



SHELTIE WISE

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

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Club website: www.sscnj.org

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Meeting Notice & White Elephant Sale– Mar 2, 2007

The next meeting of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of No. NJ will be held on Friday, Feb 2 at the Westfield Community Center. The programs for the evening will be the White Elephant Sale (posposed from last month) and Donna Colletti will discuss nutrition.

Join us for an evening of fun! We will be having a **White Elephant Sale!** What is a “White Elephant Sale?” Bring a *WRAPPED* item(s). These items will be auctioned off to the highest bidder *come and join in the fun! Bring your friends!*



Directions to the meeting site can be found on the club website.

For the “Nutrition” discussion... bring the label from your current dog food so we can discuss the ingredients.

Meeting refreshments...

March	Lisa and Kathy
April	Elaine
May	EVERYONE -- Pot Luck Dinner
June	
Sept 2007	Donna

If you have signed up to bring refreshments and cannot make the meeting, please call the next person on the list.

Attention

APRIL MEETING DATE has been moved to April 13th.

Speakers for upcoming meetings

Apr. 13 --Brian T. Voynick, D.V.M., C.V.A. will be speaking on Holistic medicine and unusual vet stories.

Dr. Brian T. Voynick is the owner and director of the American Animal Hospital. His fields of interest are in diagnostics medicine, endoscopy and alternative medicine. He is a renowned certified veterinary acupuncturist, with a special interest in chinese herbal medicine. Dr. Voynick's mastery of this remarkable healing art relieves pets' chronic pain to give them longer, happier lives. Clients and their pets find the treatments to be pain-free and relaxing. He is the host of News 12 New Jersey's "The Pet Stop"

May 4 -- Potluck Super,

June -- Marjory Tuff will speak on the standard.

CRIES....

Tina and Tom Sobers are sad to say that they lost their wonderful Shelby (CH MacPenn Ilsadan O'Jandy) on Jan. 15. Tina says she will never forget that exciting day

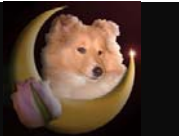


when Shel won the Bred-By Bitch class at the Boston National in 1995; nor the day when Julie Desy called her and said she had finished that day (10/6/96). She was a sweet, intelligent mother, great friend to everyone else in the house (okay, she and Roxy had a female rivalry going



on) and was a great teacher and mentor to our remaining dog, Paulo. Shel was still beautiful and could go into any ring until about 9 months ago when Cushing's showed up. Then after treating her for that ugly disease, arthritis took its toll until the pain was unforgiving and the decision had to be made. She was a treasure that Tina will always be grateful to Penn Michie Krebs for sharing.

Upcoming events, seminars, clinics etc.



Members pass the word....

- o **vWD clinic for the month of March,
and a**
- o **RALLY SEMINAR, Sunday, May 13**

*For information on either event,
please contact Donna Colletti*

pinnacleshelties@yahoo.com or 908-475-8308

March 10, 2007 Potomac Valley SSC

Catoctin KC Training Facility

Point of Rocks, MD

Closes: February 21

Breed/Jrs: Ellen Worthington

Sweeps: Krystn Messer

Obed: Mr. W.H. Huffman

Virginia Torsch Blose, Show Sec

7608 Roanoke Ave, Annandale, VA 22003

(Obed Limit: 50)

March 11, 2007 Potomac Valley SSC

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March 16, 2007 SSC of Greater Baltimore

Bethel Apostolic Church, Havre de Grace, MD

Closes: February 28

Breed: Gayle Eads

Barbara Bicksler, Show Sec.

1902 Wilson Ln Apt. T2. Mclean, VA 22102

March 17, 2007 SSC of Greater Baltimore

Bethel Apostolic Church, Havre de Grace, MD

Closes: February 28

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McLean, VA 22102

April 1-8, 2007 – ASSA National Specialty

Linn County Fair & Expo Center

Albany, Oregon

Judges:

Linda C. More – Best of Breed

David Calderwood – Bitches

Daniel Wheatcroft – Dogs, Jr. Show

Futurity – Susan Beacham

May 3, 2007 -- Piscataway, New Jersey:

Pat Hastings Puppy Puzzle Presentation / Evaluation Seminar

Presenter: Pat Hastings

Sponsoring Club: Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of the Garden State

Contact Information: Karen Gunzel -

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Phone: (973) 228-4192

This will be held in conjunction with the National Specialty.

