allergies. Food allergies can be an easy fix contrary to what most think. Dogs can be allergic to: (a) the grains in dog food; or (b) as some claim, a particular protein source in dog food. Many try to find the source of the food allergy by eliminating one ingredient after another until they are successful. This is a long and tedious process which leaves many frustrated and all too many unsuccessful in finding the source of the allergen. If your dog is allergic to grains, the simplest first step would be to try a grain-free kibble. However, the absolute best step would be to put your dog on a "prey-model raw diet." Most dogs that are said to have food allergies to a particular protein source are really just allergic to that protein source in its processed, cooked presentation. They are not allergic to that protein source raw. So, switching to a "prey-model raw diet" should solve the food allergy dilemma. Ask me if you are interested in a "prey-model raw diet" and I will get you on the right track.

Drugs/Vaccines. If your dog has allergies/reactions to vaccines, you simply don't vaccinate. The only vaccination required by law is rabies. So, when it comes to your dog's rabies tag, ask your vet for a medical exemption. If your dog is allergic to

certain drugs/medications, an MDR1 test would provide useful information for potential alternative treatment options.

Member Brags -----

Cay Ireland:

“Chappie,” Ireland's Aviator:

Sire and dam: CH Pop Star SS of Northern Farm ex Wistwin Ireland's Blue Willow (ptd.).

- On September 3, 2009, at the Cary Kennel Club show, “Chappie” was Winners Dog, Best of Winners, and Best of Breed over two specials.
- On September 4, 2009, at the Alamance Kennel Club, Inc. show, “Chappie” was Reserve Winners Dog.
- On September 12, 2009, at the Moore County Kennel Club of North Carolina show, “Chappie” was Winners Dog and Best of Winners.
- On September 13, 2009, at the Moore County Kennel Club of North Carolina show, “Chappie” was Reserve Winners Dog.

“Reno,” Ireland Crosswood Volaré Amore:

Sire and dam: CH Pop Star SS of Northern Farm ex Wistwin Ireland's Blue Willow (ptd.).

- On September 12, 2009, at the Moore County Kennel Club of North Carolina show, “Reno” was Reserve Winners Dog.

Anna Whiting:

“Caper,” Highfields Winter Landscape:

Sire and dam are: Highfields Winter Weather (major points) ex Vankrols Taegan.

- On September 27, 2009, at The West Volusia Kennel Club, “Caper” was Reserve Winners Dog.

Dee and Walter Silverstein:

“Rudy,” Silver Trails Valentino:

Sire and dam are: CH Silver Trails WYSIWYG ex Am/Can CH Tapestry's Centre Of Attention.

- On September 26, 2009, at The West Volusia Kennel Club, “Rudy” was Reserve Winners Dog.

Sheltie Olympics

Shetland Sheepdog Club of Southeast Florida

*Bring your own lunch—
snacks and beverages will be
provided*



October 17, 2009
registration 9:00 a.m.
games begin at 10:00 a.m.

Barking 2009



In addition to your shelties—friends & family welcome!

*A portion of the proceeds will benefit the American
Shetland Sheepdog Association's Health Foundation*

- **Obstacle course**
- **Relay races**
- **Best costume**
- **Hot dog eating contest**
- **Stupid pet tricks**
- **Toilet paper wrap**
- **And many more . . .**

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please RSVP by October 10th