

Centennial Shetland Sheepdog Club of Greater Denver



The Colorado Sheltie

March 2007

Calendar of Events	Shows and Meetings
<p>UPCOMING MATCHES & OTHER EVENTS</p> <p>March 10-11 -Colorado Family Pet Expo Colorado Convention Center, Denver www.PetColorado.com</p> <p>April 1-Arapahoe KC all-breed match (including J.S., Obed., Rally)Douglas County FG, Castle Rock Registration 8 a.m. with 9:30 a.m. judging (303) 940-1707 or (303) 403-0386</p> <p>April 1-Plum Creek KC B/OB Match (including J.S., Obed, Rally, CGC Testing) Douglas County FG, Castle Rock Registration 11 a.m. with 1 p.m. judging</p> <p>April 13- Terry-All KC "B" Match Adams County FG Exhibition Building, Brighton Registration 4 p.m. with 6 p.m. judging (or one half hour after the specialties are over, whichever is later.) (303) 444-6403</p> <p>Where all of the normal sheltie images? Still working on get them in future newsletters. If you have any good non-copyrighted sheltie images please send them to the editor.</p>	<p>Next Club Function Speciality Show and Obedience Trial</p> <p>March 17th and 18th see Page 4 for more details - Entry Conformations should be mailed about the same time as the newsletter.</p> <p>Members please bring finger food to share each day. Help is always appreciated as well.</p> <p>Show and March meeting to take place at 4-H Multi-Purpose Building 5804 S. Datura St. Littleton, CO 80210(see map on last page)</p> <p>Next meeting is March 24th at 7:30 p.m. Guests are always welcome;members are expected. The hostesses are: Judy Rayburn & Natli VanDerWerken Mini Moments: Feet - Jan Leonard Program: Grooming / coat care - Judy Rayburn and Sheri John CSSC President:Judy Rayburn email: rayburn7@comcast.net Corresponding Secretary: Bev Muhlenhaupt, 7274 South Chase Way, Littleton, CO 80128, 303-979-8998, tracerville@earthlink.net Editor: David Engel 2545 South Clayton St. Denver CO 80210 email: editor@sheltieclub.galatin-castle.com</p>

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Newsletter Deadline is the first of each month.

We are pleased to send a complimentary issue of THE COLORADO SHELTYE to those who are interested. We hope this service will lead to your subscribing or joining CSSC. To subscribe: make check (\$12.50 payable to CSSC and send to editor, address above. To inquire about joining, please attend the next meeting or function of the club and ask for a membership application. If you already subscribe please check the mailing label/reminder for expiration date.

Calendar of Events

Presidents Corner

UPCOMING CLUB PROGRAMS

March 24-Program - Grooming Mini Moments - Feet

April 28-Program - Whelping Mini Moments - Skull

May 19- Program - Register Of Merit Shelties Mini Moments - Teeth & Bites

June 23-Program - Standard of the Breed Mini Moments - Body

AREA SHOWS

March 31, April - Scottsbluff KC, Mitchell, NE j. Barbara Alderman & Arley Hussin Closes March 14. Onofrio.

April 1 - ASSA Herding, WA
April 2 - ASSA Obedience, Rally, OR
April 3 - ASSA Agility, OR
 Closes March 5. Sharon Johnson, Show Secretary.

April 2-7 - ASSA, Albany, OR j. David Calderwood, Daniel Wheatcroft, Linda More, Susan Beacham
 Closes March 5. Onofrio.

April 6, 7, 8 - Hutchinson, Salina, Wichita KC, Valley Center, KS j. Judith Park, Dany Canino, Dorothy Collier Closes March 21. Onofrio.

April 14, 15 - Terry-All KC, Brighton, CO j. Melanie Williams, Sharon Redmer Closes March 28. Onofrio.

May 2 - Utah SSA back-to-back specialties, South Jordan, UT j. Glenda Henson, Kim Schive (limit 100) Closes April 11. Jim Newman, Show Secretary

May 3, 4 - Intermountain KC, South Jordan, UT j. Robert Piccirillo, Fran McNamee Closes April 18. Onofrio.

