



The Colorado Sheltie

May

2007

Calendar of Events

May 25, 26 - Central Wyoming KC, Casper, WY. j. Jon Cole, Dr. Klaus Anselm. Closes May 9. Onofrio.

May 27, 28 - Laramie KC, Laramie, WY. j. Ms. K. A. Reamensnyder, Monica Canestrini. Closes May 9. Onofrio.

June 2, 3 - Flatirons KC, Longmont, CO. j. Janet Sinclair, Roberta Davies. Closes May 16. Onofrio.

June 9, 10 - Colorado Springs KC, Colorado Springs, CO. j. Susan Godek, Arlene Rubenstein. Closes May 23. Onofrio.

June 16, 17 - Sangre de Cristo KC, Rio Rancho, NM. j. Col. J. B. Purkhiser, Houston Clark. Closes May 30. Onofrio.

June 30, July 1 - Buckhorn Valley KC, Loveland, CO. j. Steve Sorenson, Linda Sparks. Closes June 13. Onofrio.

Remember

!!NOTE DATE CHANGE!!

Date: May 19, 2007

**Place: 4-H Multi-Purpose Building
5804 S. Datura
Littleton, CO**

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Program:

The May meeting will be held on **May 19** at the Arapahoe County 4H Multi-purpose Building.

The program will be preceded by Mini-Moments of the Standard and feature Puppy Socialization. Bring your babies

and learn some of the steps that you can take to help them become good canine citizens and outgoing friends.

Guests are always welcome; members are expected!



Meeting Hostesses

May Hostesses: Cathy McMullins & Jan Leonard

June Hostesses: Pizza Party at Island Grove Park, Greeley

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Presidents Corner

WOW!!! CSSC now has a WEB-SITE!!! This is so exciting for your club to have up and running our very own web-site thanks to Natli VanDerWerken. She has been working on constructing the web-page for several hours. Natli has donated her time and the use of the program to CSSC. THANK YOU NATLI !!!!! She brought a laptop so members could view the site for themselves. Our web-page address is: www.centennialshetlandsheepdogclub.com, and Natli is our web mistress. She will be adding items and pages as they become available. Keep popping in to see what has been added. With the upcoming 2008 ASSA National, we will be adding many items as they become available. The club has decided that the newsletter will be posted on the web-site, with only a few newsletters being mailed out to folks that are unable to view the site. Please let Natli know if you are unable to view the web-site. This is SOOOOOO EXCITING! How about that – CSSC is now in the 21st Century!

We had three guests attend the meeting; Sherri Burk, Pat & Jack Brahler. I hope that we will have some new members soon!

We started discussing the 2008 ASSA National, and going over the various positions that require local chairpersons. I will send by e-mail all of the local chairpersons and their contacts at the national level.

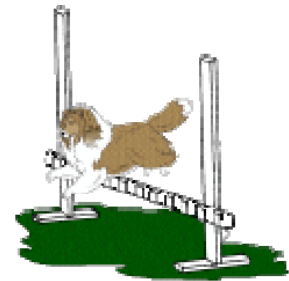
Our June meeting will be held Friday, June 15th @ 6:00 p.m. at Island Grove Regional Park in Greeley. The Island Grove staff will stay late to accommodate us. We will tour the grounds and buildings so everyone will be familiar with the show site. The club will furnish pizza while we hold a brief club meeting. Let's plan to meet in the northeast front lobby of the Event Center. This will be a very important meeting so please plan to attend.

Our next meeting will be May 19th, at the 4-H Building in Littleton, social half hour at 7:00 p.m. We changed the date due to the Memorial

Day Weekend. Our program will be "puppy socialization." I hope to see everyone on the 19th.

Until the next meeting – HUG THOSE SHELTYES !

. *Judy*



UPCOMING MATCHES

June 2 - CPE Style Agility Fun Match; FRAT; Jefferson County FG, Golden. Brianna Atherton (303-622-6976).

June 16 - Coronado KC of New Mexico "B" Match, one hour after Best In Show for Sangre de Cristo KC, Rio Rancho, NM. Martin Bradshaw (505-867-5942).