SSCNNJ –Rally Seminar (See attached flyer)

SUNDAY - MAY 13, 2007

Fixing "patchwork quilt" of laws

Posted by the Asbury Park Press

By Bobbi Seidel

STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Andrew R. Ciesla is an animal lover. So is his wife, Debbie.

Two cats share their home now, and in the past, so did a much-loved English sheep dog.

But most of the time, the ideas for the many animal-welfare bills he's sponsored or co-sponsored over the years have come from the public, says Ciesla, R-Ocean.

"That's what we're supposed to do," he says of lawmakers' jobs.

But Ciesla has his own ideas, too, about what needs to be done to prevent animal cruelty.

"There is no consolidated body of law that would provide for the equal treatment of different types of offenses of animal cruelty (in the state) now," Ciesla says.

"A patchwork quilt of selective penalties given out by different judges is what we have now," Ciesla says of current law, Title 4 under the Department of Health and Senior Services. "If you abuse an animal in Ocean County, the penalty likely will be different than what will be meted out in a different county. As a result, the deterrent to interacting incorrectly with animals is not there."

S-617, a bill that he and Sen. Leonard T. Connors Jr., also R-Ocean, have introduced, would recodify the laws under Title 2C, the state criminal code, and define and strengthen

penalties. James W. Holzapfel and David W. Wolfe, both R-Ocean, introduced the bill in the Assembly.

Assemblyman Jeff Van Drew, D-Cape May County, agrees that animal cruelty laws must change.

"Our animal cruelty statutes are not cohesive. There has not been a total revision for over 125 years," says Van Drew, the assistant majority leader, who has sponsored A-2649 with a long list of other lawmakers.

This bill also recodifies the laws and moves them to Title 2C. It defines hoarding, increases penalties — including for abandoning animals — and "significantly increases" fines and jail time for hosting a dog or cock fight, Van Drew says.

"We're creating a penalty for using an animal to smuggle drugs," he adds.

The bill, recently rewritten with multiple changes and reintroduced, is the result of more than two years of work, Van Drew says.

The current bill includes the ideas and needs of many groups and offices, he says, naming a few: the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association, the state Attorney General's Office and the Department of Agriculture, the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, various animal shelters, law enforcement and kennel clubs.

"This has been a labor of love for me. I love animals," says Van Drew, who owns two German shepherds. "This is not politics to me. This is passion, what public policy should be."

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LEGISLATIVE ALERTS for NJ

To read the complete bills – see the links

Bill No. 2649--AN ACT concerning cruelty to animals and designated as Angel's Law, supplementing Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes and Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, and amending and repealing various sections of statutory law.

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2006/Bills/A3000/2649_R1.HTM

Bill, No. 3542 - Introduced: October 23, 2006
Increases dog licensing fees; establishes sterilization and animal control programs.

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2006/Bills/A4000/3542_I1.HTM

[AKC Legislative alert page](#)

http://www.akc.org/enewsletter/taking_command/2007/february/nation.cfm

From the FDA website:

TREATING PAIN IN YOUR DOG

**Keeping Your Best Friend Active,
Safe and Pain Free**

Treating pain in your dog

Controlling your dog's pain is essential to his overall well-being. Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) are a class of drugs commonly used to control pain and inflammation in dogs. NSAIDs help many dogs lead more comfortable lives.

What are NSAIDs?

NSAIDs help to control signs of arthritis, including inflammation, swelling, stiffness, and joint pain. Inflammation—the body's response to irritation or injury—is characterized by redness, warmth, swelling, and pain. NSAIDs work by blocking the production of prostaglandins, chemicals produced by the body that cause inflammation. Some NSAIDs may also be used to control the pain and inflammation following surgery.

Your veterinarian may prescribe an NSAID to treat the pain of osteoarthritis in your dog or to control pain following a surgical procedure.