May 5, 6 - Utah Valley KC, South Jordan, UT j. George Heitzman, Don Rogers Closes April 18. Onofrio.

May 12, 13 - Rio Grande KC, Albuquerque, NM Closes April 25. Onofrio.

Our meeting of February 24th was well attended by members and guests. The food as usual was excellent! We do have many wonderful cooks in our club. Thank you, Sheri for the fantastic job on the awards. We had a few awards for last year, congratulations to all the recipients!

Boy, does time fly or what!! We will have our Specialty on March 17 & 18. I appreciate all of you that are helping make this a special weekend as well as a successful one for CSSC. We will set up on Friday evening around 6:30 p.m., please come when you can. As always Bev Sack is in charge of our raffle table, she has asked that we bring our items on Friday evening. We have some really neat items already. I can not wait to see what creative items we will have this year. Tickets once again will be sold by the stretch for \$20.00, which seems to be a favorite. We need finger food for our food table both days. The club will furnish beverages for both days. I am looking forward to a weekend of showing and spending time with our "Sheltie Family".

Our next meeting will be Saturday, March 24th. Our mini moments will be presented by Jan Leonard on feet. Program will be on grooming, specifically on coat care and products. Sheri John and I will be doing this program. I would like for everyone that is interested and wants to participate to bring a table, your grooming box and a dog. We will have a fun time with this program. Hopefully we will all learn something and we will be taking home a groomed dog. Natli and I will be hostesses for this evening. I hope everyone will plan to attend.

The ASSA National is fast approaching. Sunday, April 1st is move in day along with herding. Monday, April 2nd will be Futurity, Obedience and Rally. Tuesday will be Agility and the Symposium and visiting hours in the evening. Wednesday, breeding judging will begin. Saturday will be Junior handling competition and Best of Breed judging. This is just a little of the scheduled events. I hope that everyone that will be attending will have a great time and a successful National.

"GOOD LUCK" to everyone participating at

CSSC's Thirty-ninth & Fortieth Specialties and the ASSA National.

Until next time: "HUG YOUR SHELTIES"

. *Judy*

Calendar of Events	AKC NOTES
<p>AREA SHOWS May 18, 19, 20 - Durango KC, Cortez, CO Closes May 2. Onofrio</p> <p>May 18 - Greater Kansas City SSC, Gardner, KS j. Mrs. L. Millman Closes May 2. Becky Ellis, Show Secretary</p> <p>May 19, 20 - Sunflower KC of Olathe, KS, Gardner, KS j. Neena Van Camp, Tom Kilcullen Closes May 2. Onofrio.</p> <p>May 25, 26 - Central Wyoming KC, Casper, WY j. Jon Cole, Dr. Klaus Anselm Closes May 9. Onofrio.</p> <p>May 27, 28 - Laramie KC, Laramie, WY Closes May 9. Onofrio.</p> <p>June 2, 3 - Flatirons KC, Longmont, CO j. Janet Sinclair, Roberta Davies Closes May 16. Onofrio.</p> <p>June 9, 10 - Colorado Springs KC, Colorado Springs, CO j. Susan Godek, Arlene Rubenstein Closes May 23. Onofrio.</p> <p>June 30, July 1 - new dates for Buckhorn Valley KC, Loveland, CO. More details later.</p>	<p>A letter from AKC to all AKC clubs notes a revision (effective April 1,2007) to the Show/Trial Manual which addresses exercise area requirements at shows. All-breed shows must have a minimum of two ex-pens (min. 48 sq. ft.) and provide a number of ex-pens based on the number of entries, and also if the show is indoors or outdoors (fewer ex-pens required for outdoor shows). In case of inclement weather, at least two ex-pens must be under cover.</p> <p>Specialty shows must have a minimum of two exercise pens suitable to the size of the breed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">☆☆☆</p> <p>The Companion Events Department is inquiring of all clubs if there is any interest in the AKC developing and holding an AKC International Obedience Invitational, and asks for responses by March 15, 2007. The AKC Board has adopted the International Class, which becomes effective on January 1, 2008, as a non-regular class/event (contains Open and Utility exercises), and notes that the class was designed as a prelude to test its popularity and the possibility of its eventual growth into an AKC International Obedience Competition to be held in the United States.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">☆☆☆</p> <p>At the February meeting of the AKC Board of Directors, an update of the Mixed Breed Dog Listing Project was presented. AKC is asking for input on allowing mixed breeds to compete in performance events at all-breed, specialty and/or national specialty events, and asked that those individuals interested to please complete (before March 31) the 27 question survey found at: http://www.akc.org/mixedbreed_survey (survey takes about five minutes).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">☆☆☆</p> <p>Also at the February meeting, the Board adopted the recommendations from Staff regarding eligibility requirements for holding shows. Each specialty, group, and all-breed dog club that does not hold a benched show must meet certain criteria to be eligible to hold an AKC show in order that every effort be made to introduce the sport of dogs to new exhibitors and make them feel welcome at AKC events. A statement of compliance would also needed to be filed before the event is approved.</p> <p>Every club applying to hold a show must host at least one activity from List A if holding a show within ten miles of the club territory (and two activities if the show is not within ten miles of the club territory). Such activities are: AKC Sanctioned Match, CGC Test, Public Education Program, other educational or outreach programs.</p> <p>Every show-giving club must also conduct and document at least two of the eleven activities on List B (four activities if show held ten miles beyond club's territory). Activities are: training classes open to the public, breeder referral service, educational programs at meetings, dog show tours, handler seminars or workshops, new exhibitor briefing, opportunity for provisional judges, AKC show committee seminars, disaster planning, meet the breeds exhibit, or a health clinic.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">☆☆☆</p> <p>For those interested in mentors for ringside observation, the AKC qualifications to be a mentor are: Any mentor approved by a parent club. Breeders or exhibitors with 12 years of experience. Judges who have been judging the breed for 12 years with regular status.</p>



