

# SHELTIE TALES

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

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## Upcoming Club Events -----

July General Membership Meeting: Saturday, July 23, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.  
Location: Tradewinds Park (North side)  
3600 West Sample Road  
Coconut Creek, Florida 33073

Special Presentation: Pet Insurance by Lorna Staab

AKC Sanctioned Match: Sunday, October 9, 2011, at 10:00

Sheltie Olympics: Sunday, October 9, 2011, at 11:00  
Location: Tradewinds Park (North side)  
3600 West Sample Road  
Coconut Creek, Florida 33073

## Club Information-----

**All-breed Olympics and Sanctioned Specialty Match:** Keep October 9, 2011, open for some fun. Tradewinds Park will be the location for the Olympics and Match.

**Annual Audit:** Lucy Carr and Lorna Staab will perform the annual audit of the club's finances.

**Membership:** The club is delighted to welcome the following a new club members: Alice Perez, Holly Blakney, and Charlyn Davis.

## Meet Our Newest Club Members -----

**Alice Perez:** Alice works as a recruiter and office administrator for a legal recruiting firm in Fort Lauderdale.

Alice has one sheltie whose name is “Bella,” Lorain's Bella Stella, whose date of birth is April 13, 2007. Alice acquired “Bella” from Carol Essrick when “Bella” was six-and-a-half months old. “Bella’s” sire and dam are: CH Cajun Bay Ross Roi Flintlock ex Lorain's Phantom Maneuvers. Alice is delighted that “Bella” has passed her Canine Good Citizen program and is an active Dog Scouts of America Troop 157 member. Alice and “Bella” are interested in participating in agility, obedience, and rally activities.

**Charlyn Davis:** Charlyn started her career as an air-traffic controller. After ten years as a controller, she began working in different support and supervisory areas of the FAA, in locations from Washington, DC, to Atlanta, Georgia. Charlyn is now an Air Traffic Operations Manager for the FAA, at the Miami Air Route Traffic Control Center in Miami, Florida. It is a large air-traffic control facility that uses only radar, so there are not any towers or even any windows.

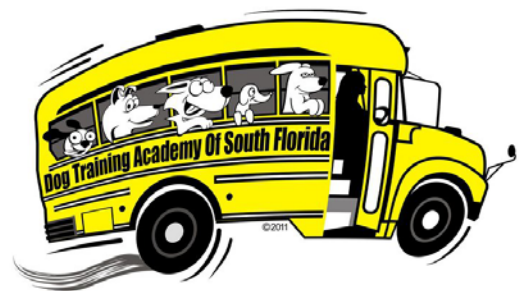
Charlyn acquired her first sheltie in 1984. She says that she was immediately hooked and has had a sheltie ever since. She currently owns her third sheltie, which is a six-month-old male she acquired through our club’s breeder referral service from Carol Essrick, of Lorain's Shelties. Her dog’s name is “Kobe,” Lorain's Jet Stream. She would like to try conformation and a performance activity with “Kobe.”

Currently she and “Kobe” are taking obedience lessons at the Dog Training Academy of South Florida Inc. which she says is very nice. After a few more lessons, she thinks she will try the puppy agility familiarization (no jumping) class. In addition, they have had a couple of handling classes, and she mentions that she is going to spend some time with Carol to learn first hand about show details and show grooming.

Prior to “Kobe,” she had good hiking, socializing, and all-around companion shelties. Her goal with “Kobe” is to experience more formal activities and build on that, learning as much as she can along the way.

**Holly Blakney:** Holly has been training dogs for over 14 years and has competed with her dogs in obedience, herding, and agility. She is President of the Dog Training Academy of South Florida, Inc. ([www.DTASFL.com](http://www.DTASFL.com)) located in Davie, Florida, where all training is positive-reinforcement based.

Holly is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer



(CPDT-KA) who has received her certification from the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers ([www.ccpdt.org](http://www.ccpdt.org)). She is a member of and an evaluator for Broward County Paws for Love, a pet-assisted therapy group, and is also a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) evaluator for the American Kennel Club ([www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)). She is a member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers ([www.APDT.com](http://www.APDT.com)) and co-founder of South Florida's Dog Scout Troop #157 ([www.dogscouts.com](http://www.dogscouts.com)) and is a Scout Master and Evaluator. She is also certified in canine first aid and CPR.