June 24 - Colorado KC, "B/OB" Match, Adams County FG (outdoors), Brighton. Craig or Sally Lynn (303-659-0289).

July 29-EVERGREEN COLORADO KC B/OB MATCH, Golden Heights Park, W. 2nd Pl. at Quaker St., Golden, CO (303) 733-8428

Aug. 11 & 12—COLORADO SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS FESTIVAL, Highlands Heritage Park Highlands Ranch, CO

Aug. 12—ARAPAHOE KC MATCH (maybe B?) Arapahoe County FG, E. Quincy (east of E470) Aurora, CO (303) 755-2897

SHELTYE SEMINAR

At the Terry-All KC sponsored breed seminar on Shelties in the early afternoon of April 15, those present enjoyed over an hour of Sheltie conversation with presenter and judge Melanie Williams. She reviewed portions of the Standard, had two excellent Shelties present to further explain what she was trying to convey to the attendees, talked about judging Best of Breed at the 2006 ASSA National, and also answered various questions.

There were 21 in attendance, eight CSSCGD members and thirteen non-members. Refreshments were served, and many thanks go to those CSSCGD members who brought the "finger foods" for all to enjoy. A great spring Sheltie outing!!

Minute by Minute—April 2007

CSSCGD MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Arapahoe County 4-H Building
Littleton, CO
April 28, 2007

After the tasty refreshments, Jan Leonard presented a program on various items to consider when selecting specialty judges, plus the mini-moments section on the skull portion of the Standard, with help from Cathy McMullins' Sheltie. The monthly meeting was then called to order at 8:52 p.m. by President Judy Rayburn. There were eleven members and three guests in attendance.

President's Report - Judy read thank you's from specialty judges Judy Kelsey, George Danforth, and Jolene Segelke. She also shared information from AKC on their microchip program. Judy thanked everyone for the help with the specialty, and Natli VanDerWerken lead the applause for honoring Judy for doing such a great job. Well done!!

Vice President - no report received.

Recording Secretary - Jan Leonard made a motion to approve the March 24, 2007, meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. This motion was seconded by Denise Brown, and approved.

Corresponding Secretary: Bev Muhlenhaupt noted that 2004 Handbooks have arrived, and there is one for the Club Library; that the March specialties have been completely processed and closed out in AKC records, and AKC sent applications for the next specialties; a memo has been received from ASSA that the Blanket Approval System with AKC has been reinstated for specialty approvals; a letter was sent to California objecting to AB #1634; various premium lists and other advertising items were available for perusal; and that she had deposited \$42.05 (remainder from \$200.00 withdrawn for the sweeps money envelopes) back into the Club savings account.

Treasurer, Natli VanDerWerken, presented the monthly financial report, which will be filed for audit. A question arose about those who have not yet paid for trophy donations, and Sherri John will follow up on those who need yet to pay.

Denise Brown noted that on her return trip from the National, that she spent the night with Diane Yearous, and that Diane sent back with her a check for \$500 for use for next year's National. The Corresponding Secretary will send Diane a Thank You.

The following committees had reports:

ASSA Liaison - Bev Muhlenhaupt noted that the 2004 ASSA

Handbooks have arrived, and that the 2005 Handbooks should be ready this summer. She is collecting checks (\$24.00 payable to CSSCGD) so that the Club order for the 2005 Handbooks can be sent within the month. Those wishing to be on the 2006 ASSA Handbook order list should contact Bev.

Also noted: those wanting 2007 National mugs should contact YvonneDeFreitas at yvonnede@pacifier.com (360-887-3826). Yvonne also has a few leftover T-shirts and sweatshirts.

CFDC - Natli VanDerWerken noted that the lobbyist had been helpful in getting language changed in #HB-1235 (Concerning Cruelty to Animals), that animals are property, and that the definition of a dangerous dog was changed. She encouraged all to be aware of any local dog issues.

Equipment - Steve Leonard presented keys for the storage unit to Natli VanDerWerken and Judy Rayburn (Steve and Jan Leonard also have keys).

