



# 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 – April 4, 2008

The next meeting of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of No. NJ will be held on Friday, April 4, 7:30 pm at the Westfield Community Center. Join us for the club's "pot luck dinner with ice cream social" and "white elephant sale". Please see Herb's email and flyer for details.

We hope to see you all there!  
Do you know of anyone who might be interested in coming? Why not invite them to come with you!

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



## Mark your calendars – for these Upcoming Speakers

May: Dr. Terri Brucato, Chiropractor  
June 6: Training Seeing Eye dogs

## Braggs and Cries...

From Denise....



Ch. Jemari Jac-Lyn's  
Wild Card  
May 12, 1993 to  
March 7, 2008

On Friday, March 7th  
Chip left us. He  
would have been 15  
years old on May  
12th. He did not  
suffer. He was fine  
last weekend running

around like a pup and then on Tuesday he just crashed and could barely lift his head by Thursday night. We made the hard decision on Friday.

## BRAGS....

Herb is pleased to say that Quinn took his first major at Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club on March 9 under Mark McMillan



From Cathy Miller...

Iris, Malasel's/Pinnacle before-the Storm, RN, got a 98 and her Novice Rally B Title at First Dog Training at Ramsey on March 16 th 2008

## Upcoming events/seminars....

### "Conquering Ring Nerves"

presented by Diane Peters Mayer  
to be held at: MasterPeace Dog Training  
264 Fisher St., Franklin, MA 02038  
on Sunday, April 13, 2008  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Learn how to channel your "nerves" into a blue ribbon performance! Diane Peters Mayer, a psychotherapist and performance anxiety coach in private practice in Doylestown, PA, will discuss topics such as: understanding performance anxiety, stopping panic, getting and staying relaxed, staying connected to your dog in the ring, building confidence, concentrating under pressure, and much more during this one-day seminar! Whether you are a novice or seasoned competitor, you will learn exercises and techniques that you can use in your particular dog sport of interest.

Working teams will be able to practice these techniques, as there will be specific practice for all dog sports. Working spots are limited, and cost \$100; you may audit without your dog for \$50. A light breakfast and lunch are included in the cost of the seminar.

A registration form has been placed in the "Files" section here; FMI, you can go to [www.masterpeacedog.com](http://www.masterpeacedog.com)

St. Hubert's Dog Sports Club presents  
**Connie Cleveland Two-Day Obedience Workshop**  
Date: July 12& 13, 2008

Location: St. Hubert's DTS, Madison NJ  
Cost: Working Team 275.00, Auditor \$150 (both days) or \$100 one day

Limited number of working teams - unlimited auditors  
**Registration and Payment:** Payment must be made in full at time of registration.

FMI: Linda Sperco at [lsperco@verizon.net](mailto:lsperco@verizon.net) or 973-377-0116 x 250.

Online registration at [www.sthuberts.org](http://www.sthuberts.org)

## Specialty Shows:

**2008 [ASSA National](#) will be held in [Greeley, CO](#), April 12-20, 2008**

### Judges:

**Breed:** Mr. Larry Brunner

**Dogs:** Ms. Jane Howard

**Bitches:** Mrs. Ellen Worthington

**Jr. Showmanship:** Ms. Jane Howard

**Futurity:** Mrs. Marilyn Marlowe

### Herding Instinct Test:

CSSC will also be sponsoring a **Herding Instinct Test on Shetland Sheep on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**,

For entry form and more information:

<http://www.coloradoshelties.com/2008%20Nationals/National%20Instinct%20Test.html>

As I get more information, I will put it in the newsletter.

If you are planning the National, please also go to

[www.assa.org](http://www.assa.org) for more information

## Upcoming Specialties listed Shelties On-Line:

### April 2008 -- 15 Specialty Shows

#### Hamden, CT

04/04/08 Tri-State SSC -- Judge Robert Piccirillo

04/05/08 Tri-State SSC -- Judge Lisa Graser

#### Charlotte, NC

04/04/08 Greater Charlotte SSC -- Judge Linda More

#### New Lenox, IL

04/04/08 Interlocking SSC of Monee -- Judge Marcia Bittner

04/05/08 Interlocking SSC of Monee -- Judge Mark Houston-McMillan

#### Spokane, WA

04/05/08 Greater Spokane SSC -- Judge Debra Tessmann

04/06/08 Greater Spokane SSC -- Judge Barbara Thompson

#### Aledo, TX

04/05/08 SSC of Greater Ft. Worth -- Judge Patricia Skinner

04/06/08 SSC of Greater Ft. Worth -- Judge Carl Skinner

#### Harrisburg, PA

04/12/08 Harrisburg SSC -- Judge Tomas Gomaz

04/13/08 Harrisburg SSC -- Judge Alane Gomez

#### Greeley, CO

04/16/08 ASSA -- Judges (*Breed*) Larry Brunner, (*Dogs*) Jane Howard, (*Bitches*) Ellen Worthington