**Thirty-Ninth & Fortieth
Specialty Show & Obedience Trial**
For Shetland Sheepdogs only
Saturday, March 17, & Sunday, March 18, 2007

**Arapahoe County 4-H Building
5804 South Datura Street
Littleton, Colorado 80210**

**ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY, noon,
February 28th, 2007**

Judges

Saturday, March 17, 2007

Breed & Junior Showmanship Judith C. Kelsey
Obedience Ms. Susan R. Oviatt
Sweepstakes Mrs. Jolene Segelke

Sunday, March 18, 2007

Breed & Junior Showmanship Mr. George Danforth
Obedience Pat Maynard
Sweepstakes Mr. Doug Johnson

ENTRY FEES: Including \$.50 AKC recording fee and \$1.50 AKC Event Service Fee where applicable.
\$ 21.50 for first entry in Breed or Obedience
\$15.50 for puppy class, bred by, junior showmanship, additional entry (same dog) and all non regular classes
\$9.00 for Sweepstakes

Contact Show Secretary for premium list or questions.

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CSSC REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 24, 2007

Following a great banquet dinner and a lovely awards presentation by Sheri John, the meeting was opened at 8:00 p.m. by President Judy Rayburn.

There were twenty members and six guests present.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President Judy Rayburn thanked everyone for cards received following the death of her husbands mother.

Recording Secretary Bev Sack asked for approval of the October minutes after correcting Beverly Muhlenhaupt's birthday congratulations from 700 years to only 70 years and a correction for Beverly Muhlenhaupt as Corresponding Secretary, not Bev Sack. A motion by Beverly Muhlenhaupt and a second by Kelley Harris to accept the corrected minutes passed. Bev Sack then asked for approval of the December minutes after a correction of a motion by Denise Brown to hold the Awards banquet in April and reported as passing, corrected to read, after discussion it was passed by membership to hold the Awards Banquet on February 24th. A motion by Toni Pomasl and a second by Cathy McMullins to accept the corrected minutes passed.

Corresponding Secretary Beverly Muhlenhaupt read thank you notes from Colorado Sheltie Rescue and Cathy McMullins. She received the ASSA Bulletin Board, two trophy catalogs and information on a new business, Puppy Love Suds and Snacks, located across from Kennedy Golf Course.