While tagging along at a dog show with her friend's parents, Holly saw a sheltie working in open obedience and was so impressed. After that, she wanted a sheltie and eventually acquired her first sheltie in May 1999. Holly currently owns four shelties:

- "Bradley," Showcase Neverending Story, CDX, AX, AXJ, OF, PT, RE, CGC, DSA, CATT, who is 12 1/2 years old;
- "Homer," Showcase Clear the Runway, RN, CGC, DSA, CATT, who is 11 1/2 years old;
- "Penguin," Himarks Happy Feet, CD, PT, NA, NAJ, NF, RN, CGC, DSA, CATT, who is four years old; and
- "Quinn," Himarks (to be named), who is very much a puppy being born on April 20, 2011.

Holly would like to continue to educate people about the breed and and would like to help the club expose more shelties to performance events. Holly mentions that if anybody in the club is interested in performance events, please feel free to send her an email or to call.

## Who Has What Available for Placement -----

The membership is invited to let the newsletter editor know if they have something available for placement—puppies or adults. This month . . .

Dee and Walter Silverstein have available for placement Silver Trails She's All That, a/k/a "Allie," a sable-and-white female born January 2, 2007. The sire and dam are: CH Silver Trails WYSIWYG ex CH Tapestry's Centre of Attention.

## Interesting Information -----

Did you know that in a few brisk shakes wet dogs can remove about half of the water in their fur? The March 2011 issue of *Popular Mechanics* reports how a team of engineers at the Georgia Institute of Technology studied the drying behavior of

canines and other mammals in order to mimic their efficiency. The research revealed that:

- How fast a dog shakes to become dry depends on the radius of its cylindrical abdomen. The larger the radius, the lower the frequency (i.e., slower) at which the dog shakes.
- Dogs instinctively shake at a high enough frequency to enable centripetal force to overcome the surface tension which keeps water droplets on their fur.
- In addition, dogs rotate their spines about 30 degrees with each twist. Their loose skin continues to move allowing for a total oscillation of about 100 degrees in each direction, providing extra force to eject water droplets from their fur.

It is interesting that the article noted how a dog can do in a few brisk shakes what it takes a washing machine ten minutes to accomplish.

This can be viewed online at: <http://www.popularmechanics.co.za/article/analysis-of-a-wet-dog-shake-2011-03-29>.

## Member Brags -----

### **Anna Whiting:**

“Cotton/Crouton,” Highfields Remember When:

Sire and dam are: CH Cameo Dreamchaser ex Highfields Almost Winter.

- On April 30, 2011, at the Treasure Coast Kennel Club Of Florida, Inc. show, “Cotton/Crouton” was Reserve Winners Dog.

“Caper,” Highfields Winter Landscape:

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

- On May 15, 2011, at the Greater Fort Myers Dog Club, Inc. show, “Caper” was Winners Dog and Best Bred-By-Exhibitor.

### **Jackie Corwin:**

“Splash,” Royale Crest With A Splash:

Sire and dam are: Royale Crest Arbitrage ex Royal Crest Ringsend Moonstruk.

- On April 30, 2011, at the Treasure Coast Kennel Club Of Florida, Inc. show, “Splash” was Winners Dog.
- On May 1, 2011, at the Treasure Coast Kennel Club Of Florida, Inc. show, “Splash” was Winners Dog and Best of Winners.

***Bonny Thatcher:***

“Lacey,” Enclave Tribute To Doc Levenson, RN:

Sire and dam are: CH Itemist as You Like It, ROM, ex CH Coastal Mango Madness.

- On April 30, 2011, at the Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Florida, Inc. trial, “Lacey” received a qualifying score of 193 for her first leg in Beginning Novice A Obedience.
- On April 30, 2011, at the Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Florida, Inc. trial, “Lacey” received fourth place with a qualifying score of 84 for her first leg in Rally Novice A.
- On May 1, 2011, at the Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Florida, Inc. trial, “Lacey” received third place with a qualifying score of 193 for her second leg in Beginning Novice A Obedience.
- On May 1, 2011, at the Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Florida, Inc. trial, “Lacey” received second place with a qualifying score of 88 for her second leg in Rally Novice A.
- On May 8, 2011, at the Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg Inc. trial, “Lacey” received second place with a qualifying score of 88 for her third leg in Rally Novice A. “Lacey” now has her Rally Novice title.
- On June 18, 2011, at the Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Florida, Inc. trial, “Lacey” completed her Beginning Novice A Obedience title with a score of 189.5.
- On June 18, 2011, at the Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Florida, Inc. trial, “Lacey” qualified in Obedience Novice A with a score of 178.
- On June 19, 2011, at the Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Florida, Inc. trial, “Lacey” placed first in Obedience Novice A with a score of 190.