Veterinary NSAIDs approved for use in dogs:

- ETOGESIC (etodolac)
- RIMADYL (carprofen)
- METACAM (meloxicam)
- DERAMAXX (deracoxib)
- PREVICOX (firocoxib)
- ZUBRIN (tepoxalin)
- NOVOX (carprofen)

In the United States, there are no veterinary NSAIDs approved for oral use in cats.

What should you discuss with your veterinarian?

NSAIDs offer pain relief and improved quality of life to many dogs. However, before giving an NSAID, or any drug, you should first talk to your veterinarian. You should discuss:

- what the NSAID is being prescribed for
- how much to give
- how long to give it
- possible side effects
- what to avoid while your dog is taking an NSAID
- what tests are needed before giving an NSAID to your dog
- how often should your dog be re-examined
- your dog's previous medical history and any previous drug reactions
- all medications and products your dog currently receives

What should you know before giving your dog an NSAID?

- Never give aspirin or corticosteroids along with an NSAID to your dog.
- NSAIDs should be approached cautiously in dogs with kidney, liver, heart and intestinal problems.
- Never give your dog an NSAID unless directed by your veterinarian.
- Don't assume an NSAID for one dog is safe to give to another dog. Always consult your veterinarian before using any medication in your pet.
- Only give the NSAID as prescribed by your veterinarian. Do not increase the dose, the frequency, or the length of time you use the drug unless first discussing this with your veterinarian.

What Side Effects should you watch for?

Most NSAID-side effects are mild, but some can be serious. Common side effects seen with the use of NSAIDs in dogs may affect the kidneys, liver, and gastrointestinal tract and may include:

- Not eating or eating less
- Lethargy, depression, changes in behavior
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea, black tarry-colored stool
- Yellowing of gums, skin, or the whites of the eyes
- Change in drinking
- Changes in skin (scabs, redness, or scratching)

What to do?

If you suspect a possible side effect to an NSAID, STOP giving the drug to your dog and call your veterinarian immediately.

When Giving Your Dog An NSAID, If You Notice Any of the Following Signs:

Behavior Changes

Eating Less
Skin Redness, Scabs
Tarry Stool/Diarrhea/Vomiting

STOP the Drug & Call Your Veterinarian!

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<http://www.fda.gov/cvm/nsaidbrochureFeb07.htm>

“Dog’s Welcome”

A man wrote a letter to a small hotel in a Midwest town he planned to visit on his vacation.

He wrote: I would very much like to bring my dog with me. He is well-groomed and very well behaved. Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room with me at night?"

An immediate reply came from the hotel owner, who wrote:

"I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all that time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes, silverware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and sorderly. And I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill. Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel. And, if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here too."

Thank you Gail for sending this.

Are you looking for something different to do with your dog? Years ago I knew of one sheltie breeder/judge that did had fun with this. I found this site if you were interested in learning more about lure coursing in NJ. Here is the link to the Barking Hills site:

<http://www.barkinghills.com/allstars/Pictures/activities/lurecoursing.html>

Lure Coursing Not Just for Sighthounds!

Let's do something that your dog already knows how to do - chase stuff! Try lure coursing in our fully fenced field.

Lure coursing is a white plastic garbage bag being run around a field at upwards of 50 miles an hour. Just let your dog go and watch the fun. Almost every dog we have ever tried to course would chase the bag the first time. Some hard core cases took a second shot at it and then they too were off and running.

<http://www.healthypetnet.com/Healthypetnet/home.aspx?realname=>

From Dr. Jane Bick's newsletter...



Since its appearance in Florida in January, 2004, the highly contagious, viral respiratory infection known as Canine H3N8 has spread throughout the U.S.

Some researchers believe the current strand jumped species (which is highly unusual), originating as a strain in horses. Canine H3N8 is so virulent, nearly every dog who comes in contact with the virus will contract the illness. And with one out of every five dogs exhibiting no visible symptoms of the illness, you can never be certain if you've encountered the virus.

There is a Canine H3N8 diagnostic kit, developed for veterinarians by Cyntegra of San Diego, which can provide results within 24 hours at a cost of around \$100, but its availability is not widely known.