Beverly received a letter from Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs requesting the annual dues of seventy five dollars. The CDFA web site is

www.Coloradofederationofdogclubs.org

Received from AKC;

1. Letter regarding use of two ex-pens at Specialty shows to become effective April 1, 2007.
2. Letter soliciting information regarding the AKC developing and holding an AKC International Obedience Invitational with responses needed by March 15, 2007.
3. An e-mail from James Crowley seeking input on the subject of possibly expanding mixed breed dog participation in AKC companion events (agility, obedience, rally and tracking with spayed and neutered dogs.) The survey is available at <http://www.akc.org/mixedbreed--survey/> The survey is to be completed by March 31, 2007.
4. Board approved a staff proposal that every dog club not holding a benched show must meet certain criteria to maintain it's eligibility to hold shows (and file the Statement of Compliance.)

A.) If within ten miles of Club's territory, one item from list of activities from category A; two items if more than ten miles.

B.) Two activities from Category B if within ten miles; four activities if more than ten miles.

This will possibly become effective in 2009. Beverly also received a letter from Chase Bank that the clubs savings account had no activity. The Board directed Beverly Muhlenhaupt to withdraw two hundred dollars, which was done.

Treasurer Natli VanDerWerken submitted the treasurer's report. A copy is attached.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Newsletter Committee consisting of Jan Leonard, Beverly Muhlenhaupt, David Engel, Jennifer Newman, and Natli VanDerWerken have devised a new and improved way of publishing the newsletter. All information for the newsletter will be e-mailed to David Engel and Jennifer Newman, who will format and mail the newsletter. Deadline for items will be the first of each month. Beverly Muhlenhaupt will send a calendar of CSSA events, match and show results and calendar of events. Jan Leonard will send history of the club and an overview of programs. Natli VanDerWerken will submit legislative items. David will send out an e-mail with the newsletter e-mail address. The newsletter will be available before the tenth of each month. There was a discussion on e-mailing the newsletter to those interested in receiving it that way, thereby reducing postage costs. The newsletter will also be available on the web site, which will be available soon.

Awards Judy Rayburn thanked Sheri John for the awards banquet.

ASSA Liaison Beverly Muhlenhaupt sent column to ASSA Bulletin Board for regional Roundup section. She listed newly elected officers and directors, plus general information about upcoming events. Beverly reported there is one more 2004 ASSA handbook available. Also one 2005 reservation for handbook.

Fun Match will be chaired by Jan Leonard and Toni Pomasl.

Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs meeting was February 10th, attended by Jan Leonard. She reported a town meeting of HSUS held in Lakewood, Co. Jan reported there are

bills the lobbyists are watching. Along with Ed Perlmutter, there were several delegates and officers of CDFA attending. They are setting a meeting in April with Ed Perlmutter to explain their goals. The HSUS and HSLF town meeting was held to discuss pre-legislative seminars with Ed Perlmutter. People from New Mexico also attended. New Mexico is considering a mandatory spay and neuter bill. They made a donation to CDFA.

AKC sent a letter to CDFA asking for input on issues to be brought before the senate.

Jan asked everybody to go to their local government website and check on legislative issues concerning animals.

Equipment Steve Leonard reported the mats and baby gates have been moved to a climate controlled storage unit. The monthly cost has been reduced from fifty four dollars a month to twenty nine dollars monthly.

Hospitality Denise Brown thanked everyone for phone calls and cards received following her recent surgery.

Judges Jan Leonard said that Susan Beardlee has volunteered to transport the Specialty Judges. The judges will stay at Hotel Denver in the tech center. There will be a continental breakfast furnished them by the hotel. George Danforth will stay in a hotel close to DIA for the last night. Shuttle transportation by the hotel will be furnished. Jan showed the judges gifts of glass.

Membership Bev Sack read the second reading for membership by Sharlene DeFee Rubenstein. She was approved and welcomed as a new member.

Programs Jan Leonard presented a list of programs for the year. Susan Beardslee has reserved a meeting room at Romano's restaurant in Littleton for the Christmas dinner and party on December 15th, 2007. The restaurant is located at Windermere and Littleton Boulevard.

