



# SHELTIE WISE

The monthly newsletter of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of No. NJ

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## Meeting Notice – May 2, 2008

The next meeting of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of No. NJ will be held on Friday, May 2, 7:30 pm at the Westfield Community Center. Our speaker for the evening will be Dr. Terri Brucato, Chiropractor (see below).

Join us for an “Ice Cream Social” with *homemade* ice cream. Please bring your favorite toppings!

To our Guests...directions to the meeting site can be found on our website: [www.sscnj.org](http://www.sscnj.org)

### Dr. Terri Brucato



Dr. Terri Brucato is a 1999 graduate of New York Chiropractic College. After becoming a human chiropractor she noticed seminars for animal chiropractic, but her intentions were to

adjust her own dogs. Later she became friends with a person who competes in agility and gave her first adjustment to her friend's dog. Word spread and her new business was born. She noticed that high velocity and high force adjustments weren't necessary to correct fixations in the body, so she uses low force techniques as well as VOM, energy work and gentle massage techniques.



Today, Dr. Terri continues to attend seminars in both human and animal chiropractic. In addition to her human practice in Madison, she works part time for a holistic veterinarian in Morristown. She has had the privilege and honor of working on Westminster dogs,

dogs in movies as well as beloved pets, racehorses and more recently dogs who perform for Ringling Bros circus.

## Start passing the word about our fall Specialties Saturday, Oct 11



**Sweeps: Aneita Frey**  
**Morning: Jan Haderlie**  
**Afternoon: Joe Reno**

**Show Chair: Ursula Dudek**  
**Superintendent: Jim Rau Dog Shows**

## ASSA National 2008 Congratulations to the Winners!

### Best of Breed! CH Krystalyn Reminiscing II



Sire: CH Ozark Crest City Slicker

Dam: CH Krystalyn Magic Moments

Breeder: Yvonne De Freitas

Owner: Melvin & Evon Cohen

Handler: Cendy McVoy

### Best of Opposite Sex:

**CH Grandgables Boy Oh Boy (Sable Male)**



Sire: CH Grandgables  
It's Show Time

Dam: Lynphil's  
Montara

Breeder:  
Guy Jeavons & Mark  
McMillan & P/C/L  
Wendling

Owner:  
Guy Jeavons  
& Mark McMillan

Handler: Mark  
McMillan



Sire: CH. Valdawn  
Shaizach  
Sovereign

Dam: Sunebank  
She's The One

Breeder/Owners:  
Wendy Mount &  
Carolyn Vack

Handler: Carolyn  
Vack

**Best of Winners...**



**Grandgables Pure Heaven**

**Winners Bitch:**



**Grandgables Pure Heaven**

Sire: Sea Haven's  
Sharper Image

Dam: CH Fantasia  
Pure Platinum

Breeder: Guy Jeavons  
& Mark McMillan

Owner: Guy Jeavons,  
Mark McMillan,  
Maxine Rosehart

Handler: Guy Jeavons

**Winners Dog:**



**Carlway Bootleg Market**

Sire: CH Carlway  
Black Market

Dam: Voyagers Heaven  
Knows

Breeder:  
Brian Cleveland &  
Merrylee Malanowski

Owner:  
Susan & Pete Christie  
Handler: Susan Christie

**Reserve Winners**

**Bitch:**

**Glenarry Wait Until Dark**

Sire: CH Shadland Money  
Talks PT

Dam: Glenarry First Light

Breeder:  
Glenda Henson &  
DD Wilcox

Owner: Glenda Henson  
Handler: Linda Guihen



**Reserve Winners Dog:**

**Sunebank Caerleon It's A Riot**

**Merit Award Winners**

- CH Zesta Creatin' Havoc**
- CH Carlway Coronado**
- CH Paray Perfecta Of Kismet**
- CH Elbee Fantasia Munkee Bizniz NAJ**

CH Magic Winds Jahbril  
CH Apple Acres Expedition  
CH Thunderhill's War Emblem  
CH Shelhaven Rabbit Run Rhapsody  
CH Rosmoor Rapture  
CH Hillstone I Love Trouble  
CH Norwood Nenana  
CH Ringsend Fair Isle Crown Jewel

For the complete list of placements, go to  
[www.sheltiesonline.com](http://www.sheltiesonline.com)

## Braggs and Cries...

At Intergroom 2008, *Aneita* took the last part of earning my CMG which was a 400 question test on breeds, anatomy, vet care, cats, pesticides and some other stuff. She passed it and is now a CMG-CERTIFIED MASTER GROOMER.