The most common symptoms of canine influenza include:

- Soft, moist cough
- Thick nasal discharge
- High fever (104° - 106°)
- Shallow, quick breathing

At present, there is no vaccine on the market today to protect against canine influenza. The most severe cases can lead to pneumonia, with fatality estimates between 5% and 8% of cases. However, the majority of dogs will recover completely within 30 days.

Your best option is preventative – avoid situations where your dog may encounter many unknown dogs. And if you come in contact with a dog you believe may have the flu, be sure to wash your hands thoroughly (and possibly change your clothes) before interacting with your dog. Be sure to feed your dog a healthy diet. Look for the latest

information by monitoring local advisories for incidences of canine flu in your area or ask your vet.

If you suspect that your dog may have contracted the canine flu, contact your veterinarian immediately for treatment options.

<http://www.healthypetnet.com/Healthypetnet/home.aspx?realname=>

Photo Gallery



Here are pictures of Gail Taddeo's four kids "doing their thing" at the nursing home on Valentine's Day and sitting at the top of the bridge crossing the wetlands along the Vernon, NJ side of the Appalachian Trail.



Thank you Gail for sharing these photos....

What you need to know about flying with Fido

From CNN.com

http://www.cnn.com/2007/TRAVEL/ADVISOR/02/14/flying_pets.ap/index.html

NEW YORK (AP) -- SuNae Martz is a 10-year-old jetsetter who's crisscrossed the globe more than once. The catch: SuNae is a dog -- a fluffy white coton de tular, to be exact.

Her owner, Gayle Martz, takes her everywhere she flies, from Paris to New York to Los Angeles. But SuNae doesn't fly in the belly of the plane like common cargo. She's first class, in the cabin under Martz's seat.

"I don't check my jewelry, and SuNae is my most precious jewel," said Martz, a former flight attendant-turned entrepreneur who created and sells a soft-sided pet carrier, the Sherpa Bag.

SuNae is one of a half-million pets that fly each year, according to statistics compiled by the U.S. Department of Transportation. But not all airlines permit pets to fly in the cabin, and other policies vary too.

Some airlines charge to bring pets in the cabin; some don't. Some airlines restrict the travel of short-nosed animals, like Persian cats and pugs, which have shorter nasal passages that make breathing difficult at higher altitudes. Most also don't allow pets to travel as cargo in temperatures below 20 degrees and above 85 degrees.

Most mishaps, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association, stem not from mishandling or a panicked animal getting injured or lost but from sedation. The AVMA advises against giving tranquilizers to pets during air travel because the results are often unpredictable, even fatal.

"An animal's natural ability to balance and maintain equilibrium is altered under sedation," said Dr. Patricia Olson, director of veterinary affairs and studies for the American Humane Association. "When the kennel is moved, a sedated animal may not be able to brace and prevent injury."

Continental now requires passengers to sign a waiver saying their animal has not been sedated, but most airlines don't have that rule.

The basics

All these different policies can be confusing. "It seems like it all depends on the mood of the person you're dealing with at the airport that day," said Eric Buss, a magician from Los Angeles who has traveled by plane with the doves and rabbits he uses in his act.

But there are some rules that you and the airlines must follow. Here's what you need to know about flying with your pet:

- Federal officials began making the pet-related travel statistics public last year for the first time as part of regulations imposed by the Safe Air Travel for Animals Act, which was passed by Congress in 2000 under pressure from animal rights activists. Most air trips with pets are without incident. There were 14 reported pet deaths, four injuries and six lost animals between May and September 2006.
- Most airlines require pets to be considered healthy, under 100 pounds and at least 8 weeks old.
- Pets are never allowed out of their containers, and, of course, the airline assumes no responsibility for their health and well being. (Many even state on their Web sites that crew members cannot perform lifesaving measures on ailing pets.)
- Less traditional pets aren't allowed at all, like potbellied pigs, primates and certain venomous reptiles. And that usually means no "snakes on a plane."
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture, which regulates pet air-travel, requires a health certificate from a vet 10 days before traveling for animals flying as cargo, but not when flying as checked baggage or carry-on. Martz suggests carrying such certification in any case just in case you are asked for it.
- Many airlines, like Continental, United and American, suggest and apply the certification even for pets transported in the cabin because some states require it. (To learn which ones, visit <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/sregs/>.) Health certification is also required on most international flights.
- Fees vary. JetBlue charges \$50 for a pet to fly in the cabin; Continental, \$95, American and Northwest, \$80. It's free on USAir Shuttle and Delta Shuttle.
- American Airlines, Delta and JetBlue allow pets in the cabin. Frontier and Champion only allow them as cargo. Southwest won't let pets fly at all.
- Some airlines only allow one animal in the cabin per flight. American allows up to seven. Sometimes certified service dogs count as a pet; sometimes they don't.
- American Airlines requires paperwork certifying that pets were fed and watered within four hours before delivery. Most don't.