Public Education Bevely Muhlenhaupt has renewed the CGC evaluator stratus for two more years, expiring on February 28, 2009. The fifth annual AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day events are being planned for both New York City and Raleigh, NC on September 15, 2007.

2007 Specialty Show Judy Rayburn reported we still need donations for ribbons and rosettes. Sheri John reported all trophies for breed have been filled, but we are short on obedience and Junior Showmanship trophies. Sheri reported needing donations for rosettes and asked members to pay for their donated trophies.

The set up for the Specialty will be on Friday, March 16th at 6:30p.m. All members are requested to assist.

There will be a finger food table for both days of the Specialty. All members are expected to donate food items.

Entries for the specialty will close on February 28th.

Trophies A motion was made by Jan Leonard and seconded by Steve Leonard that CSSC will donate BOW trophies to Plum Creek all breed shows. Steve asked for dis-

cussion, saying that we have slighted obedience and asked for the motion to be amended to include a trophy for High Scoring Sheltie at Mountain States. Jan amended t

Jan amended her original motion to include High Scoring Sheltie at Mtn. States. The motion passed.

Ways and Means upon recommendation of the board, a motion was made by Beverly Muhlenhaupt and seconded by Steve Leonard to order seventy five calendars for 2008. Motion passed.

Fred John said Wal-Mart needs our tax-exempt number for supplies or donations for the 2008 National Show.

For the Good of the Club Mary Hays will be moving to a new apartment and has donations for the raffle. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Sack

Recording Secretary

Newsletter Business Card Ads

The Colorado Sheltie is accepting member business card ads for the newsletter. Cost is \$5.00 per published edition. If you would like to place a business card ad, please email a copy of your business card to editor@sheltieclub.galatin-castle.com

History Revisited

By Janice M. Leonard

The first official meeting of CSSC was held on January 15, 1960, at Tobruk Kennels. Joan Rejholec served as the first President, and there were thirteen members and eight guests present. After a discussion of how many Shelties were represented by the assembled people, it was announced that they represented 69 Shelties in the area.

Ninety-three copies of the first edition of "The Colorado Sheltie" were sent to members and those who had requested a copy. It was announced that at the organizational meeting held in December of 1959, the organizers had decided to adopt the goal of "learning about Shelties and helping others do the same."

Sadah Higgins Loomis, the Club communicator and eventual editor of "The Sheltie Special" magazine, read the Club's new Constitution plus letters of encouragement from Mrs. Donna Browne, "Collie and Sheltie Review" correspondent, and Mrs. Elizabeth Jenks, a member from Albuquerque, NM.

At the conclusion of the first official meeting, the Club treasury had grown to \$27.50 with the additional dues payments (\$2.00 per year or \$3.50 for two in one family).

The members approved the purchase and donation of an eight inch silver-plated Revere bowl at a cost of \$3.40, and engraved for "Best of Winners" at the Mountain States Shetland Sheepdog Club Specialty to be held May 1, 1960.

During the discussion for future programs, Kent Simon offered to show a sequence of slides of his bitch whelping that he was planning to take, and suggested that we take movies of our dogs and ourselves and discuss them. "A dog and a bitch could be compared and evaluated for breeding, and individual dogs judged against each other." (It appears to me that

from the very beginning the goals of this Club were to develop ways to learn and educate. I believe my first Sheltie, Major Golden Alec, CDX, was in the litter that Kent photographed and later showed as a slide presentation, as the timing would have been right for his whelping date. Major was ten months old when I got him from Kent and his father, Dr. Simon.)

Future specialties around the country plus the ASSA National were announced. During this discussion, it was decided that the Club would donate as many trophies as possible to the local shows and also at puppy matches and mock trials held by CSSC. (CSSC all-breed matches in the Denver area were always well attended as the Club had the reputation of putting on a quality match with lots of neat trophies. After we applied for status as a licensed AKC Specialty Club in 1970, we as a Club could no longer host all-breed matches.)

Sadah also requested members send her pictures, pedigrees, and full descriptions of their Shelties, as she was trying to compile an encyclopedia of Shelties.