July Picnic - Jan Leonard noted that Glendale Creekside Park has been reserved for Sunday, July 22, for the annual Club picnic. Judy Rayburn urged all members to bring scissors since we will begin that day to cut plastic for next year's National grooming area.

Newsletter - Thanks to the volunteer work of Natli VanDerWerken, the Club now has its own web site (www.centennialshetlandsheepdogclub.com). Natli noted the domain and monthly charges for the website. A link will be put on the web site for the Club newsletter, and after the next two issues (which will be mailed to members plus being on the web site), this newsletter portion will be 'password protected.' The Club web site can link to member web sites, and Natli also offered to set up individual member web sites. Contact her for costs and further details (members will need to have a theme, colors, content, and

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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 Natli VanDerWerken at natli_vanderwerken@viawest.net.

Minute to Minute ... *cont.*

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pictures). Natli received a round of applause for all her work on setting up the Club web site.

Programs - the next meeting will be May 19, with the program to be announced.

Public Education - AKC's Responsible Dog Ownership Day will be held Sept. 15 in both New York and Raleigh, NC. Last year, more than 350 dog clubs and organizations hosted events.

Ways & Means - a check was to be issued with which to order the 2008 Sheltie calendars.

Web Site - see information above regarding the newsletter, etc.

Steve Leonard showed the members one of the two old Club trophy plaques. It was agreed that these should be kept with the Historical items.

2008 National - Judy Rayburn passed out notebooks to all members and the guests (who also offered to help with the National) in attendance, and reminded everyone to bring their notebooks to each meeting.

She noted that the Club's June meeting will be in Greeley on June 15 at 6 p.m. for a tour of the Island Grove facilities. The staff is staying late that evening in order to accommodate our group meeting there.

She also noted that the June issue of the ASSA Bulletin Board will list the National Show Committee, the local Show Committee, the logo, and the schedule of events for 2008. She reviewed the list of all those chairing the various committees (and will send the list to the folks involved), the schedule of events, various souvenir items, shirts/vests for the workers, and noted items that Greeley Kennel Club will let us use. Order forms for souvenirs from the 2008 National will be available on our Club website in June. The members discussed the food items for the Welcome Reception, and Jan Leonard described the Wednesday evening "stick dog" competition.

There being no further old or new business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly B. Muhlenhaupt
Acting Recording Secretary

More This & That

To celebrate the 125th birthday of the AKC, the 2009 AKC/Eukanuba Show in Long Beach, CA, will be open to all (i.e., regular classes for the purpose of earning AKC Championship points).

(via the Show Cardi-list)

DOG NEWS reports that the ban on tail docking went into effect on April 6 in the United Kingdom. This brings to an end a practice that The Kennel Club recognized since its inception 134 years ago. The act bans dogs docked legally overseas from being shown at events where the public pays to enter, if they were born after April 6, which leaves a window of sorts for foreign dogs to still be shown with docked tails in the U.K.

The World Dog Show will be taking place May 24-27 in Mexico City. All exhibitors will be competing for World Championships, The Americas Championships, International Championships, and Mexican Championships.

Merial, the world's leading animal health company, has gained conditional approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a breakthrough vaccine to treat canine melanoma, a common yet deadly form of cancer in dogs. This is the first time that the U.S. government has approved a therapeutic vaccine for the treatment of cancer -- in either animals or humans. The vaccine will be administered via a new Canine Transdermal Device, which delivers the vaccine without the use of a needle. Additional research will be conducted to further support the safety and efficacy of the vaccine. (via the Show Cardi-List)

Last year, Americans spent \$38 billion on pet food and care, double the amount spent ten years ago. (ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS)

The first Sheltie registered by the AKC (1911) was "Lord Scott," who was imported from Shetland by John G. Sherman, Jr. of New York. (via the AKC web site)



Show Results & Brags

Show Results and Brags are for members of CSSC only. For complete show results please go to www.akc.org.



TERRY ALL KC, Adams County FG, April 14

Am-Bred Dogs—
1st—Sharokee Sideline General—Owner: Cathy McMullins.

