



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 – June 1, 2007

The next meeting of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of No. NJ will be held on Friday, June 1, 7:30 pm at the Westfield Community Center.

This is also our “pot luck” dinner, e.g. appetizers and desserts. We hope everyone will try to come. Guests are welcome. Directions to the site are on our website.

www.sscnj.org

It's spring and with spring comes the hope of a new generation...

I know that this has nothing to do with shelties, but I love this photo. This is Barbaro's full brother, foaled April 20.



Out in the paddock, the colt, just 10 hours old, looked back to the groom with an expression of: "What now?"

Upcoming events,
seminars, clinics etc.



June 2 - Bonnie Brae Scottish Games

If you would be interested in participating in this year's festival, please contact Sylvette by email Sheltieville@yahoo.com or call me at 570-223-2970

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, August 4th for a
Tattoo and Avid Micro-Chip Clinic.
Clinic will be held at Donna Colletti's.

Watch for more info or contact Donna Colletti
pinnacleshelties@yahoo.com or 908-475-8308
Flyer attached

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Annual Sheltie Rescue Picnic

Deer Path Park, Cedars Pavilion
Sunday, September 16, 2007
FMI -- contact Aneita

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Sept. 17 -- MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AKC Dog Day

New York

The day will also include a microchip clinic, various demonstrations, newspaper representatives as well as the news stations. (See under “New Business” FMI)

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May 3 -- 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 –

Email: kgunzel@aol.com Phone: (973) 228-4192

May 12 – SCDOC Obedience, Rally and Canine Good Citizen – info attached

May 13 -- SSCNNJ –Rally Seminar (flyer attached)

May 20 – Palisades KC Match (Flyer attached)

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BRAGS....

Yes, I have something to share... as of March of this year Bobby and Keara have now earned the title of TDIAOV through Therapy Dogs International, which means that they

have each made over 150 therapy dog visits to nursing homes. We are now training our newest Shelties, Ben and Solo, to also be certified therapy dogs.

Gail Taddeo

The Rally Clinic...from Donna

Thank you to Alice owner of Country Pet Specialties for the generous door prize donation. Country Pet Specialties is a wonderful place to get the best dog and cat foods. She carries kibble, can and raw. You will find most everything else for you pet needs. Alice also carries the best feed and toys for birds, rabbits and other small animals. Please call Alice of Country Pet Specialties with any questions on **feeding or care items for your pets.**

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Lebanon, NJ 08833

Thank you to Steve Thomas, R.Ph. owner of Thomas Laboratories for the generous door prize donation. Thomas Laboratories is a catalog where you can get Feed, Food, Pharmaceutical Grade supplements and herbs for your pets. Please call them for a catalog at 1-800-359-8387. Their website is www.thomasvetdrug.com

I am pleased to have Shetland Sheepdog Placement Services of NJ, INC. attend the Seminar. They are a hard working organization that places about 55 Shetland Sheepdogs every year from NJ who need to find new forever homes. They are also one of the few rescue groups that take in older Shelties. Thank you to everyone who donated to them. If you would like to help as a foster, home check person, transport, make a donation, help with fund raisers, help with grants, making gifts, printing, newsletter, or any other idea please contact Aneita Frey at 908-704-1241 or www.njsheltierescue.org.

A big thank you to Sandy Ver Spril for renting her lovely building to the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern New Jersey. With out people willing to rent their buildings these learning seminars would not happen. Please visit her

website for the current training schedule at www.goldenruleschoolfordogsllc.com



I would also like to thank Sara Jacobs for being our instructor/trainer today and imparting her knowledge and kind methods of training.

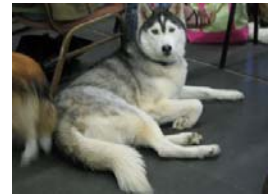
Sara Jacobs

I would like to thank all my club members who helped with this Seminar. It really does take a group effort. Thank you with the help in advertising, raffles, food, ring set up, clean up, certificate making, dog biscuit baking, treasury duties and anything else I may have missed mentioning. THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who participated. I wish you a lot of fun, friendship and titles as you continue in the fun dog sports.

Please take a look at our club website www.sscnj.org. We would love to see you at our meetings. The website has meeting dates and directions to the meeting. If you would like membership information please contact Catherine Miller at 732-290-1148 or email her at catller@yahoo.com

Some photos from the Clinic...





Cleaning 101 For Dog Owners

How to deal with common canine messes to maintain a clean and happy home.

