



# SHELTIE WISE

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

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Club website: [www.sscnj.org](http://www.sscnj.org)

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## Meeting Notice & White Elephant Sale– Feb. 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.

*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. Items should be new, but they do not have to be dog related! *Please come and join in the fun! Bring your friends!*



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

## Incorporation Status...

We received correspondence from the State of NJ, that our Non-Profit Incorporation status has been re-instated.

## Meeting refreshments...

February	Diane
March	Lisa and Kathy
April	Elaine
May	
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.

## Summary of January Meeting Minutes

This is only a summary, the official minutes will be read at the February meeting.

Our guest, spoke about and demonstrated Reiki, its various parts and benefits.

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted

President's report: Check was sent for incorporation, nothing was heard yet. All members were asked to re-sign the code of ethics.

Treasurer: (Account information is not printed in the newsletter) Rosters will be mailed by PDF attachment  
Specialties: Ursula will be attending the Palisades KC meeting Tues. Ursula will also be contacting AKC.

Education: brief maintenance grooming demo.  
Aneita and Pat will team up. March: Donna will do nutrition

Awards: Send info to Joyce

Refreshments: Volunteers needed for the last two meetings

Sunshine: card was sent to Paul Allen who lost his stepmother and to Marilyn for Bill Rudrud.

Unfinished Business:

Seminar: presenter changed to Sarah Jacobson.  
Ad was in Match Show Bulletin. We will also try to advertise it on the Yahoo agility site.

New Business:

To help rebuild treasury and as a fundraiser, we will have a white elephant sale at our next meeting. We need wrapped items, does not have to be doggy.

Tara Darling, dog show photographer has agreed to come to a club event. She is doing a spread on Shelties. Herb is thinking of, perhaps, a picnic type thing. It is up to you if you want to come and if you want to bring your dog.

## Speakers for upcoming meetings...

Mar. 2 -- Nutrition Discussion – Donna Colletti

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,

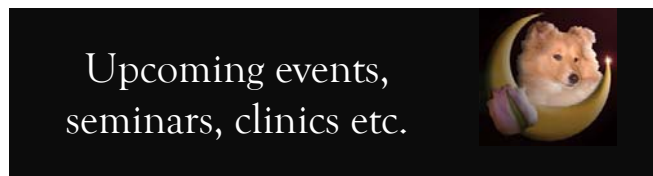
June -- Marjory Tuff will speak on the standard.

## BRAGS

*From Buddy and Ursula....*11 month old Wildoak Waldenwood Holly Berry (Holly), bred by Buddy Character & Ursula Dudek, went Winners Bitch for a 4 point major at the Birmingham Specialty over Thanksgiving weekend. Her litter mate, Wildoak Polar Express, went Winners Dog in Mobile, Alabama on Thursday, Friday and Saturday the weekend before.

## CRIES

Elaine lost Poonie (Ch. Janesa's Touched by an Angel). She was 10 1/2 and was her first...first Pom and first Pom Champion. She was a wonderful dog and will be missed.



*Members pass the word....*

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

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### **February 3, 2007 -[Three Rivers SSC of Gtr. Pittsburgh](#)**

Washington Cty Fairgrounds, Washington, PA

Closes: January 10

Breed/Jr: Roderick Thompson

Sweeps: Sue Miller

Obed: Mrs. C.M. Thompson

Debbie Lundy, Show Sec.

12 Mitchell Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15241

### February 4, 2006 -- [Three Rivers SSC of Gtr. Pittsburgh](#)

Washington Cty Fairgrounds, Washington, PA

Closes: January 10

Breed/Jr: Marcia Bittner

Sweeps: Ginny Shaw

Obed: Mr. J. B. Showman

Debbie Lundy, Show Sec.

12 Mitchell Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15241

### **February 10, 2007 SSC of Tidewater**

Holiday Inn, Portsmouth, VA

Closes: January 24

Breed/Jr: Dorothy Christiansen

Sweeps: Lori Montero

Susan C. Carbee, Show Sec

4765 Cherokee Drive, Suffolk, VA 23434

### **Central Virginia SSC**

Holiday Inn, Portsmouth, VA

Closes: January 24

Breed/Jr: Randall Sheets

Sweeps: Holly Hatcher

Sheri Blake, Show Sec.