Open Bitches—Sable & White
1st—Amadeus Fashion & Attitude—Owner: Heather Dahl DVM
2nd—Tracer’s One for All—Owner: Beverly B Muhlenhaupt.
Open Bitches—AOAC
1st—Xanadu Rouge Tail Chaser Owner: Jennifer Newman

TERRY ALL KC, Adams County FG, April 15

Open Bitches—Sable & White
1st—Tracer’s One for All—Owner: Beverly B Muhlenhaupt.
2nd—Amadeus Fashion & Attitude—Owner: Heather Dahl DVM
Open Bitches—AOAC
1st & Reserve Winners Bitch—Xanadu Rouge Tail Chaser Owner: Jennifer Newman

SEWARD COUNTY KC, Seward, NE, April 28:

Open Bitches, Sable
1st, WB, BW, BEST OF BREED - 1 pt. - Valinor Trio Heart of Gold - Owner: Susan Beardslee

Puppy Socialization

Socialization Tips and Puppy Training Pointers for New Puppy Owners

Socialization and puppy training are of utmost importance as puppyhood is the most important and critical time in your dog's development. What you do and do not do right now will affect your dog's behavior forever.

A properly socialized puppy is well adjusted and makes a good companion. It is neither frightened by nor aggressive towards anyone or anything it would normally meet in day to day living. An un-socialized dog is untrustworthy and an unwanted liability. They often become fear-biters. Often they like to fight with other dogs. They are difficult to train and are generally unpleasant to be around. Un-socialized dogs cannot adapt to new situations and a simple routine visit to the vet is a nightmare not only for the dog itself, but for everyone involved. Don't let this happen to you and your dog. Start socializing your new puppy NOW!

The Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine
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2005 ASSA Handbook

Although the 2004 ASSA Handbooks have recently arrived, the 2005 edition is in its final proofing stages by the new Editor, and should be ready by some time this summer. Therefore, all those listed on the reservation list for a copy need to get their \$24.00 check (payable to CSSCGD) to Bev Muhlenhaupt by early June, so the Club order can be sent in.

Shelties who earned either a CH, UD, OTCH, MX, MXJ, MACH, Herding Excellent or Herding Champion title in 2006, winners at the 2006 National, Ch-VCX, Ch-VC, and new ROM's will shortly receive their letters to participate in the 2006 Handbook.

Those wishing to be included with the 2006 Club order list should immediately convey that message to Bev. Remember, for the first nine books ordered, the Club gets a copy for the Club Library. We generally order 20 books.

2007 National Souvenirs

More of the souvenir ASSA 2007 National mugs are being ordered, so if you have an interest in obtaining one (or more), contact Yvonne DeFreitas at yvonne@pacifier.com

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Choosing a Judge

A spirited discussion about choosing judges for our specialties was held at the April meeting.

Nominating judges for our specialties is one of the key factors in putting on a successful show. Points to consider when nominating include:

1. Know the judging history of the nominee
2. Be prepared to talk about the nominee to the membership
3. Consider the cost of travel
4. Will the nominee draw other exhibitors from other states
5. How often has the nominee judged in the past year and where
6. How many judges have already been nominated
7. Have they judged at one of our specialties before
8. Does the nominee have any special requirements
9. Is the nominee fair
10. Is the nominee already booked



The Way It Is – Should We Just Settle?

by Sari Brewster Tietjen

Do we have too many generic judges? Generic Breeders? Generic dogs? Both dogs and people who are uninspiring and generally mediocre? Do they all go hand in hand?

It has long been known that we have a lot of judges who "cannot see the forest through the trees"; in other words, those individuals who look to reward dogs possessing not only no great fault, but also no great virtue. These judges tend to be "fault" judges--they will not put up a dog with a standout fault no matter how many other positive traits it might possess. They will ignore the dog that has key breed characteristics if it also has an easy to detect common fault, such as moving incorrectly.

This, of course, leads to the generic showdog--a dog that shines in the ring but is lacking in distinctive breed qualities. It is not a bad dog, just not a really good example of the breed. Yet, it wins, and in certain cases, wins a lot. It may even become the "top" winner of the breed in a given year.