#### Montgomery, AL

04/26/08 SSC of Greater Birmingham, Inc. -- Judge Daniel Fleitas

#### South Jordan, UT

04/30 /08 Utah SSA -- Judge Guy Jeavons

04/30 /08 Utah SSA -- Judge Suzanne Healy

### 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

#### Toppsfield, 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

## If I Didn't Have Dogs...

I could walk around the yard barefoot in safety.

My house could be carpeted instead of tiled and laminated.

All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture, and cars would be free of hair.

When the doorbell rings, it wouldn't sound like a kennel.

When the doorbell rings, I could get to the door without wading through fuzzy bodies who beat me there.

I could sit on the couch and my bed the way I wanted, without taking into consideration how much space several fur bodies would need to get comfortable.

I would have money ....and no guilt to go on a real vacation.

I would not be on a first-name basis with 6 veterinarians, as I put their yet unborn grand kids through college.

The most used words in my vocabulary would not be: out, sit, down, come, no, stay, and leave him/her/it ALONE.

My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates or barriers.

My house would not look like a day care center, toys everywhere.

My pockets would not contain things like poop bags, treats and an extra leash.

I would no longer have to Spell the words B-A-L-L, F-R-I-S-B-E- E, W-A-L-K, T-R-E-A-T, B-I-K-E, G-O, R-I-D-E

I would not have as many leaves INSIDE my house as outside.

I would not look strangely at people who think having ONE dog/cat ties them down too much.

I'd look forward to spring and the rainy season instead of dreading 'mud' season.

I would not have to answer the question 'Why do you have so many animals?' from people who will never have the joy in their lives of knowing they are loved unconditionally by someone as close to an angel as they will ever get.

How EMPTY my life would be!

<http://www.avma.org/onlnews/javma/apr08/080401.jsp>

JAVMA News -April 1, 2008

## Los Angeles enacts mandatory pet sterilization law

This April in Los Angeles, one of the nation's strictest pet sterilization laws takes effect, mandating that most of the city's pet owners have their cat or dog spayed or neutered by the time the animal is four months old. Certain animals, such as service dogs and those belonging to registered breeders, are exempted from the law.

"This ordinance, which contains clear guidelines and enforceable penalties, creates a valuable tool to take this city another step closer toward eliminating the unnecessary euthanasia of animals," said Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa at a February news conference attended by animal rights supporter Bob Barker and Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of the Humane Society of the United States.

A similar measure passed by the California Assembly last year failed to gain state Senate support.

Pedigree groups such as the American Kennel Club and Cat Fanciers' Association are opposed to mandatory spay and neuter laws, saying dog and cat overpopulation is a complex problem that goes beyond reproductive status to multiple aspects of owner irresponsibility. The Los Angeles ordinance will be difficult to enforce and evaded by owners who don't license their pets with the city, the AKC added.

Each year, there are nearly 50,000 unwanted cats and dogs are born in Los Angeles, far exceeding the capacity of local shelters and rescue groups, according to the city. In 2007, the city spent more than \$2 million to euthanize animals, killing 8,960 cats and 6,049 dogs, the city added.

The ordinance requires all pet owners in Los Angeles to have their cats and dogs that are four months of age and older spayed or neutered unless otherwise exempted. People with older unneutered pets and newcomers to the city with animals also have to obey the law.

Persons violating the spay/neuter law will be cited and could be subject to up to a \$500 dollar fine or 40 hours of community service.

Specific exemptions from required sterilization apply to dogs and cats approved by a registry or association sanctioned by the city Department of Animal Services; dogs being trained for work; service dogs, including guide and signal dogs; law enforcement, military, or rescue dogs; animals for whom the owner can produce a letter from a veterinarian stating there is a medical reason to exempt the animal; and animals having a valid city breeding permit.

The ordinance also establishes an advisory committee that will educate the public about services and the importance of pet sterilization. Vouchers for free and reduced-cost spay and neuter procedures are available to senior citizens and low-income owners.