*From Elaine...* Malashel's Incredibly Irresistible (Abbie) CD, RE, CGC, TDI got her third RAE leg with a third place in both Excellent and Advanced. She would have gotten second, but her little legs couldn't beat the time of the Springer who beat her.

(I asked Elaine what to explain RAE since I had never heard of it. It is the Rally equivalent of qualifying in both Open and Utility on the same day, only here you are qualifying in Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent.)

Ursula and Buddy's two sable girls, Kendra and Ariana made the cut in the 6-9 class at the National!

## "New" ASSA Region 2 Director

Marj Tuff will be stepping down as our Region 2 director. She will remain the ASSA rep to the AKC. Catherine Pruss will be our new director. (Sorry, not sure when this is happening)

## Here's an *update on the quilt* from Doug....

*I thought that you and the club might want to see the progress on the quilt so far. All the pictures and the club emblem have been adhered to the fabric. Now begins the sewing of all picture borders to the backing. After that is done, I will put on the borders, then the batting and the backing. Without a problem, it should be finished in a month or so. I would like to present it at the picnic.*



## Upcoming events/seminars....

**Matches** --Two large match shows out on Long Island

**April 27 -- Long Island Coalition and Dog Obed Club of So Nassau**

Site: Old Bethpage Restoration  
Breed, Obedience, Rally, fun classes, CGC and TDI

**May 31-- Owner Handlers Association**

Same site as above.  
Breed: Including Bred By, Veterans and Best Puppy for each breed.  
Free handling classes running all morning  
Obedience and Rally and CGC  
Pre-entry or enter at site. Perf events may close early.  
Panel of mostly licensed judges.  
Lovely prizes.  
Best puppy, bred by and veteran in show

The site is mid island off the Long Island Expressway. It is a lovely site. There will be lunch available and vendors at both shows.

If you would like more info and need the form for pre-entry

at the May 31st show just contact me. Elaine

#### May 2008 -- 7 Specialty Shows

##### **Westfield, MA**

05/10/08 Western Massachusetts SSC -- Judge Harriet Smith

##### **Gardner, KS**

05/16/08 Greater Kansas City SSC -- Judge Dianne Hawes

##### **Oshkosh, WI**

05/16/08 Green Bay SSC -- Judge Cheryl Anderson

05/17/08 Green Bay SSC -- Judge Barbara Wright

##### **Hamilton, OH**

05/24/08 Cincinnati SSC -- Judge Betty Abbott

##### **Chugiak, AK**

05/30/08 SSC of Anchorage -- Judge Linda Churchill

##### **Wrentham, MA**

05/30/08 Colonial SSC -- Judge Wendy Mount

#### June 2008 -- 8 Specialty Shows

##### **Auburn, WA**

06/05/08 Evergreen SSC -- Judge Suzanne Healy

06/06/08 Evergreen SSC -- Judge William Holbrook

##### **Lakeland, FL**

06/06/08 Tampa Bay Area SSC -- Judge Patti Widick Neale

##### **Farmington, MN**

06/06/08 Lochland SSC -- Judge Barbara Linden

##### **Albion, NY**

06/07/08 SSC of Western New York -- Judge Jan Haderlie

06/08/08 SSC of Western New York -- Judge Linda Millman

##### **Troy, OH**

06/13/08 Miami Valley SSC -- Judge Joseph Molloy

##### **Topsfield, MA**

06/14/08 Granite State SSC of Southeast New Hampshire --  
Judge TBA

#### July 2008 -- 4 Specialty Shows

##### **Albany, OR**

07/11/08 Pacific Northwest SSC, Inc.-- Judge Joseph Molloy

07/12/08 Pacific Northwest SSC, Inc. -- Judge Jo Virden

07/13/08 Emerald Empire SSC -- Judge Peggy Haderlie

07/14/08 Emerald Empire SSC -- Judge Jan Haderlie

October 5

##### **PA Macungie\***

#### **INTERSTATE SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF PENN., SO. JERSEY, & DELAWARE**

Macungie Memorial Park, Rt 100

CLOSES: SEPTEMBER 17

Jim Rau Dog Shows, Ltd., SUPT

FEE: \$26.00-1st/ \$15.00-2nd

**Judges: J. Virden:** Breed

**C. Kistler:** Jr. Showmanship

**Mrs. N. K. Withers:** Obedience

SWEEPS PUPPY Donna Crabtree

## Pets at Play

If the essence of play is learning, the results is sheer delight

By Toni Gardner

(From *Country Living Magazine*...May 2008)

Play is a fact of life for animals. It is a necessary tool for developing social skills, physical agility, and environmental adaptability. In short, it enhances animals' brainpower. Bob and Johanna Fagen, who studied brown bears on southeastern Alaska's Admiralty Island, say that in play, animals learn to master their bodies and explore the textures and sensations of their surroundings. Ultimately, play leads to better decision making for survival. But what about pets, who socialize with people and don't need to hunt, whose environment has every comfort? Do they need to develop these play skills? In a word: Yes.