Is this good? Is it good for the breed to reward that generic show dog with the accolades of being a "top winner?"

Frankly, no. A generic dog does little to contribute to either the whelping box or the show ring. It leads to an acceptance of mediocrity--a willingness to settle for that which offends the least while demonstrating nothing of great value.

Nonetheless, we are seeing more and more generic dogs in the ring. This is because it is easy to judge the generic showdog--it is the animal that looks like everything else in the ring, moves true, is upbeat and has no outstanding fault. It is much more difficult to look for key breed characteristics, to forgive an obvious fault, and to reward an unknown over the generic top-winner.

Is this what conformation shows are supposed to be all about? Should mediocrity shine? Should we just settle for that which is easiest to accomplish both in the breed ring and the whelping box?

Of course, the answer is again, no. Mediocrity is not what we are supposed to be striving for in either the ring or the whelping box. We should not just settle for that which is easiest as either a judge or a breeder. We should always have in our minds a clear comprehension of what a breed is all about and a goal to recognize those special qualities that make a breed a breed.

To do this requires a lot of work, an in-depth research into a breed's purpose as well as those qualities that separate it from other similar breeds. In today's "instant knowledge" society, this appears to be a lot to ask for -- we have too many judges wanting to judge more and more breeds without possessing an understanding of the breeds they already have.

Similarly, we have many so-called breeders who are quick to label themselves as breeders without even having read the breed standard, much less understanding it.

What can we do about this? How can we support the acknowledgement of exceptional quality in the face of blatant faults? How do we get to the point where we understand that quality does not always mean perfection? In other words, are we willing to forgive in order to appreciate those key characteristics that are so important in every breed?

First and foremost is to comprehend just what those key characteristics are in every breed we are involved with as either a breeder or a judge. It is easy to look for the generic dog and much harder to understand and acknowledge those factors that are important to a breed. This requires much study and thought, both in the breed ring and in preparations for the whelping box. We need to have a finite picture in our minds of minute discriminating breed features, and we need to have the ability to overlook obvious generalized faults. We need to be able to forgive when faced with generalizations and be prepared to acknowledge special hall-marks of a breed.

More importantly, we need to accept the fact that none of us are instant experts. Understanding a breed--whether as a judge or a breeder--takes a long time. Some will even say that learning is constant for a lifetime of involvement--no one knows everything and no one can know too much! This is certainly true as it pertains to dogs, since evolution is an ongoing phenomenon. Our dogs and our breeds are constantly throwing us a curve, both in the whelping box and the ring. And more than once, those of us who have been around a long time are back digging through the books--or on the Web--searching to understand what we have seen and stamping in our minds that which is right for a breed and that which is wrong.

Of course, there are those who maintain that all of this leads to naught, that we can focus so much on a breed's idiosyncrasies that we miss basic function. These are the individuals who strive to stay in place--much like the runner who runs nowhere for fear of making a wrong turn. While there

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Should We Just Settle?.....*continued*

is nothing wrong with this--it certainly is the easiest to deal with--it does little to distinguish, develop and maintain breed differences. And without breed differences there would be little reason for individual purebred breeds with known physical characteristics.

It is important to note that generic judging and generic breeding have little to offer for the future. Both fail to recognize that a breed's key characteristics--the so-called hallmarks of a breed--must be rewarded, encouraged and commended. For without these hallmarks, one breed would be much like any other.

In the end, mediocrity--whether in the whelping box or the breed ring--leads nowhere. It does little to preserve, protect and further a breed for the enjoyment of future generations. While it is far easier to select on the basis of that which offends the least, it fails to recognize that which is superior to others. As a "rule of thumb," given the choice, it is always better to reward hallmarks over generalizations if one is serious about breeding and/or judging with an eye on securing a breed as a breed!

