

# SHELTIE TALES

June 2010

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

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## 2009 Officers and Board Members:

**President:** Meredith Hector  
**Vice-President:** Lorna Staab  
**Secretary:** Ellen Ragland  
**Treasurer:** Karen Salvage  
**Board of Directors:** Hector Hector  
Maryann Lannon

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**Breeder Referral:** Maryann Lannon  
**Newsletter Editor:** Holly Potts  
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**Membership:** Hector Hector  
Maryann Lannon  
Karen Salvage

## Upcoming Club Events -----

AKC Sanctioned Match: Saturday, June 5, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.  
June Board Meeting: Saturday, June 5, 2010, approx. 11:30 a.m.  
June General Membership Meeting: Saturday, June 5, 2010, approx. 12:00 noon  
Location: Tradewinds Park – North Side  
3600 West Sample Road  
Coconut Creek, FL 33073  
What to bring: Bring your own drinks. Bring a side dish to share. The club will provide chicken and hamburgers for cooking.  
Also, bring puppies, adolescents, and adult dogs, ex-pens, water, and chairs.  
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.  
July General Membership Meeting: Saturday, July 17, 2010.  
Location: Time and location are yet to be determined.

## Club Information-----

**AKC Sanctioned Match, Board Meeting, Club Meeting, Cookout:** The club will be holding an AKC Sanctioned Match on Saturday, June 5, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at Tradewinds Park, North Side, 3600 West Sample Road, Coconut Creek, Florida 33073. Chris Cagle will be the judge for the match. **See the match flyer attached hereto.** After the match, there will be a board meeting, followed by a general membership meeting, and then a cookout.

What should you bring? Please bring a side dish to share and bring your own drinks. The club will provide the chicken and hamburgers for cooking. Bring your puppies, adolescents, adult dogs, ex-pens, water for the dogs, and chairs.

**Board Meetings and General Membership Meetings:** Mark your calendars with the following dates for board meetings followed by general membership meetings:

- July 17th
- August 7th                      11:00 a.m. Home of Frank and Maryann Lannon.  
Please bring a side dish or dessert to pass.
- September 18th
- October 16th
- November 6th
- December 4th

Unless specified, location and time for each meeting are yet to be determined.

**2011 Back-to-Back Specialties:** 2011 sweeps and regular class judges will be voted on at the June general membership meeting.

Judges who are under consideration: Chris Lynch, Marjorie Tuff, Daniel Wheatcroft, Linda Millman, Herbert S. Searle, Peggy Haderlie, Dianne S. Hawes, Jo Virden, and Kathy L. Wilkins.

Sweeps judges who are under consideration: Gillian Robertson, Peter Denbow, Merrylee Malanowski, Connie DuBois, and Gini Shaw.

**Treasurer:** Karen Salvage has assumed the position of Club Treasurer.

**Memorial to Dione Houchins:** The Club will send a donation to the ASSA's Health Foundation in Dione's memory. In addition, the Club will sponsor a memorial ad in next year's ASSA catalog in Dione's memory.

**Membership:** We have two new club members, Kelly McDonough and Lucy Carr.

## With Sorrow -----

It is with sorrow to announce the passing of club member Dione Houchins. Dione passed away on May 2, 2010.

Dione lived in Southwest Ranches with her husband Bill, whom she married January 29, 2005. Dione had been in the financial services industry for over 37 years. Most recently, she was a financial advisor with Janney Montgomery Scott in Fort Lauderdale and was a Certified Financial Planner Professional. She helped people attain and maintain financial assets through estate planning, financial and retirement planning, tax planning, and risk management. She was also a National Association of Securities Dealers arbitrator and usually adjudicated five or six cases per year.

When asked what first attracted her to shelties, Dione related that as a youngster, she read every Albert Payson Terhune collie book she could buy, beg, or borrow. Her grandfather's collie was her favorite playmate when she was little and her aunt likewise had a collie. However, when it came time for a selection of a dog for herself, Dione lived in a townhouse and collies would have been just too big. She had heard about the sheltie—"a pocket-sized collie"—and thus began her quest for a sheltie and then over time ultimately the formation of [Raymar Shelties](#).