We want our pets to develop to their fullest capability, so play is important for them. Active and agile minds engaged in appropriate play make their lives more interesting, more fulfilling. For socializing it is paramount: They can enjoy the company of others, especially of their own species, through the universal language of play. And directed play with pets brings their stress and energy levels down. Frisky felines who keep their humans up at night can be played with in the evening to quell nocturnal antics. Nervous dogs will sleep soundly after a vigorous toss-and-fetch romp in the park.

I'm glad to know of all these serious excuses for play, for to me play is one of the greatest joys of living with pets. Watching them tumbling together can't be beat for entertainment, and I find myself irresistibly drawn into the action. How better to lose my won worries and stresses than by engaging in a little playtime with my pets? It lifts away all but the precise moment of innocent bliss. The mind is active while teasing a cat with a feather at the end of a thin stick, attuned only to that moment. Laughter spills out in spite of what may have been a difficult day otherwise.

When working out an intellectual problem, whether it's a business plan or a sonnet—taking a play break with a pet can sometimes loose the bricks in the wall that blocks thought. Active play with pets is good for the body, soul, and mind – theirs and ours, too.

People sometimes wonder why I have three dogs – the noise, the mud, the “chaos”—and I don't deny that they can be a lot of work. But if these same people could see my canine rascals engaged in play, they'd understand. Pets at play are joy in motion. They are energy, life, and inspiration. At the end of the day, when they're lined up across the living room rug snoring softly, I can feel, like them, well satisfied with their hard work of play.

# Shelties show off their herding skills at national show

Brian Funk

April 17, 2008

Standing a mighty 1 1/2 feet tall, Aquafina wailed high-pitched barks as she approached the prey in the center of the dirt arena. Heather Dahl of Fort Collins let the Shetland Sheepdog loose, and without much hesitation, Aquafina accelerated forward. Short in stature but high in fluff, Aquafina was going to test her natural instinct in herding the larger Shetland Sheep.

Aquafina was one out of about 30 Shetland Sheepdogs, or "shelties," attempting to prove they had the inherited ability to work and herd livestock Wednesday at the National Shetland Sheepdog Show's herding instinct test.

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*Cody the Shetland Sheepdog herds sheep at the instinct test Wednesday during the weeklong National Shetland Sheep Dog show held at Island Grove*

*Regional Park in Greeley.*

*Dozens of people from throughout the state and country brought their Shetlands to the event to be judged on*

*their natural herding abilities.*

*JULIE LEVY / [gtphoto@greeleytribune.com](mailto:gtphoto@greeleytribune.com)*

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Aquafina wasted no time in running alongside the Shetland Sheep, and she showed intuitive response to the situation by crossing over from one side to the other to group the sheep together. She even at one point had to make an independent decision of which sheep to chase after the group split. Confident and energetic, Aquafina continued to leap and bark until she trapped the herd against a side railing of the arena. With the test over, judge Jim Dekieffer announced that with some consistent work, she would be ready to compete in trial herding.

The National specialty show in Greeley this week spotlighted such herding abilities in competition among dogs throughout the country and the world. More than 800 shelties have spent their week in Greeley.

"In an instinct test, it's crucial to show that a dog is interested in working with the stock," said Dekieffer. "They went to the stock, they went around the stock, and they weren't afraid to get around and push the stock up and

down the arena."

The test was the 2-year-old Aquafina's first experience herding sheep but her certification and the certification of her mother, 4-year-old Savannah, helped provide proof to the belief that the herding of livestock is largely inherited.

Since becoming a breed in 1908, the Shetland Sheepdog hadn't been bred specifically to herd livestock, but the dogs were used to keep together varieties of different livestock on the Shetland Islands north of Scotland. Different from other herding breeds, Dekieffer said, the sheltie nowadays is used to gather livestock in a farm environment.