- Alert the airline of a pet when booking your flight to make sure there's room in the cabin.
- Fly during a weekday when airports are less hectic.
- Fly in the morning or evening during the summer, and midday during the winter to ensure safe temperatures for pets traveling as cargo.
- Choose a nonstop, direct flight.
- Exercise your pet before leaving to help it relax and sleep.
- Do not feed or give water to your pet two hours before departure.
- Check in at least two hours before time, and have all paperwork ready.
- Tape a note on the pet container with all relevant information: name of the pet, age, destination and flight number.
- Make sure the carry-on container will fit under the seat.
- Familiarize your pet with its carrier before leaving home, and make sure the pet is wearing tags or is microchipped.

Of course, even when you take every precaution and follow all the rules, flying with pets can be challenging. Jenn Fromm, an attorney from Los Angeles who recently flew her cats from Boston, still has scars from where her cat clawed her in a panicked escape attempt while going through a security checkpoint. The cat didn't get away, but he cried during the entire five-hour flight.

She'll never do it again. "I would rather drive with my cat for five days than go through five more hours of that."

AKC RALLY SEMINAR WITH 2 RUNS

SUNDAY - MAY 13, 2007

- TOPICS:**
1. Introduction to AKC Rally thru the Novice level.
 - A. Why Rally was created?
 - B. What will you and your dog learn?
 - C. Signs, Commands, Timing,
 - D. Learn the major emphasis in performing each sign.
 - E. Learn the rules to Rally. Things such as how many times you can ask your dog to perform a task. Can you redo a sign. What are disqualifications?
 2. Walk the course with the Judges Perspective.
 - A. Learn what the judge looks for when performing each sign.
 - B. Learn what a judge will mark off for when performing each sign.
 - C. Learn how much will be taken off for different kinds of errors.

COURSE RUNS:

1. The first run will be to assist with performing the course.
2. The second run will judge your performance. With critique.

**The Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern New Jersey
is proud to announce this seminar will be presented by
Sandy Ver Sprill
a well known trainer, exhibitor and Rally Judge.**

OPEN TO ALL BREEDS

Certificate will be given upon completion of seminar.

Lunch / beverages will be provided.

Location: Golden Rule School for Dogs, 23 Morris Sussex Pike, Andover, NJ 07821

Cost: \$ 50.00 Pre-paid **only** Check or money order made out to S.S.C.N.N.J.

Mail to: Donna Colletti, 468 Buckhorn Dr. Belvidere, NJ 07823

Please provide: **Your name, address, phone, e-mail, dogs name.**

Only one dog per handler

Questions: e-mail Donna Colletti at pinnacleshelties@yahoo.com or 908-475-8308

VWD Clinic

March 1-31, 2007

Clinic Host: The Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern NJ

Cost: \$99.00 per kit

Breeds who can participate in the clinic

Bernese Mtn Dog
Drentsche Patrijshond
Kerry Blue Terrier
Papillon
Poodle
Shetland Sheepdog

Doberman Pinscher
German Pinscher
Manchester Terrier
Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Scottish Terrier



Information Needed:

Breed of dog: _____
Name of Owner/Breeder: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____
Cell Number _____ E-Mail _____
Number of kits: _____

Payment: Check or Money Order in US funds made out to **Vet Gen** or **Visa/Mastercard** number, card expiration date, name on the card and their phone number.

Send: Information, Payment, number of kits, to the host contact.

Host Contact: Donna Colletti, 468 Buckhorn Dr. Belvidere, NJ 07823
(908)-475-8308.

Orders from Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania cannot be accepted.

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