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Socializing....*cont.*

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Science agrees that the socialization period lasts up to about 12 weeks (3 months) of age. However, at 12 weeks, the puppy must continue socialization to refine its social skills. Socialization most easily occurs before the puppy is 3 months old. Any later than that and it becomes an excruciatingly difficult and time-consuming process that very few owners have the time, energy, money or patience to cope with.

S o c i a l i z a t i o n D o ' s

Make sure that each of the following events are pleasant and non-threatening. If your puppy's first experience with something is painful and frightening, you will be defeating your purpose. In fact, you will be creating a phobia that will often last a lifetime. It's better to go too slow and assure your puppy is not frightened or injured than to rush and force your pup to meet new things and people.



* Invite friends over to meet your pup. Include men, women, youngsters, oldsters, different ethnic backgrounds, etc.

* Invite friendly, healthy, vaccinated dogs, puppies and even cats to your home to meet and play with your new puppy. Take your puppy to the homes of these pets, preferably with dog-friendly cats.

- Carry your pup to shopping centers, parks, school playgrounds, etc; places where there are crowds of people and plenty of activity.

* Take your puppy for short, frequent rides in the car. Stop the car and let your puppy watch the world go by through the window.

* Introduce your puppy to umbrellas, bags, boxes, the vacuum cleaner, etc. Encourage your puppy to explore and investigate his environment.

For more, see <http://www.perfectpaws.com/pup1.html>

THIS AND THAT

At its April meeting, the AKC Board of Directors approved the Entlebucher Mountain Dog for participation in AKC Herding events, effective June 27, 2007.

Based on the very low interest expressed in the survey responses regarding an International Obedience Competition, it was the consensus that the concept not be pursued at the present time.

It was reported that the AWARDS section of the AKC GAZETTE will now be produced on CD. Further, the GAZETTE and EVENTS Calendar are being combined into one magazine, although a GAZETTE only version will be maintained for those subscribers who prefer it.

Garden Tips for Dog People

* Create a yard within a yard.

To keep dogs out of garden beds and other special parts of your yard, create a separate place for dogs to play. Pick a shaded area. Delineate it with a decorative or plain fence of wood, iron or retaining blocks, cinder blocks or stone. If you use lumber, make sure it does not contain preservatives and is not treated with CCA, which has been linked with disease.

For the surface, use wood chips, bark chips, leaves, ground rubber tires or other type of mulch. You can fill it with a mix of sand or some soil. Digging dogs especially like sand. Beware of putting too much sand in the mix or it will not provide the feel of cool dirt that the dog likes. When dry, the mixture will not cling to fur, but when the mixture gets damp, your dog will be wearing some.

* If dog urine is leaving burn marks on your grass, douse the area with a hose to dilute the effect of the urine soon after the dog urinates. Urine is alkaline and contains salt that slightly alters the soil pH. Another strategy is to rake an inch of compost onto the area. The compost contains soil organisms that help balance the soil biology and chemistry. Depending on the grass species, new growth may come into the renovated area, but you can sow a little seed to get it going again.

* Move compost piles out of the dog's reach.

* If you need to stake plants or have young trees installed, don't use thin, invisible wires that dogs might run into. Tying plants to stakes with thin strips of cloth works with small plants. Rubber wire-guards (if your dog doesn't chew rubber) or multiple flags on the wires often work well with tree-staking.

* Leave a gap between your fence and garden plots to allow for dogs who like to run alongside fences.

* Build raised beds for vegetables, ornamentals and other garden plants using timbers, bricks or stone, and/or spread pea gravel or similar material on the ground for interest. This way, you would restrict the dog's access and your plantings would not be disturbed.

* Container gardens can be a good solution for pet people, and they are easier to maintain than sprawling garden beds.

* Since dirt, leaf, mulch and other types of paths can lead to muddy messes for pet guardians, consider creating paths from rocks, heavy gravel, concrete, bricks or pavers.

- If your dog's fence running or yard crisscrossing is wearing unwelcome paths in your yard, be resourceful. Turn your dog's favorite route into a decorative pathway and landscape around it. To keep dogs on track, line the path with raised beds or ornamental fencing.

• http://www.paw-rescue.org/PAW/PETTIPS/DogTip_garden.php