The next action meeting was to be held January 29 at Monte Carroll Real Estate Office in Cherry Creek where there would be a grooming demonstration by Joan Rejholec.

At this time, the Club was holding meetings twice a month. That lasted for only a couple of months because the Club voted to begin holding training classes for conformation and obedience. With classes once a week, two meetings a month was just too much to ask of the members. The Club also bought its first roll of matting for \$20.00.

What to do when the AC comes knocking

From: Elizabeth Brinkley

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Subject: [SheltieBreeders] Fwd: please crosspost -
what to do when AC comes knocking

Date: Wed, 7 Mar 2007 21:13:36 -0800 (PST)

I got this at the ADBA convention this past weekend. Some of you will already know or have it. Feel free to forward.

WHAT TO DO WHEN ANIMAL CONTROL COMES KNOCKING by George J. Eigenhauser Jr. (he is an attorney at law licensed in the State of California since 1979 and practices in the areas of civil litigation and estate planning)

ANTI-DOG ENFORCEMENT - What Every Dog Owner Needs to Know

Dog owners and ethical breeders are increasingly being targeted. Disgruntled neighbors may retaliate against dog owners and may other reasons drive complaints, and anti-dog enforcement action, which many times may be conducted illegally. The following text outlines methods of inquiry and enforcement which may be used by local officials in attempts to enforce ordinances in your community and suggested techniques of response. These techniques are entirely legal and based upon the rights of citizens as stated by the U.S. Constitution.

No breeder wants to have Animal Control come knocking on the door...but if they do, it will help if you know what your options are.

Remember, Animal Control is law enforcement. They are bound by the same Constitution as any other government agency. To protect yourself, you need to know your rights. These vary slightly one jurisdiction to another, but some general principles apply. One rule applies everywhere: never physically resist an officer.

When Animal Control is At Your Door:

1. Do not let them in, no matter how much they ask. Animal Control generally cannot enter your home without a warrant, or your permission. While regular police can enter in emergency situations when human life is at risk (i.e. they hear gunshots and a scream inside), there are few, if any, situations in which Animal Control can enter your home without a warrant. Simply tell them they may not come in.

2. If you let them in, anything they find in "plain sight" can be used against you. In some circumstances Animal Control officers, unable to find a legitimate reason to make an arrest, have reported building or zoning violations. This may include caging you attached to a wall without a building permit, that extra outlet in the puppy room, having more pets than allowed by zoning, even extension cords in violation of fire codes! No matter how clean your kennel, if they want to find a violation, they will.

3. Do not talk to them from an open doorway. Step outside and close (and lock if possible) the door behind you. This is necessary because:

A) Anything they see through the open door is "plain sight" and may be the basis for an arrest, or probable cause for a search warrant.

B) If they make an arrest or even feel threatened they are usually permitted to search for weapons in your immediate area. Do you keep a baseball bat inside the door for your protection? Even if you don't, once they step inside to look, they are in your home and may continue to search.

C) It is hard not to be intimidated by someone in authority. Some animal control is even done by

local police, who carry guns. It is easy for them to get "in your face", causing you to back up into the home. Once you go in, it will be interpreted as an invitation to follow.

4. If they claim to have a warrant, demand to see it. In general, a search warrant must be signed by a judge. A warrant to search your home for dogs does not include an inventory of your jewelry box. A warrant to search your kennel in the garage or in the barn does not include a search of your home.

5. In some locations dog owners may have obtained special "breeder permits" that stipulate that Animal Control has your permission to enter at any time. If you have signed such a permit they still cannot enter against your wishes, since you can revoke the permission at any time. However, if you refuse permission it may allow them to cancel your breeder permit, so you have to weigh the consequences.

6. Warning - anyone in lawful possession of the premises may be able to give permission for a search. Make sure your roommate, babysitter, dog-sitter, housekeeper and other know that they should not let animal control into your home or on your property (i.e. backyard, garage, etc.).

How to Handle Questions:

1. Don't answer any questions beyond identifying yourself for the officer. Anything you say to the officer in your defense cannot be used in court (hearsay). Anything you say that is harmful to you will be used in court (confessions are not considered hearsay). You cannot win, except by remaining silent.