"This spay and neuter law will move Los Angeles towards being the most humane city in America by educating pet owners to be more responsible, making our streets safer, reducing the number of animals killed each year in our shelters, and allowing us to more effectively use our resources," said Richard Alarcón, the city council member who introduced the ordinance.

-R. SCOTT NOLEN

Hi all,

This is another study that might be of interest to Sheltie owners. Please feel free to forward. This is also posted on the ASSA website.

## Investigation of Gallbladder Disease and Hypercholesterolemia in Shetland Sheepdogs

**Background:** Gallbladder disease has been recognized with increasing frequency in dogs within the past decade<sup>1-3</sup>. Whether or not this is the result of a true increase in disease prevalence or simply the result of increased detection is not definitive. However, some suggest that incorporation of abdominal ultrasonography in dogs as a routine diagnostic tool has resulted in increased detection of gallbladder disease<sup>2</sup>. Several recent articles describing gallbladder mucoceles (severe distention of the gallbladder caused by a thick mass of sludge and mucus) in dogs suggest a breed predilection for the problem in Shetland Sheepdogs as well as Cocker Spaniels and Miniature Schnauzers. Both Shetland Sheepdogs and Miniature Schnauzers are breeds predisposed to hyperlipidemia (too much lipid or fat in the blood),<sup>4,5</sup> a factor that is known to contribute to gallbladder disease in people<sup>6,7</sup>. A recent study confirms a link between hyperlipidemia and hypercholesterolemia (high blood cholesterol levels) and gallbladder mucocele formation in Shetland Sheepdogs<sup>2</sup>. Collectively, this suggests the possibility of a genetic defect in a protein responsible for lipid homeostasis (regulation of blood lipid levels). The Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology Laboratory at Washington State University is currently investigating a gene that plays an important role in lipid homeostasis. A defect in this gene could be the cause of gallbladder disease in Shetland Sheepdogs.

**Participation:** The Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology Laboratory is seeking DNA (cheek swab samples) from Shetland Sheepdogs that have any of the following:

1. Hypercholesterolemia (fasting serum or plasma cholesterol > 400 mg/dL)
2. Hypertriglyceridemia (fasting serum or plasma triglycerides > 600 mg/dL)
3. Hyperbilirubinemia while not anemic (serum or plasma bilirubin > 2.0 mg/dL)
4. Surgical or ultrasonographic report of gallbladder disease (documentation must be made by DVM).

Participation is voluntary (i.e., you will not receive payment for the sample nor will you be charged for having your dog's DNA tested).

DNA swabs can be obtained by emailing Dr. Katrina Mealey at the address listed below.

Instructions for correctly obtaining a sample can be found at the following website:

<http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/depts-VCPL/instructions.aspx>

Questions about an individual animal's inclusion in this project can be addressed to:

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## A year after pet food recall, still buyer beware

Main efforts, not fully implemented yet, criticized for lack of bite

By Kim Campbell Thornton

**MSNBC contributor**

updated 8:25 a.m. ET, Mon., March. 17, 2008

One year after contaminated pet food killed potentially thousands of dogs and cats, few safety measures have gone into effect.

While pet food safety legislation has been passed and an industry commission has made recommendations to improve the safety and quality standards for pet food, some critics say the efforts, even when they are fully implemented, may not amount to much more than the fox guarding the hen house.

The federal legislation, for instance, relies on manufacturers to voluntarily recall contaminated pet food. "As long as it's voluntary, there will always be breaches," says Marion Nestle, a professor of nutrition, food studies and public health at New York University and author of the forthcoming book "Pet Food Politics: The Chihuahua in the Coal Mine," due out in September. "There will be breaches anyway, but voluntary doesn't work as well as regulated."

Because there is no national tracking system that monitors pet deaths, there is no definitive tally of animals that died from consuming pet food made with imported Chinese ingredients tainted with the chemical melamine.

In the month after the biggest pet food recall in U.S. history began last March 16, the Food and Drug Administration received more than 14,000 consumer complaints about pet foods. In the end, the FDA never reported more than the first 14 deaths — nine of which were lab animals for pet food manufacturer Menu Foods, plus four cats and one dog reported by consumers.

Meanwhile, the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians is performing an ongoing study that as yet has certified 226 deaths. And just last month, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Kansas indicted two Chinese businesses and the U.S. company ChemNutra for allegedly introducing adulterated food into the market, asserting that consumer reports suggest as many as 1,950 cats and 2,200 dogs died after eating contaminated food.

