



SHELTIE WISE

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

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Meeting Notice – Oct 5, 2007

The next meeting of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of No. NJ will be held on Friday, Oct 5, 7:30 pm at the Westfield Community Center.

This is the last meeting before our specialty. We will also be voting in our officers.



We hope that everyone will try to attend. Guests are welcome. Directions to the site are on our website.

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Don't forget your items for our Fall Specialty "Raffle" that will be held at our Specialty! Please bring them to the October Meeting.

The Proposed Slate of Officers

The nominating committee proposes the following slate of officers for 2007-2008:

President	Herb O'Brien
Vice President	Donna Colletti
Treasurer	Ursula Dudek
Corresponding Sec	Joyce Oscar
Recording Sec	Elaine Wishnow
Board:	Aneita Frey
	Mike Oscar

In order to vote you must be up-to-date on your dues.

In case you may have forgotten here's a reminder that dues are by Oct 1st

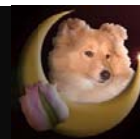
If you haven't paid your dues, please send them to Ursula Dudek.

2007-2008 REFRESHMENTS

The following people have offered to bring refreshments to the meetings:

October	Joyce and Di
November	Herb – Pizza
Dec	Frank and Melvin
Jan	Ronnie and Larry
Feb	Irene
Mar	Cathy and Lisa
April	Pat
May	
June	
Sept	Tina

Upcoming events, seminars, clinics etc.



The Total Dog presents

Myra Savant-Harris, RN

Sunday January 27, 2008 - Time 9-5

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Continental Breakfast and Lunch included

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\$135. at Door

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CRIES.... They are gone from our sight,
but never our memory.

Aneita said goodbye to her Tiger daughter,
Daisy, and

Pat said goodbye to
Poko. He just turned 10
in June.



For both Aneita and
myself, this was a
difficult summer.

BRAGS...

From Paul Allen.... Whitney (the tri) and Rainey (the blue) made the Guinness Book of World Records. This past Saturday they participated in a charity event at Mt. Pleasant in East Hanover. A total of 153 dogs participating in a "Long Sit & Down" for two minutes. This set a record for the largest number of dogs (all from NJ). The World Record 2 min Sit and Down had 628 dogs participating.



I sent a picture of Meg getting her RE in three straight shows and Ginger (my B'Lana daughter) getting her RN.

At the same show
Abigail, my 15 mos old
Pom got her second RE leg.



We also had a wonderful time at the AKC Dog Responsibility day. We were located right next to the Sheltie table. We had many visitors and the day turned out to be nice weatherwise. Elaine

Song of the Sheltie

(author unknown)

Come with me and we will roam
back to the days of so long ago.
Cross the seas to the hills of Shetland,
come with me to this magic island.

All the creatures grow so small,
a child would even feel so tall.
From this land and the hands of gods,
come the Shetland Sheepdogs.

From this Island they did sail,
to the mainland to the dales.
Their beauty left the people breathless
their souls they say were heaven blessed.

A true companion proud and smart,
a lot of love from an honest heart
From this land and the hands of gods
come the Shetland Sheepdogs

Close your eyes and dream awhile,
in the land of the magic isle.
with your sheltie by your side,
dream on.

Now in the morning he'll be there,
watching you with love and care.
Close your eyes go to sleep,
in the land of the Shelties.

All the creatures grow so small,
a child would even feel so tall.
From this land and the hands of gods,
come the Shetland Sheepdogs.

An Industry Fades, but Its Dogs Carry On



Max Whittaker for The New York Times

Kate, a border collie, running the course at the sheepdog trials at the Mendocino County Fair.

BOONVILLE, Calif., Sept. 16 — Sheep were an important part of this rural Northern California region after it was settled in the 1850s. But in the last 30 years or so, most local sheep ranchers have been driven out of business by the rising cost of land, predators, the changing American palate and global competition.

Since 1945, the number of sheep in the United States has fallen to 7 million from 46 million, said Megan Wortman, marketing director of the American Lamb Board. With an influx of hobbyists, however, sheepdog trials are a popular vestige of ranching life, especially here at the Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show.

“In the 1980s, I would see one or two handlers out of 25 who weren’t ranchers,” said William Slaven, of Yolo County. At this year’s Mendocino fair finals, Mr. Slaven, 79, was one of only two ranchers competing. He and his hard-driving border collie, Roy, herd 500 sheep — down from 1,500 after a pasture fire last year.