In the case of Wednesday's instinct test, some Shetland Sheepdogs couldn't break free from the side of their handlers to herd anything. The majority of the shelties in their first experience, however, displayed a keen sense to either bark, chase or group the sheep.

Aquafina's first performance wasn't perfect, but Dahl said she was proud to know that Aquafina and Savannah both displayed a desire for herding.

Dekieffer agreed that the herding test is a testament to the dynamic abilities of the Shetland Sheepdog.

"I like to see them out there thinking on their own," said Dekieffer. "I'm not quite concerned about their style. The dogs that are out there having the most fun are the dogs that are thinking, 'Oh Wow! This is cool! This is fun!'"

<http://www.greeleytrib.com/article/20080417/NEWS/436710580/0/FRONTPAGE>



## Animal Instinct

### Juggling work life and sick pets can get a little hairy

By Mary Fons CTW Featurew  
Jobfinder Weekly  
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Fish or fowl, ferret or gerbil, dog or cat—whatever the species, a pet is part of the family. And everyone knows that sometimes, the family makes demands on your time at the office. When a pet gets sick or needs extra care, figuring out how to juggle work life and pet life can be tricky. Not every boss wants to hear that you need another afternoon off for Fido, while other workplaces are so pet-friendly that animals practically have their own cubicle. What kind of office do you work in—and, more importantly, how does Fido feel about it?

Rachel Chavez is an executive assistant in the Chicaco area whose little pug, Rocky, had some pretty tough times in the past.

“Rocky seems to always have something wrong,” Chavez says. “This past Summer, (he) had a mysterious bug that caused him to vomit for hours on end. He had a broken food over a year ago that required surgery and a bandage for six weeks. I was out of town for a converence when the accident occurred, so I flew home a day early to be their for his surgery. I took the rest of the week off—three days—so I could take care of him post surgery.”

Chavez says she’s been fortunate to have employers that largely understood her responsibility to Rocky. “When Rocky had his foot surgery, my boss told me ‘do what you have to do.’ He understood, mostly because he had dogs, as well.”

Not everyone at work was so gracious, however. “I don’t think my co-workers appreciated me leaving our conference early,” Chavez says, “but when it came down to it, Rocky means more to me. My parents brought me up with the idea that family always comes first. Rocky is a part of my family.”

Some offices go beyond just being understanding about employee et care and make that pet a part of the office. According to a recent survey from American Pet Products Manufacturers Association, nearly one in five US companies believe pets on the job lower absenteeism and encourage workers to get along with each other.

Charlotte Boutz, a strategist at Rusty George Creative in Tacoma, Wash., says one of the most valued employees at the multidisciplinary graphic design and marketing agency is Mona, a black lab.

“Mona’s day-to-day responsibilities include greeting all visitors to the office, cleaning up after messy employee lunches and rotating various small objects around the shop,” Boutz says. “She also eliminates superfluous cute things from cluttering the office space. Mona has helped us address many issues that get underfoot and can diminish a company’s morale.”

Mona’s presence at the office does do a lot for the company’s morale—Mona is featured on the Rusty George Web site frequently, and has been featured in many articles as the company’s unofficial mascot—but the benefits go beyond the people.

“If Mona was not able to come to work, it would definitely affect both Mona and Mona’s owner, Kristine,” Boutz says. “Mona would be stuck at home, and she would get lonely. Kristine would miss her and get grumpy. Labs and designers both need a lot of affection and connection to be happy.”

Most dogs, regardless of breed, need companionship and human interaction. Veterinarians suggest some dogs not only enjoy, but even require, regular, structured work, the staff at Rusty George is finding the benefits for both man and beast.

If you’re a pet owner with an animal currently needing extra care, or if you’re someone who would love if every day were “Bring Your Pet to Work Day”, there are resources available to you. Your company’s human resources department can outline the company’s polices on absences for pet related reasons. If those policies don’t seem fair and equitable, you can lobby for a change—you might be surprised how many pet owners will get behind you.

If you’ve got dreams of your tabby sitting on your lap while you answer emails, there’s certainly no harm in exploring the possibility of making your office an interspecies workplace. Of course, there may be legal barriers—some people are allergic to certain animals and others might be too uncomfortable with the idea. It goes without saying that proper shots and vaccinations would need to be updated before an animal punches the clock.

As for Rocky, he’s doing much better these days. “Luckily, I haven’t had to take any time off for Rocky since saring at my new job” Chavez says. “Once I came in late because Rocky had a cold and kept me up all nnight, but that’s the extend of it.”