"I still hold by the estimate that thousands died and tens of thousands were affected," says veterinarian Paul Pion, president and co-founder of Veterinary Information Network, an independent veterinary medical information service. "My bet is that it happens more often than we think and it never gets detected."

### 'Not an overnight process'

Veterinarian Kimberly May, assistant director of the American Veterinary Medical Association's department of professional and public affairs, says over the past year the industry has become more aware of what needs to be done and where safety measures were deficient. "It's not an overnight process, so whether you can say enough has been done, I'm not sure anybody would say that at this point, but there are definitely good strides in that direction."

Kurt Gallagher, director of communications and export development for the Pet Food Institute in Washington, D.C., which represents pet food manufacturers, says PFI is working on the recommendations made by its National Pet Food Commission in October. Those recommendations include working with retailers and the FDA to develop better ways to remove recalled pet foods from stores and to inform pet owners about recalled foods.

The FDA Amendments Act of 2007 requires the agency to set up an early warning system to identify contaminated pet food and outbreaks of illness associated with pet food and to work with industry representatives, veterinarians and other interested parties to establish pet food ingredient standards and definitions, processing standards and updated labeling requirements for nutritional and ingredient information. The agency has one year from the passage of the legislation, last September, to implement the early warning system and two years to establish standards and definitions. The FDA did not grant requests for an interview on the progress of these efforts.

### Call for stronger enforcement

While the legislation sounds good, some say it lacks bite because it doesn't provide the FDA with mandatory recall authority. That means that with the exception of medical devices, infant formula and biological products, the FDA can only encourage companies to initiate voluntary recalls.

May says mandatory recall authority for the FDA would be a positive step.

"It was incumbent on the companies to make the decision [to recall foods], and some of them maybe weren't moving as quickly in that direction as others," she says. "If the FDA could actually direct that process, I think that would be of benefit."

In addition to the requirements set down in last year's legislation, an agreement was signed in December between the U.S. and China to improve the safety of certain imported products, including pet food and treats — but the limited agreement relies primarily on China to police product safety.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Chinese producers will register with Chinese authorities, and Chinese regulators will certify that foods covered by the agreement meet U.S. standards. FDA inspectors gain broader access to Chinese production facilities, and each government must notify the other within 48 hours of any significant risks to public health.

### Some pet owners skeptical, too

Pet owners spent \$16.2 billion last year on food for their animals, according to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association. But regardless of government and industry plans and promises, last year's scare left many pet owners skeptical about pet food safety and has fueled demand for organic products and interest in homemade food.

Teri Fields of Lubbock, Texas, says the recall prompted her to never trust what she was being told about a dog food or even human food. "There are simply too many products coming into this country that can't be checked thoroughly," she says. "I am terrified at the thought of feeding my dogs something that ends up hurting them, and I think about it every time I give them a treat or

feed them dinner. It definitely continues to concern me and other dog owners that I know.”

In Seattle, Ben Huh, founder of pet Web site Itchmo, which was among the blogs that kept the pet food recall in the news, says the recall changed the way he and his wife, Emily, fed Nemo, their miniature poodle mix. “We’ve done a lot of research and we have pet food companies that we trust, but unfortunately the amount of information that’s available out there really hasn’t increased that much.”

A slog through the miles of aisles at last month’s Global Pet Expo in San Diego turned up more than 20 companies touting foods they described as natural, human-grade or organic. That’s a trend that’s been growing for several years, along with homemade foods for pets, and the recall helped it along.

“Many customers changed pet food brands after the recall and have been selecting alternatives that take a more natural approach,” says veterinary nutritionist Sally C. Perea with Davis Veterinary Medical Consulting in Davis, Calif. “We have definitely seen an increased interest in pet owners who have elected to home-cook for their pets and are seeking advice on the most appropriate way to balance a home-cooked diet.”

Among them is Sara Romans of Orlando, Fla., who has Cavalier King Charles spaniels. “Because of the recall, I started making my own food and using vitamin and mineral supplements,” she says. “I will never feel truly safe and believe much more should be done to ensure there are no more problems.”

Golden retriever owner Bob Kurtz of Fairfax, Va., gave up standard pet food and now feeds his dogs a commercial raw diet. It’s not immune from recalls — nothing in life is guaranteed, after all — but Kurtz is now much less worried about what goes into his pets’ mouths.

*Kim Campbell Thornton is an award-winning author who has written many articles and more than a dozen books about dogs and cats. She belongs to the Dog Writers Association of America and is past president of the Cat Writers Association. She shares her home in California with three Cavalier King Charles spaniels and one African ringneck parakeet.*

## 2008 Schedule Of Points

**Effective May 7, 2008**

**Fast Path: Select a division**

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### Division 1

**Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont**

	1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B
	2	2	9	9	16	15	19	20	24	28
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### Division 2

**Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania**

	1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B
	2	3	8	9	13	15	17	20	25	29
<input type="checkbox"/>										

### Division 3

**District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia**

	1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B
	2	3	9	10	15	17	21	24	31	38
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### Division 4

**Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina**

	1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B
	2	2	8	10	14	18	17	22	23	29
<input type="checkbox"/>										

### Division 5

**Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio**

	1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B
	2	2	9	10	15	17	19	22	27	32
<input type="checkbox"/>										

### Division 6

Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin

	1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B
	2	2	8	10	14	17	18	21	26	28

### Division 7

Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

	1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B
	2	2	9	11	16	19	18	24	22	34

### Division 8

Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

	1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B
	2	3	9	12	16	20	19	24	24	31

### Division 9

California

	1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B
	2	2	7	9	11	16	15	22	23	32

### Division 10

Alaska

	1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B
	2	2	7	8	11	14	12	15	13	18

### Division 11

Hawaii

	1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B
	2	2	5	8	8	13	9	14	11	15

### Division 12

Puerto Rico

	1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B
	2	2	4	4	5	5	6	6	7	7

### Division 13

Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota

	1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B
	3	2	6	6	20	20	23	23	28	28

# American Kennel Club News Article AKC Rule Change Allows Owners to Rename Their Dogs

**Date of Article:** March 25, 2008

The American Kennel Club® (AKC) is pleased to announce a registration rule change that now allows owners of AKC registered dogs to change the official name of their pet. Dogs are eligible if they were born in the U.S., have never been bred, or have not won any awards at an AKC event.

"We have a lot of interest from AKC registered dog owners looking to rename their dogs," said David Roberts, AKC's Assistant Vice President of Registration. "In most cases, the dog is a beloved pet and the owner would like to pick a name that has special value to them. The new rule allows owners to change the name when transferring their AKC registered dog, or to request a name change at any time."

Previously, a policy was in place that only allowed the owner to change a dog's name if the dog had been individually registered by its breeder and the request was accompanied by written permission from the breeder. The new regulation reads:  
*"The name of a dog registered with The American Kennel Club will be allowed to be changed provided the dog was whelped in the United States and in cases where the breeder(s) first individually registered the dog, their written consent would be required. A dog name containing a Registered Kennel Name cannot be changed without the written consent of the owner(s) of that Registered Kennel Name.*

*However, no change in the name will be recorded by The American Kennel Club after the dog has produced or sired an AKC registered litter or received an award at an AKC licensed or member event.*

*Any name change must comply with all AKC requirements."*

The service fee for a name change is \$25. The [Dog Name Change Authorization form is located online](#). The completed form can be faxed to the AKC at: 919-816-4261 or mailed to the address on the application.

SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY PRESENTS  
**FOUNDATION SKILLS NECESSARY FOR A  
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AKC ALL BREEDS • JUNE 1, 2008 • IN-DOORS • 10:00 AM–3:00 PM • LUNCH PROVIDED



**Instructor:** Acclaimed Agility Expert MaryLou Hanlon

This seminar will focus on basic skills dogs need before attempting agility obstacles. Various games will be taught to attendees to play with their dogs which will teach body awareness skills, balance, coordination, desensitization to sound and movement, reliable recalls and impulse control. This seminar is appropriate for dogs that are newbies to agility as well as those dogs that are already competing but might have substandard or slow performance due to lack of confidence or understanding when performing agility obstacles.

This seminar will be presented at MaryLou's beautiful new facility in Warren, NJ. Attendance will be limited to maximize instruction.

**The cost for one person plus one dog will be \$100.00. This will be a hands on experience and will include lunch. The cost to Audit will be \$50.00 and will include lunch.**

**For additional information about our instructor please see page 2.**

**PRE-ENTRY FORM—ENTRY DEADLINE IS MAY 1, 2008**



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

(Please check one)  Participant + Dog \$100.00  Participant + Dog + Auditor \$150.00

Auditor \$50.00 e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Dogs name \_\_\_\_\_ breed \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to SSCNNJ and mail to either:

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