Roy and Mr. Slaven took third place at the fair, bested by Tess and her owner, Colleen Duncan, an accountant, and ultimately by Nell, a scruffy red-and-white border collie, and his handler, Ms. Duncan’s husband, Darrell Duncan, who won a belt buckle nearly as big as a hubcap. “This sure beats working at the office,” said Mr. Duncan, an architect.

Trials test the agility of handler and animal. In these parts, a handler whistles or calls his dog but cannot use hand signals. Dogs have 10 minutes to stalk, run and eye three sheep through an obstacle course of slatted panels and a Y-shaped plywood chute and into a distant pen. “It’s like a three-way dance,” said Ms. Duncan. The Duncans own 8 dogs and 30 sheep.

Working dogs are still used to move flocks of sheep. But for the hobbyists, sheep serve a different purpose: “An awful lot of us now only have sheep to entertain our dogs,” said a finalist here, Jack Mathieson, a systems analyst.

Grant Colfax, who was home-schooled in Boonville and now works as San Francisco’s director of H.I.V. prevention and research, described the sheepdog trials as “a moment where everything seems to be in balance.” As he stood in front of football bleachers, where more than 1,000 fans cheered the dogs and their handlers at the center of a bowl of bucolic hills, Dr. Colfax said: “It’s what everyone wants America to look like. It’s an illusion we all collectively embrace.”

In the 1940s, there were 300,000 sheep in Mendocino County, said John Harper, a livestock and natural resources

adviser at the [University of California](#) Cooperative Extension at Ukiah. Today, there are no more than 14,000.

Americans’ attitude toward lamb changed after 1945, when soldiers overseas, fed partly cooked mutton, became sick and returned home telling their wives, “ ‘Just don’t feed me lamb,’ ” Mr. Harper said.

The annual per-capita consumption of lamb has tumbled to one pound today from a high of six pounds in the late ’40s, said Ms. Wortman of the lamb board.

Since that era, higher and higher land prices in this region have persuaded many ranchers to sell their acreage, often to grape growers. Those who remain must be innovative to survive.

With his three-legged dog, Archie, Bruce Campbell, from Sonoma County, won the state sheepdog trials championship in the mid-1970s, when he owned 2,500 sheep. Today, he has 200.

Raising sheep became harder after 1972, when President [Richard M. Nixon](#), in an effort to protect wildlife, banned a poison that had been used to kill coyotes, among the deadliest of sheep predators.

Still, Mr. Campbell persevered, selling his lamb to Whole Foods and other markets until they switched to cheaper lamb from New Zealand and Australia, which lack major predators.

“For someone not as stubborn as I, that would have been the last lap,” he said. Instead, he has found a niche market, selling lamb without hormones or antibiotics to the acclaimed chef Wolfgang Puck and other clients. Gary and Wanda Johnson, who supplied the sheep for Sunday’s trials, own 200. They had 4,000 in the 1970s, before coyotes destroyed much of their flock and before imported lamb flooded the market in the 1990s.

A fourth-generation rancher, Mr. Johnson and his wife, who was 9 when she began competing in sheepdog trials, have full-time jobs to supplement their income.

California remains one of the largest producers of lamb, although ranching has shifted to the central and southern parts, where land is flat, fenced and less expensive.

But once a year, sheepdog fans in Mendocino County celebrate the past.

When Mr. Slaven’s dog Roy failed to urge three sheep through the chute, the crowd sighed. When Roy eyed the sheep backward into the pen, fans roared. “That dog is intimidating the sheep with his eyes,” said an approving Tom Trent, a carpenter and one of the finalists.

Besides Mr. Slaven, the only other sheep rancher to compete this year was Gordon Contival, 80, who has so few sheep left that his wife calls him a hobbyist. A third-generation rancher, Mr. Contival survives by selling directly to customers. He said the offspring of his fifth-generation border collie, Kate, will work as herders, but none of his six children have chosen to follow him into the sheep ranching business.



AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day in New York City

Saturday, September 15, 2007

The 5th Annual AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day was held at Madison Square Park in Manhattan on Saturday, September 15. The free event welcomed all of New York City's dogs and their owners for an afternoon of demonstrations, AKC Canine Good Citizen testing, discounted microchipping, giveaways and so much more! Over 20,000 dog lovers were treated to an incomparable educational experience and information generously provided by our sponsors.

Parent Clubs participated in Meet the Breeds with displays, hand outs and members who were available to answer questions regarding their breed.