Dione was a longtime active member of our club since the early 1990s, having served as a club officer in many different positions over the years—most recently as Treasurer and previously as President from 2008-2010. She also served on numerous and various committees over the course of her membership. In addition to the American Shetland Sheepdog Association and the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Southeast Florida, Inc., Dione was also a member of two all-breed clubs—South Dade Kennel Club and Gold Coast Dog Club.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to her family and close friends.

## Interesting Information -----

**Conformation Judges Annual Fee:** On May 11, 2010, the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club voted to adopt an annual fee for all conformation judges effective January 1, 2011. If you would like to read more on this, it is available at: <http://links.mkt2242.com/servlet/MailView?ms=Mjk5NTY4NgS2&r=MTc1ODg3MDIyNzIS1&j=ODg5MTI2NzAS1&mt=1&rt=0>.

## 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 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. 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.kvvvet.com/KVVet/product\\_family.asp?family\\_id=272&gift=False&mscssid=082A772D022F34C6AA989A275EE7E3DE](http://www.kvvvet.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! As with most biological control regimens, preventative measures give a higher degree of control, so treating the areas before your pets are plagued with fleas is the best way to go.

## **Member Brags -----**

### **Lorna Staab:**

“Miley,” Cameo Dreamgirl:

Sire and dam: CH Aynsworth Silver Moonlight - CH Cameo Wildest Dreams

- On May 1, 2010, at the Treasure Coast Kennel Club of Florida, Inc. show, “Miley” was Reserve Winners Bitch.

### **Bill and Irene Munsey:**

“Bart,” Donlyn’s As If Bi Magic:

Sire and dam are: AKC/UKC/CKC CH Cameo Dreamchaser ex Donlyn's Indigo Lace.

- On May 9, 2010, at the Spirit of the Heartland Kennel Club Inc. show, “Bart” was Winners Dog and Best of Winners.
- On May 22, 2010, at the Sunflower Kennel Club of Olathe Kansas Inc. show, “Bart” was Winners Dog and Best of Winners for a four-point major.

# SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA

## AKC Sanctioned B Match

Saturday, June 5, 2010

**\*\*NOTE NEW DATE\*\***

Tradewinds Park North  
3600 West Sample Road  
Coconut Creek, FL 33073

**Breed judge: Chris Cagle**

DIRECTIONS: From 95 North or South take the Sample Road exit West. Park is across the street from Butterfly World

### MATCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

8:30 a.m.—9:45 a.m. - Day-of-Match Entries      10:00 a.m. - Conformation judging

**\*\*SSCSEF board and general meeting to follow match –approximate start time – noon\*\***

### ENTRIES:

**Pre-entries are \$7.00 per class** and must be received by Wednesday, June 2, 2010. Please use the entry form at the bottom of this flyer or print one from the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Southeast Florida, Inc. web site: <http://www.sscsefl.com/>

**Day-of Match entries are \$10.00 per class.**

**Classes** (divided by sex and limited to Shelties only): 3-6 months, 6-9 months, 9-12 months, 12-18 months and Adult

*Note: No dogs with major points, no taped ears, professional handlers may only show dogs they own or co-own.*

**Ribbons for all class placements.**

**Rosettes and prizes for Best Puppy, Best Adult and Best in Match**

Please join us after the match for a BBQ! We'll have lunch while we're having our meetings. We'll supply the meats - you bring your own beverages and a side dish or dessert to pass. Please bring your own chair, and water for your dogs.

**\*\*Even if you don't enter until day of or are just coming to watch – we need to know if you're having lunch with us so please return the entry form by the 5<sup>th</sup>.\*\***

### ENTRY FORM

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class (es): \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: ( ) Dog ( ) Bitch  
Sire: \_\_\_\_\_ AKC #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dam: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Breeder (s): \_\_\_\_\_ Owner (s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner (s) address: \_\_\_\_\_

*The Shetland Sheepdog Club of Southeast Florida, Inc., the match chair, their agents, employees, etc. and the City of Coconut Creek assume NO responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by exhibitors, spectators, or to any of their dogs or property, and further assume no responsibility for injury to children not under the control of their parents or guardians.*

Signature of owner/agent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**BBQ** ( ) Yes ( ) No Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to the SSCSEF, Inc. and mail entry form(s) c/o the match chair **Ellen Ragland:**

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