P.O. Box 281, Topping, Va 23169

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### **February 12 & 13, 2007**

#### **Westminster Kennel Club**

**Monday-Herding:** Feb 12

Sheltie Judge: Joe Gregory

Herding Group Judge: Mr. Eric J. Ringle

Website: [www.westminsterkennelclub.org](http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org)

### **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**

Catoctin KC Training Facility

Point of Rocks, MD

Closes: February 21

Breed/Jrs: Guy Jeavons

Obed: Mr. M. V. Huffman

Virginia Torsch Blose, Show Sec

7608 Roanoke Ave, Annandale, VA 22003

(Obed. Limit: 50)

### **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

Barbara Bicksler, Show Sec.

1902 Wilson Ln Apt. T2

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.

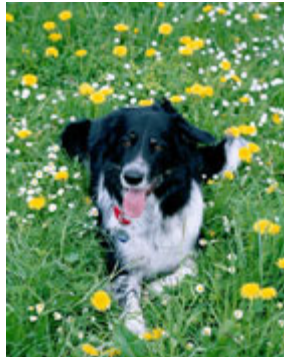
**SSCNNJ –Rally Seminar (See attached flyer)**  
**SUNDAY - MAY 13, 2007**

## Dog Prodigy Gives New Meaning to Language Border Collie Quick to Learn and Remember New Words

by [Jon Hamilton](#)

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=1952976>

**Rico, a 10-year-old Border collie, has an approximately 200-word vocabulary and can learn the names of new toys after being "told" just once.**



Great Ape Trust

**Sue Savage-Rumbaugh's prize pupil Kanzi. The bonobo has provided the most convincing evidence yet that animals can learn not only words, but grammar. Kanzi can understand and respond to sentences the first time he hears them.**

[All Things Considered](#), June 10, 2004 · If you think your dog understands you, scientists say you may be right. New research shows that some dogs have a remarkable capacity to comprehend human speech. As NPR's Jon

Hamilton reports, the finding adds to recent evidence that modern humans aren't the only creatures with the potential to learn languages.

The research, reported in the current issue of *Science*, centers around canine prodigy Rico. The Border collie can recognize the names of more than 250 toys and fetch them on command.

To test Rico's learning ability, researchers with the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology placed a new toy among seven familiar toys. When the owner asked Rico to fetch the new item, using a name the Border collie had never heard before, Rico correctly retrieved the new item seven out of 10 times. Even more remarkable: Not only can Rico connect a new word with a new object on the first try, he can also remember the word when tested a month later.

"We know now that the dog can rapidly associate new words with new objects, which is just what children do right at the point that language takes off," says Sue Savage-Rumbaugh, a Georgia State University researcher who works with great apes. "So the dog's on the border of very complex language ability."

These abilities seen in animals such as dogs, bonobos and orangutans, go against the theory that only humans have the capacity for language, and that it came from a genetic mutation in the past 200,000 years or so.

Some researchers say it appears many species have the potential to communicate with humans, and whether that potential is realized may depend more on the quality of an animal's interactions with people than on having a highly developed brain.

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## Hyperparathyroidism: A Condition on the Rise?

Pet Column for the week of October 2, 2006

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Dr. Kathleen Ham, a surgery resident at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Urbana, is conducting a surgical study on dogs with hyperparathyroidism. Her research has drawn conclusions from advances in human medicine to develop solutions for

our furry friends.

The parathyroid gland sits alongside of your dog or cat's, or even your own, trachea. It secretes a hormone called the parathyroid hormone (PTH). This hormone is in charge of regulating the amount of calcium in your pet's body. Lots of PTH causes the body to absorb calcium from the gut and kidney or even to mobilize it from the bones.