Cathy M. Rosenthal

Whether its an upset stomach or a housetraining accident, pets will, at some point, make a mess in the house. The good news: Many of todays new products not only make cleaning easier, but remove any trace that an accident ever occurred. Here's how to clean up some common dog messes step by step.

Urine: If you own a puppy, senior, or ill dog, youve likely dealt with puddles. Follow these tips for effective cleanup: Don't use steam cleaners to remove urine from carpet, since heat bonds urine protein to the carpets fibers. Instead, use a hand-held wet-dry vacuum to absorb the liquid. Avoid using ammonia-based cleaners. A byproduct of decomposing waste, ammonia will smell like urine to your dog, attracting him back to the same spot. Use cleaning products specially designed to clean pet messes. These products use a variety of technologies to remove stains and neutralize odors. Don't have any special pet cleaning products? Then gather some paper towels, water, dishwashing liquid, and vinegar. Blot the stain with paper towels. Clean the spot with a few drops of dishwashing liquid and one cup of warm water. Rinse with fresh water, and blot dry. Next, add one third cup of white vinegar to two-thirds cup of water, and dab on stain. Vinegar neutralizes odors. Rinse with water, and blot dry. Then sprinkle carpet with baking soda or rug deodorizer and vacuum. Never scrub or wipe the stain, as this distorts the carpet fibers. Always blot and press. What happens if you smell the accident, but don't see it? Turn off the lights and shine a UV light (black light), available at pet-supply stores, onto the carpet or furniture to locate both old and new stains.

Vomit and feces: These pose challenges, since the dyes in pet foods and medicines can stain carpets. Pick up as much of the solid material as you can, using a dustpan or spatula. Use a hand-held or upright steam cleaner to extract remaining soiled material. For fecal matter, apply a stain and odor remover designed for this purpose. If vomit or blood is present, use a cleaning agent specifically designed

to treat stains on carpet, not fabric. If the cleaning agent involves using water, use cool water, not hot.

Hair: You can't stop pets from shedding, but you can control the loose hair.

- Brush your pets daily to remove dead hair and keep their coats in good shape.
- Use pet rakes, pet hair sponges, adhesive tape rollers, velour brushes, and lint brushes on dry upholstery and carpets to lift pet hair.
- Try a pet hair magnet to dislodge hair embedded in [upholstery](#).
- Use a hand-held or upright vacuum with a beater brush to loosen pet hair from carpet or furniture.
- Wipe an electrostatic dusting cloth across furniture and electronic equipment, or an electrostatic sweeper across floors, to loosen and pick up pet hair.
- Before vacuuming, use one of the new antistatic deodorizing foams or sprays to break the static charge that bonds pet hair to fabric and carpet.

New products make cleaning up after our best friends easier than ever. Always remember, pet messes are infrequent, but love is constant.

From: http://www.dogchannel.com/dog-grooming/article_clean.aspx

American pets getting as fat as their owners

Sedentary lifestyle, overeating cause health problems

LiveScience

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American pets are facing an obesity epidemic, underscoring the belief that pets and pet owners tend to resemble one another.

One-third of dogs in this country are overweight or obese, according to a study published in the April issue of American Journal of Veterinary Research. Previous studies found a third of cats are overweight or obese, too.

Obesity is by far the most common condition that veterinarians see, said veterinarian and nutritionist Sean Delaney of Davis Veterinary Medical Consulting in California. And the widening waistlines of cats, dogs, rabbits and horses are a big problem that's just as unhealthy as obesity in humans.

Overweight pets suffer from diabetes and joint diseases, and excess weight can lead to fatal illnesses.

Similar to humans, the weight gain can be blamed partly on genes and the environment. But in the case of pets, veterinarians say, the sedentary lifestyle and fatty foods provided by humans is the main culprit.

"Animals eat too much of too-rich food and they are not active enough," said Philip Johnson, professor of veterinary medicine and surgery at the University of Missouri-Columbia. "A similar combination applies to people."

Fat food

Thanks to pet food manufacturers, house pets' plates are full of cheap, tasty food. Since animals don't have brand loyalty, owners rely on their pets' responses to flavor to tell them what to shop for. Veterinarians say many companies strive to produce cheap and flavorful food rather than nutritional food, to encourage a feeding frenzy.

But cutting back the calories can help keep your best friend around a little longer.

A new study finds that restricting a dog's diet can extend its lifetime by almost 2 years. Dogs eating 25 percent less than their canine cohorts were less likely to have diabetes and osteoarthritis. The findings are published in the April 20 issue of the Journal of Proteome Research.

Nutrition is also lacking in most food fed to horses.