Our club was represented by Donna (who organized the event), Herb, Cathy, Sylvyette, Jessica, Sylvyette's 3 shelties and Donna's Truffles. It was a beautiful day and everyone had a great time. Next year, we can organize a car pool and get more members to participate.



Here
are a
few photos





What Veterinary Credentials Mean

When searching for a veterinarian or reading one of your veterinarian's business cards, you may come across quite a list of abbreviations for veterinary credentials. These abbreviations are worth knowing and understanding, because they can show you what special training and skills a veterinarian has to offer you and your pet. So if it seems like your veterinarian has the whole alphabet following her name, you can use this key to help you decode it all.

DVM

This degree stands for doctor of veterinary medicine. People with DVM degrees have graduated from US veterinary schools and earned a doctorate, which is required to practice veterinary medicine. Most veterinarians in the US are DVMs.

VMD

This is a doctoral degree just like the DVM, but it comes from the University of Pennsylvania. The university calls its degree a veterinary medical doctorate and abbreviates it as such.

Diplomate

After earning their veterinary doctoral degrees, some veterinarians go on to do more extensive work in a specialty. They may do scientific research, earning a Master of Science degree (MS) or another doctorate (PhD). Or, they may become certified by a specialty board. To become certified, veterinarians need to become educated in a specialty, pass a qualifying examination, and meet any of the board's other requirements for acceptance into the specialty college. Once they've done all this, they become diplomates of the specialty board.

Board-certified specialists show their diplomate status with the abbreviation dipl. and the name of the organization (dipl. ABVP) or, more commonly, with the capital letter D before the name of the organization (DABVP). If your pet has a complicated or difficult health problem, your veterinarian may refer you to a diplomate of one of the following organizations.

ABVP-American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. These are veterinarians with expertise in clinical practice.

ACT-American College of Theriogenologists. These veterinarians specialize in reproductive medicine.

ACVA-American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists

ACVB-American College of Veterinary Behaviorists

ACVD-American College of Veterinary Dermatology

ACVECC-American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care

ACVIM-American College of Veterinary Internal

Medicine. This college includes veterinarians in the specialties of internal medicine, cardiology, neurology, and oncology.

ACVPM-American College of Veterinary Preventative Medicine

ACVN-American College of Veterinary Nutrition

ACVR-American College of Veterinary Radiology

ACVS-American College of Veterinary Surgeons

ACVO-American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists

AVDC-American Veterinary Dental College

Supplemental/Alternative Medical Credentials

CH-Certified Herbalist

DC-Doctor of Chiropractic

ND-Doctor of Naturopathy

CVA-Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist

Technicians

You may notice that the veterinary technicians at your animal hospital have credentials after their names as well. The initials CVT, RVT, and LVT- which stand for certified veterinary technician, registered veterinary technician, and licensed veterinary technician-all signify that a technician has earned a degree from an accredited veterinary technician school.

If you haven't memorized these credentials, don't worry. There are a wide range of specialty fields in veterinary medicine, and you don't need to know them all. If your pet should happen to need specialized care, your veterinarian knows how to find the person best trained to help you.

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**SEVENTH AKC/EUKANUBA NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP TO PREMIERE
FEBRUARY 2, 2008**

-- Simulcast on Animal Planet and Discovery Channels On
Super Bowl Weekend --

New York, NY (September 25, 2007) -- The American Kennel Club and Eukanuba announced today that the seventh annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will premiere as a simulcast on Animal Planet and Discovery Channel Saturday, February 2, 2008. Check your local listings to confirm air times.

The event will once again be held in Long Beach, CA in conjunction with the AKC Agility Invitational and the AKC National Obedience Invitational, showcasing a multitude of canine talents under one roof. In total nearly 3,000 of the world's top dogs will vie for honors on December 1 and 2, 2007. The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship awards a total of \$225,000, including \$50,000 to the Best in Show winner.

This year the event will also feature the inaugural Eukanuba World Challenge. This exciting new international competition will feature the top dogs from 40 countries and is the first event of its kind.

"This Super Bowl weekend air date is appropriate considering that the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship is the Super Bowl of dog shows within the world of dog sports," said Michael Canalizo, Director of AKC Event Management. "With the top show dogs plus the nation's most athletic and obedient canines -- and now the top international competitors -- we are gearing up for the most exciting event yet."

The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will repeat multiple times following the premiere. Visit our web site <http://www.akc.org/events/tvschedule.cfm> for a complete list of air dates.

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