2. Be polite but firm. Do not argue, bad-mouth, curse, threaten or try to intimidate the officer.

3. Do not lie to an officer, ever. However, it is NOT a lie to exercise your right to remain silent.

4. Keep your hands in plain sight. People have been shot by police when common objects, such as a wallet, were mistaken for a gun.

5. Do not touch the officer in any way. Do not physically resist an officer, no matter how unlawful his or her actions.

6. Don't try to tell your side of the story, it cannot help.

7. Do not threaten the officer that you plan to file a complaint for their actions.

8. If the questioning persists, demand to speak to a lawyer first. Repeat as necessary.

Gathering the Facts:

1. Get the name and badge number of each officer involved. If he/she does not volunteer this information, ask.

2. Ask the name of the agency they represent. Different agencies have different enforcement responsibilities.

3. Ask why they are there. Request the factual basis of the complaint and the identity of the complainant.

4. If they have other people with them (Humane Society, press, etc.) get the names and organizations for all present.

5. Note the names (and addresses) of any witnesses to the encounter.

6. If you are physically injured by an officer, you should take photographs of the injuries immediately, but do not forego proper medical treatment first.

7. Write down all of the information, as well as the date and time of the incident immediately, while details are fresh in your mind.

8. If your rights are violated, file a complaint with the appropriate body.

If You Are Arrested:

1. Remain silent. Answer no questions until you have consulted with a lawyer.

2. Don't "explain" anything. You will have time for explanations after you have talked to a lawyer.

3. Within a reasonable time they must allow you to make a phone call to get a lawyer or arrange bail.

They are not allowed to listen to your phone call to your attorney, but they may "monitor" the rooms for "your protection". Do not say anything you do not want them to overhear; save that until after you are out on bail.

Telephone Inquiries or Threats:

You may receive telephone inquiries concerning the number of dogs you own and whether any dogs or puppies are for sale. Other questions may also be asked.

Your response should be to inquire "Are you interested in a puppy?". If the answer is "yes", ask that person for his/her name, address and phone number. Suggest that you or a responsible breeder will contact that person at a more convenient time for you.

If the answer is friendly and genuinely inquisitive, invite the person to look at your puppies.

If the question asked is "What is the price of each puppy?", simply say that puppies of this type are being sold for between "X" and "Y" dollars. Never say that you are selling them.

If the question asked is "Are these your puppies?", you should ask, "Why do you want to know?".

If your conversation indicates that the person is representing the county clerk's office or allegedly representing an official body, ask the caller for:

- Full name, title and phone number
- Agency's full name and full address
- Their supervisor's full name and phone number
- Nature of the inquiry (what it is about)
- Why the inquiry is being made
- How your name and phone number were obtained
- Ask that all future questions from that agency be submitted in writing

Preventative Measures:

1. Always keep your kennel clean and take good care of your animals.
2. Consider a P.O. Box or other address for business cards and advertisements. Keep descriptions of your location general (i.e. Southern California, rather than the name of the city where you live). The internet can provide anonymity for initial contacts. You can even buy a "remote prefix" to get a number from a nearby community forwarded to your phone or to a voice mail. Avoid local newspaper classifieds, they are often monitored.

3. Screen any potential puppy buyers carefully. Always be alert that they may be Animal Control or even Animal Rights working under cover.

