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I'm In a Hurry- The Global Shelties Magazine has arrived!



*The correspondents and editors hope you enjoy the magazine.
We welcome letters and other contributions from you all.
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Photo- Margaret Botham



FIRE DEVASTATION IN AUSTRALIA

Fires raged out of control in parts of the area north and east of Melbourne, Australia, during the first weeks of February.

Human deaths may well exceed 200. Thousands of homes were burnt to the ground. Whole towns and villages including churches, schools, and shops have gone. Thousands – yes thousands of people have lost everything they own.

The human loss is heartbreaking, but think also of the pets, livestock, breeding stock and wildlife burned to death - or having to be humanely destroyed after a firestorm has swept through an area!

We can not begin to comprehend the horror, loss, pain, grief and misery experienced by these people.

It is thought that some of these nearly 500 fires spread over thousands of miles were deliberately set.

The Australian President has said, this is “Mass Murder”.

Two funds you can help with are –

A fund set up to help those in the dog community. It would be a "direct" transfer to the account that was established through Dogs Victoria website. <http://www.vca.org.au/index.asp> This will support the general dog community there not just Shelties. Help if you can- no matter how little it is.

Also - The MDBA has a non profit company - Master Dog Breeders Emergency Aid set up to collect and help where required.

Now calling for donations urgently to help dog owners who are in dire straights.

This is a truly urgent call for assistance. Even small donations will all help.

Bank details are

Commonwealth Bank bsb 064418 account number 10176490

Credit card and overseas - paypal. info@mdba.net.au (mailto:info@mdba.net.au)

AUSTRALIAN FIRE AUCTION

Leslie Tanks (Australia) and friends organized an on-line Auction to help dog owners in need, and at the time of this magazine going to press, this auction had raised \$7,804.00
Well done.

SCOTTISH BREEDS CANINE CLUB (UK)

The Committee have decided to launch an appeal at its Championship Show on the 28th March.

For the appeal the club is asking Committee Members/Judges/Exhibitors and Spectators at the show to “GIVE A QUID”. The Chairman and committee hope everyone will give something towards easing the suffering in fire regions of Australia.



Are Genes Too Big?

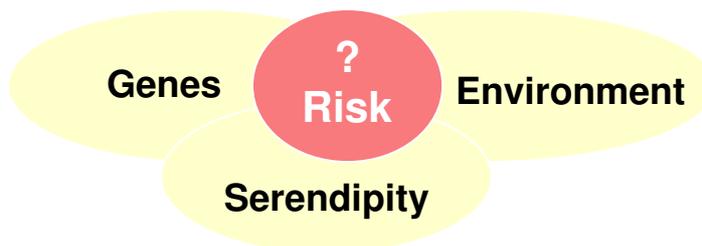


Hi folks,

Well, the internet wires have been fairly steaming in the last six months over the issue of pure-bred dogs. Has anyone else seen the heartbreaking stories of Labradoodle pups needing both hips replaced at under a year old, Berniedors with severe elbow dysplasia, not to mention “anti-allergenic Sheltiepoos” that unexpectedly cast in true Sheltie fashion. Now, provided any dog is healthy and fits with the new owners’ lifestyle, I don’t have a problem with the pedigree.....but it is certainly much easier to predict the temperament and looks of mature adults in most recognised breeds based on decades of experience. Even interpreting some of the ