



SHELTIE WISE

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

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Holiday Party Notice – Dec. 1st

Please join
us for our
Holiday
Get-together



Friday, Dec 1st, 7:30 pm
Westfield Community Center

The evening will start with a guest speaker, Dr. Scott Linick. Dr. Linick will speak on dental care

Our party will follow our speaker. So that we can get an accurate headcount, please RSVP -- Frank Milatta, 732.727.0911 or by email at frankmilatta@hotmail.com by Nov 27th.

If you wish to participate in the "Grab Bag", please bring a wrapped dog-related (min \$10.00) gift.

---Watch for more information ---

About our speaker...

Dr. Scott Linick is the owner and director of Plainfield Animal Hospital. A native of Brooklyn, New York, he has been with the Plainfield Animal Hospital since the early 1980s.



Dr. Linick attended Michigan State University and Louisiana State University. He then attended

Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine and is a Fellow of the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry.

Meeting refreshments..

December	Herb
January	Mike and Joyce
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. As you can see, we need someone for May and June. If you would like either of these, please let Herb know.

If you missed it this year, please try to mark your calendars for next year.

Upcoming events,
seminars, clinics etc.



Members ...we're planning:

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

On Dec. 10, 8:00 pm - National Geographic will be airing a program "In the Womb", of an elephant, dolphin, and golden retriever.

You can see previews on the following link:
<http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/channel/index.html>
Its fascinating!

Takes a while for the clips to load, and on some, you might have to REPLAY to get it all, but its worth it!

December 10, 2006 – Gettysburg, PA
Understanding the Notion of Motion
Presenter: Pat Craig Trotter
Sponsoring Club: Chambersburg Area Kennel Club
Contact Information:
Sandie Rolenaitis - Email: rodel@shibas.net
Phone: (717) 528-7067

January 27- 28, 2007 -- Harrisburg SSC Seminar
Myra Savant Harris --Canine Reproduction Whelping
and Puppy Intensive Care Seminar
Spring Garden Conference Ctr. Middletown, PA.
Please check the Harrisburg Shetland Sheepdog site at
www.harrisburgssc.org

Three Rivers Back to Back Specialties
Washington Cty Fairgrounds, Washington PA

February 3, 2007 - Saturday
Breed/Jrs: Roderick Thompson
Obedience: Catherine M. Thompson
Rally: Jeffrey B. Showman

February 4, 2007- Sunday
Breed/Jrs: Mrs. Marcia Bittner
Sweeps: Gini Shaw
Obedience: Jeffrey B. Showman
Rally: Catherine M. Thompson
Event Secretary: Debbie Lundy, 12 Mitchell Dr,
Pittsburg, PA 15241, phone: 412-835-4135

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

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

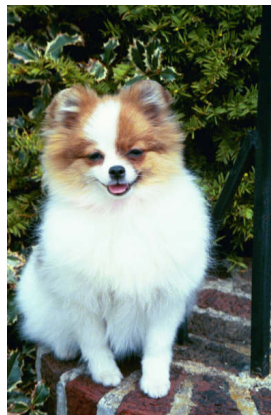
May 3, 2007 -- Piscataway, New Jersey:
Pat Hastings Puppy Puzzle Presentation / Evaluation
Seminar
Presenter: Pat Hastings
Sponsoring Club: Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of the
Garden State
Contact Information: Karen Gunzel -
Email: kgunzel@aol.com
Phone: (973) 228-4192
This will be held in conjunction with the National Specialty.

Braggs



Keara, Bobby, Ben and Solo

From Gail Taddeo....On September 6th, Bob and I adopted two blue Shelties...Solo and Ben...from Lyn Krivanek of Dundee Shelties. The co-breeder, Norene Garlock, died this past spring, so Lyn took all the Shelties home to live with her. When she e-mailed me about Norene's death, Bob and I asked if we could adopt Solo and Ben because Solo is Keara's mother and Ben is Keara's littermate brother. They are so sweet and loving and well behaved that I take them along with Keara and Bobby when we visit the nursing home every week - now there are enough little Shelties for everyone in the activities room to pet and fuss over.



From Elaine....My Pom, Meg, finished her CD at Bronx KC last Sunday in that 40 mile an hour wind. She was even blown into the gate once so the judge shortened the heeling pattern for the rest of the dogs (Meg was first). She shortened the long sit to 47 seconds and the long down to 89 seconds. In the end Meg took first place. Needless to say, I was thrilled.



This puppy is out of Aneita's last litter, she is owned by, Julie Iverson. She is by Ch. Homespun Dream Weaver OA AXJ out of Allspice Cartel Everafter "Drew".

Scientists tracking health of 9/11 search dogs

Study finds ground zero dogs didn't get as sick as human workers

The Associated Press

Updated: 4:06 p.m. ET Oct 20, 2006

NEW YORK - They dug in the toxic World Trade Center dust for survivors, and later for the dead. Their feet were burned by white-hot debris. But unlike thousands of others who toiled at ground zero after Sept. 11, these rescue workers aren't sick.

Scientists have spent years studying the health of search-and-rescue dogs that nosed through the debris at ground zero, and to their surprise, they have found no sign of major illness in the animals.

They are trying to figure out why this is so. "They didn't have any airway protection, they didn't have any skin protection. They were sort of in the worst of it," said Cynthia Otto, a veterinarian at the University of Pennsylvania, where researchers launched a study of 97 dogs five years ago.

Although many ground zero dogs have died — some of rare cancers — researchers say many have lived beyond the average life span for dogs and are not getting any sicker than average.

Owners of the dogs dispute the findings, saying there is a definite link between the toxic air and their pets' health. Otto has tracked dogs that spent an average of 10 days after the 2001 terrorist attacks at either the trade center site, the landfill in New York where most of the debris was taken, or the heavily damaged Pentagon.

As of last month, she said, 30 percent of the dogs deployed after Sept. 11 had died, compared with 22 percent of those in a comparison group of dogs who were not pressed into service. The difference was not considered statistically significant, Otto said.

But she added: "We have to keep looking." A separate study, to be published soon by a doctor at New York's Animal Medical Center, focused on about two dozen New York police dogs, and comes to similar conclusions.

The results have baffled doctors. A study released last month found that 70 percent of the people who worked at ground zero suffer severe respiratory problems; scientists thought that the dogs might have similar health problems.

Longer noses may serve as filters

The dogs' owners and scientists have many theories why dogs aren't showing the same level of illness as people. Their noses are longer, possibly serving as a filter to protect their lungs from toxic dust and other debris, they say. The dogs were at the site an average of several days, while many people who report lung disease and cancer spent months cleaning up after the attacks.

The research isn't persuasive to many owners of dogs that died after working at the trade center site.

Joaquin Guerrero, a police officer in Saginaw, Mich., took two dogs, Felony and Rookie, to ground zero for 10 days after the attacks. While Felony remains healthy, Rookie died at age 9 in 2004 of cancer of the mouth. Guerrero believes his death was caused by exposure to ground zero. "If the people are getting it, you know dogs are showing signs of it," Guerrero said.

Scott Shields' golden retriever, Bear, located the body of a fire chief and many other victims at ground zero. The 11-year-old dog died a year after the attacks of several types of cancer.

"He had never been sick a day in his life" before going to the site, where he sustained a wound to his back from steel debris, Shields said.

Shields, who heads a search-and-rescue dog foundation named after Bear, said Bear "died from bad government" and the toxic air at ground zero. He said that studies under way should have included every dog that worked at the site, and that the Penn study is flawed because it tries to compare dogs that worked at the Pentagon as well as in New York.

Otto said that some of the dogs that worked at the sites could not be found and other dogs' owners were not willing to subject their pets to annual blood tests and X-rays. Mary Flood, whose 1½-year-old black Labrador, Jake, is completely healthy five years after working at ground zero, said that dogs' much shorter life span may also make it harder to track long-term illness.

"Maybe there's not enough time to develop these things before they're no longer with us," she said.

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URL: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/15349649/>

Famous shelties.....

Am/Can/Mexican Ch/OTCH Merriley's Steely Dan Mex UD CC



“Danny” pictured at 14 ½ yrs

Blue merle, white and tan dog, birthdate November 8, 1974, breeder C. Loesch, owner Karen and Gene Dickenson

Danny had an exceptional dual career before anything was available to Shelties in fields other than conformation, obedience and tracking. Not only was he one of the few dogs to achieve Ch and OTCH status in both the US and Canada, he effectively did the same in Mexico while racking up 136 Best of Breeds, 6 of them at specialties. The photo shows him at age 14 1/2.

ONE BY ONE ...

One by One, they pass by my cage,
Too old, too worn, too broken, no way.
Way past his time, he can't run and play.
Then they shake their heads slowly and go on their way.

A little old man, arthritic and sore,
It seems I am not wanted anymore.
I once had a home, I once had a bed,
A place that was warm, and where I was fed.
Now my muzzle is gray, and my eyes slowly fail.
Who wants a dog so old and so frail?

My family decided I didn't belong,
I got in their way, my attitude was wrong.
Whatever excuse they made in their head,
Can't justify how they left me for dead.
Now I sit in this cage, where day after day,
The younger dogs get adopted away.

When I had almost come to the end of my rope,

You saw my face, and I finally had hope.
You saw thru the gray, and the legs bent with age,
And felt I still had life beyond this cage.
You took me home, gave me food and a bed,
And shared your own pillow with my poor tired head.

We snuggle and play, and you talk to me low,
You love me so dearly, you want me to know.
I may have lived most of my life with another,
But you outshine them with a love so much stronger.
And I promise to return all the love I can give,
To you, my dear person, as long as I live.

I may be with you for a week, or for years,
We will share many smiles, you will no doubt shed tears.
And when the time comes that God deems I must leave,
I know you will cry and your heart, it will grieve.
And when I arrive at the Bridge, all brand new,
My thoughts and my heart will still be with you.
And I will brag to all who will hear,
Of the person who made my last days so dear.

Cleaning out your File Cabinet

The AKC file needs to be kept 5 years after the dog is gone. Receipts for stuff that you deducted on your US federal tax return should be kept for 3 years after you file the return.

Re: Avocado warning

The following has been forwarded with permission from Breeder's Choice, a California based Company that produces Avoderm Dog Food which includes avocado as one of its primary ingredients. (I took this from the Sheltie Breeder's yahoo group.)

The ASPCA avocado warnings come out every couple of months, and out of concern for pet safety, the alert is generalized to all avocado use.

When contacted regarding the statements posted on the ASPCA website, Dana Farbman, CVT of the ASPCA, responded with the information below:

The toxic potential of foods and other products formulated with avocado is a difficult question to answer definitively, because we do not know specifically how avocados are processed for these foods, what types of avocado(s) are used, or what minimum dose of the toxic principle results in clinical effects. Therefore, we are at this time not comfortable making an overall pet safety assessment on avocado containing products.

In some cases, there may be reason to warrant such a general statement, but be assured that in the 25 years that AvoDerm has been sold, and the millions of pets that have

eaten our food worldwide over those years (most of them throughout their entire lifetime), we have never witnessed any negative reaction from the avocado in dogs or cats.

The following is from an email from Dr. Guy Witney, Director of Industry Affairs of the California Avocado Commission:

In spite of the very occasional and almost always indirect reports of avocado toxicity to dogs and cats there is a huge body of evidence to the contrary. There are several pet food formulations containing avocado on the market and these are being fed to hundreds of thousands of dogs every day world-wide with no reported problems. Also, in California there are around 7,000 family farmers who grow avocados and almost every one has dogs that actively seek out fruit that has fallen from the trees to snack on. The happy, well-filled out and shiny-coated orchard dog is a familiar sight to anyone in this industry and we have NEVER had a report of a family orchard dog getting sick from eating avocados. Also, the US Forest Service and UC Santa Barbara are about to publish a paper on the importance of avocado orchards in California to sustaining carnivore populations (bears, coyotes, mountain lions, foxes and small cats) during drought conditions. All of these animals are known to eat the protein and nutrient rich fruit that has fallen from trees.

Now birds are a different creature and it IS known that avocados are toxic to birds. Avocado leaves are known to be toxic to horses. Avocado seeds (pits) are NOT edible and are toxic to animals.

The next information is to clarify our process on the use and manufacturing of avocado:

Each AvoDerm formula includes Avocado oil. The avocado oil is full of vitamins A, C, D, E and B6. Avocados are also rich in potassium, niacin, essential fatty acids and many other nutrients essential to good skin and coat health. Avocados have zero cholesterol, very little sodium, and are high in monounsaturated fats, the same kind found in olive oil.

The process of removing the oil from the avocado is a lengthy process. Briefly, this process begins by washing the ripened fruit, removing any dirt or unwanted substances that may have collected on the skin. The fruit is then cut in half and the pit is removed. The oil is separated through mechanical extraction, using a centrifuge that rotates at 400 cycles per second. This process separates the pulp and skin, leaving a golden green liquid full of natural goodness.

I hope this information is useful, and has helped to alleviate some of your concerns. Feel free to contact if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,
Breeder's Choice

The RABIES CHALLENGE

Greetings All!

Some big news for **The Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust**: thanks to graphic designer, Andrea Brin, it now has its own website at <http://www.rabieschallengefund.org/>. If you read the text of the press release below, you'll see the other big news is that **Dr. Ronald Schultz** of the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine has volunteered his time to conduct the 5 and 7 year canine rabies challenge studies. If you recall, Dr. Schultz's research forms part of the scientific base for the American Animal Hospital Association's 2003 and 2006 Canine Vaccine Guidelines. The December 2006/January 2007 (Vol. 8, Issue 6) *Animal Wellness Magazine* features an article by Ann Brightman on the RCF entitled, *How Often Does He REALLY Need a Rabies Shot?*

Since last year, **Dr. W. Jean Dodds**, of Hemopet and Co-Trustee of The Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust, and her staff have donated their time to ensure these vital studies are conducted for the benefit of our canine companions.

We hope you'll join us in this effort, too!

Regards, Kris L. Christine
Founder, Co-Trustee
The Rabies Challenge Fund
<http://www.rabieschallengefund.org/>

World-Famous Scientists Donate Services to The Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust

Two world-renowned giants of veterinary vaccine research -- **Dr. W. Jean Dodds** of **Hemopet** and Co-Trustee of The Rabies Challenge Fund and **Dr. Ronald Schultz** of the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine -- have volunteered their time to ensure that critical 5 and 7 year rabies challenge studies are conducted in the United States. The studies are to be financed by **The Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust**, a tax-exemption organization founded by pet vaccine disclosure advocate Kris L. Christine of Maine in 2005, and will be performed by Dr. Schultz at the University of Wisconsin. The University has waived its usual 48% overhead fee for these studies.

The concurrent challenge studies will determine the duration of immunity conveyed by the canine rabies vaccine, with the goal of extending the state-mandated interval for boosters to 5, and then to 7 years. According to Dr. Dodds, *"This is one of the most important projects in veterinary medicine. It will benefit all dogs by providing evidence that protection from rabies vaccination lasts at*

least 5 years, thereby avoiding unnecessary revaccination with its attendant risk of debilitating adverse reactions. "

Scientific data indicate that vaccinating dogs against rabies every three years, as most states require, is unnecessary. Studies have shown the duration of protective immunity as measured by serum antibody titers against rabies virus to persist for seven years post-vaccination, and results of a 1992 French challenge study led by Michel Aubert demonstrated dogs were immune to rabies five years after vaccination. Researchers believe the rabies vaccine causes the most and worst adverse reactions in animals and concur that it should not be given more often than is necessary to maintain immunity. Adverse reactions to rabies vaccination can include autoimmune diseases affecting the thyroid, joints, blood, eyes, skin, kidney, liver, bowel and central nervous system; anaphylactic shock; aggression; seizures; epilepsy; and fibrosarcomas at injection sites.

Dr. Schultz states that *"showing that a vaccine for rabies can provide 5 or preferably 7 years of immunity would have great significance not only in controlling rabies but more importantly in reducing the adverse vaccine reactions that can occur in dogs and cats after vaccination."*

More information on The Rabies Challenge Fund and the concurrent 5 and 7 year challenge studies it will finance can be found at the fund's newly established website designed by volunteer Andrea Brin at: www.rabieschallengefund.org.

To date, the following breed clubs, along with many pet owners, trainers, breeders, and kennel owners have contributed to The Rabies Challenge Fund:

Akita Club of America
American Shih Tzu Club
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley
Bernese Mountain Club of SE Wisconsin
Capital City Cocker Club
Chesapeake, Virginia Dog Fanciers Association
Collie Club of Georgia
Dog Agility Racing Team of Chino
Great River Stockdog Club
Heart of Minnesota Great Dane Club
Kennel Club of Buffalo
Kerry Blue Terrier Foundation
Kishwaukee Kennel Club
Kuvasz Fanciers of America
Lehigh Valley Kennel Club
Miniature Schnauzer Club of Southern California
Northern Illinois Schutzhund Club
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club of Canada
Pacific NW Jack Russell Terrier Rescue Network
Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier Club
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America
Standard Schnauzer Club of Southern California
Wachusett Kennel Club
Evergreen Empire Manchester Terrier Fanciers



*If we don't see you at the
December party,
We'd like to wish a happy and safe
holiday season.*

**Mark your calendars for our
January meeting!**

**The meeting will be on
January 5th. Our guest
speaker will be Donna Polar
on Reiki Presentation.**

**Have you been looking for a
vWD Clinic?
Our club is hosting a month
long clinic in March!**

More info to follow!

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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