Hay may be for horses, but feeding them grasses genetically modified to fatten cattle leads, not surprisingly, to fatter horses. Carbohydrate-rich grains aren't a nutritional option either. "It's like feeding candy to a diabetic child," Johnson told LiveScience.

Lazy lifestyles

To make matters worse, animals are also missing exercise in their daily life these days. Pets adhere to the sedentary lifestyle led by humans. Meanwhile, owners' chaotic schedules can cause animals stress.

Some indoor cats don't acclimate well to living in confined spaces, said clinical veterinary nutritionist Tony Buffington. In the Veterinary Hospital at Ohio State University, Buffington and his colleagues have come up with strategies to keep cats active, even in a studio apartment.

Getting your cat off the couch can keep it from becoming resistant to insulin, a condition that leads to diabetes and joint disease.

In his clinic, Johnson sees obese horses suffering from insulin resistance and laminitis, the painful front hoof condition that felled 2006 Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro. Additional weight on the legs tears connective tissue and breaks bone, which tears through the hooves. With no treatment for the disease available, sick horses must often be put down.

What you can do

Johnson has noticed owners of his equine patients are becoming more aware of animal obesity and its health hazards.

To keep your animals at a healthy weight, Buffington has these tips:

Control portions. Feed your pets according to their body conditions score, which can be found online.

Go for a walk. Increase the animal's activity, but do so gradually. If you and your pet have been spending most of your free time on the couch, start out slowly and make sure you're both having fun. One study found that owners who exercised with their pets had more effective workouts than people exercising alone.

Let animals be animals. Hide treats for your cat around the house so it can put its hunting skills to work. Take your dog off its leash in a safe place outdoors and watch Fido's spirited sprint.

Similar to an overweight human body, shedding a few pounds can bring great improvements to an animal's health. But the best way to avoid obesity and related health problems is to never allow a pet to become overweight in the first place. "It's easier to prevent the weight from going on than to take it off," Buffington told LiveScience.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/18471998/>

Raisins Toxicity

Written by: Laurinda Morris, DVM
Danville Veterinary Clinic, Danville , Ohio

This week I had the first case in history of raisin toxicity ever seen at MedVet. My patient was a 56-pound, 5 yr old male neutered lab mix that ate half a canister of raisins sometime between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM on Tuesday. He started with vomiting, diarrhea and shaking about 1AM on Wednesday but the owner didn't call my emergency service until 7AM.

I had heard somewhere about raisins AND grapes causing acute Renal failure but hadn't seen any formal paper on the subject. We had her bring the dog in immediately. In the meantime, I called the ER service at MedVet, and the doctor there was like me - had heard something about it, but... Anyway, we contacted the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center and they said to give IV fluids at 1 ½ times maintenance and watch the kidney values for the next 48-72 hours.

The dog's BUN (blood urea nitrogen level) was already at 32 (normal less than 27) and creatinine over 5 (1.9 is the high end of normal). Both are monitors of kidney function in the bloodstream. We placed an IV catheter and started the fluids. Rechecked the renal values at 5 PM and

the BUN was over 40 and creatinine over 7 with no urine production after a liter of fluids. At the point I felt the dog was in acute renal failure and sent him on to MedVet for a urinary catheter to monitor urine output overnight as well as overnight care.

He started vomiting again overnight at MedVet and his renal values have continued to increase daily. He produced urine when given lasix as a diuretic. He was on 3 different anti-vomiting medications and they still couldn't control his vomiting. Today his urine output decreased again, his BUN was over 120, his creatinine was at 10, his phosphorus was very elevated and his blood pressure, which had been staying around 150, skyrocketed to 220.. He continued to vomit and the owners elected to euthanize.

This is a very sad case - great dog, great owners who had no idea raisins could be a toxin. Please alert everyone you know who has a dog of this very serious risk. Poison control said as few as 7 raisins or grapes could be toxic. Many people I know give their dogs grapes or raisins as treats including our ex-handler's. Any exposure should give rise to immediate concern.

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Even if you don't have a dog, you might have friends who do. This is worth passing on to them.



Watch for
your next
"Sheltie Wise"
in August.

*Have a great
Summer!*

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Kathy Jacobsen will send the AVID Registration.

For both Tattoo and Microchip AKC Registration Form will be provided for each dog owner wants to register with the AKC. Form and Fee must be sent in by owner.

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PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

**Clinic Contact/Mail Check to Donna Colletti, pinnacleshelties@yahoo.com, 908-475-8308,
468 Buckhorn Dr. Belvidere, NJ 07823
SIGN UP FOR CLINIC BY JULY 28, 2007**