4. Don't allow strangers into your home until you have screened them.

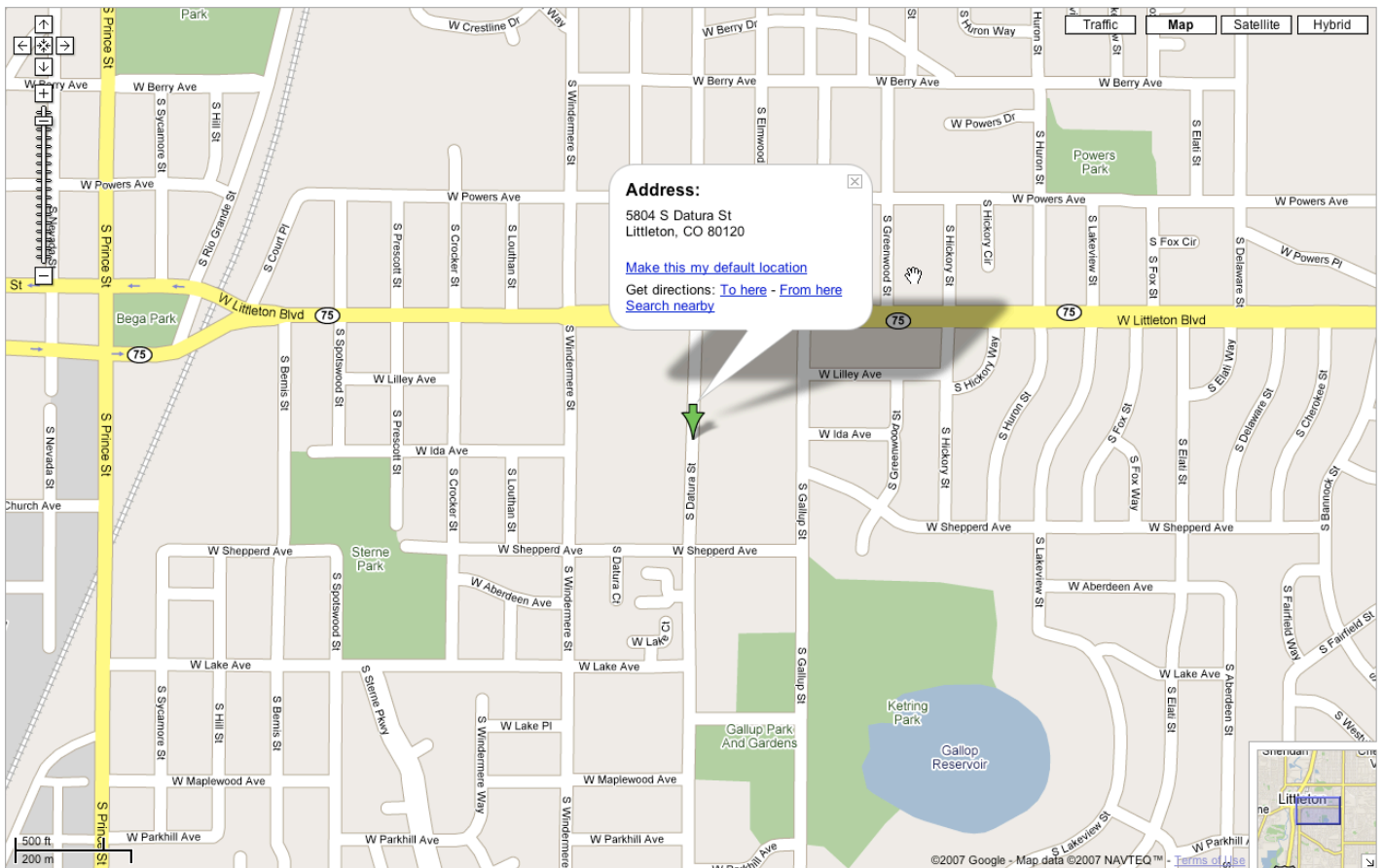
5. Be fair and honest in all of your dealings, and be on good terms with your neighbors. Most animal-control contacts are complaint-driven. Some complaints may arise as harassment by people with unrelated grievances against you. It may be a disgruntled dog buyer or a cranky neighbor who doesn't like you parking in front of his house.

6. Anything about you that can be observed in "plain sight" from the street or sidewalk can become probably cause for a warrant. Even areas on your property open to visitors can be dangerous. Be aware of which areas of your home are visible from the outside and plan accordingly.

7. If you are confronted by Animal Control and turn them away, assume they will be back. Use the time available to make sure everything is clean and presentable. If you are over the limit on the number of pets, find friends who can provide temporary shelter for your dogs.

Whatever you do, stay calm and keep your wits about you. Just say "no", no matter what threats or promises of leniency they make. When in doubt, say nothing and speak to a lawyer afterwards.

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CSSCGD March Meeting in Littleton

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