The body usually has a set thermostat for calcium, changing PTH secretion when the levels sink below normal. In patients with hyperparathyroidism the system has gone awry and secretes PTH irrespective of the calcium levels. While this may seem trivial, calcium is one of the ions responsible for making your pet's heart beat (or beat incorrectly). It forms your bones and teeth, and can potentially form harmful substances like bladder stones.

"I think it is important that if your veterinarian finds high levels of calcium in your pet to determine the underlying cause. If a pet stays with high levels of calcium for too long it can be very detrimental and cause recurrent clinical signs disturbing your pets normal lifestyle and comfort level," recommends Dr. Ham.

The overactive gland must be destroyed; one method is surgical. Dr. Ham's new proposed surgical technique studies intra-operative efficacy of parathyroid gland removal. She has translated from human medicine to find a better, more efficient way to see if the surgery was successful. In fact, Ham's method provides immediate support that the surgery was successful before the patient is off the operating table.

As PTH is secreted by the parathyroid gland it rapidly disappears from the blood stream. By taking blood from each side of the neck, in the jugular vein, a surgeon like Dr. Ham can tell which side is causing the PTH disturbance. This technique allows her to localize the unregulated gland and remove it. A rapid intra-operative evaluation of the PTH in the blood will tell if the abnormal gland has been removed. If the PTH has gone down to normal levels, the surgery should have cured the animal.

"Like people, animals are living longer and people are identifying incidental clinical findings in regular geriatric check-ups," says Dr. Ham. She believes this new surgery technique will especially benefit geriatric patients by preventing the need for a second surgery if the disease is not cured. "Most patients are geriatric patients whose owners don't want to put through a big, long surgery. This will minimize the extent of surgery."

This is a disease that is very prevalent in human beings and may be more prevalent in our companion animals than previously thought. With animals living longer, Dr. Ham believes this disease will show up more commonly, and perfecting ways to localize the problem and fix it efficiently will minimize the seriousness of this disease.

Dr. Ham is currently seeking animal patients with primary

hyperparathyroidism for a clinical trial investigating the use of an intra-operative parathyroid hormone assay. To learn more about this clinical trial, contact Dr. Ham at 217/265-0517 or ham@uiuc.edu. Additional information can be learned by visiting [www.cvm.uiuc.edu/vth/](http://www.cvm.uiuc.edu/vth/).

For more information about hyperparathyroidism, contact your local veterinarian.  
<http://www.cvm.uiuc.edu/petcolumns/showarticle.cfm?id=518>



New Jersey

## Trusts for care of domesticated animals

Citation: NJ ST 3B:11-38 (2001)

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Summary: This New Jersey statute provides that a trust for the care of a domesticated animal is valid. Trusts under this section terminate when no living animal is covered by the trust, or at the end of 21 years, whichever occurs earlier. The statute also provides that no portion of the trust's principal or income may be converted to the use of the trustee or to any use other than for the benefit of the animal designated in the trust. The court may reduce the amount of the property transferred if it determines that the amount substantially exceeds the amount required for the intended use.

### Statute in Full:

a. A trust for the care of a domesticated animal is valid. The intended use of the principal or income may be enforced by a person designated for that purpose in the trust instrument, a person appointed by the court, or a trustee. The trust shall terminate when no living animal is covered by the trust, or at the end of 21 years, whichever occurs earlier.

b. Except as expressly provided otherwise in the trust instrument, no portion of the trust's principal or income may be converted to the use of the trustee or to any use other than for the benefit of the animal designated in the trust.

c. Upon termination of the trust, the trustee shall transfer the unexpended trust property as directed in the trust instrument. If no directions for such transfer exist, the property shall pass to the estate of the creator of the trust.

d. The court may reduce the amount of the property transferred if it determines that the amount substantially exceeds the amount required for the intended use. The amount of any reduction shall be transferred as directed in the trust instrument or, if no such directions are contained in the trust instrument, to the estate of the creator of the trust.

e. If no trustee is designated or if no designated trustee is willing or able to serve, a court shall appoint a trustee and may make such other orders and determinations as are advisable to carry out the intent of the creator of the trust and the purpose of this act.



# 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

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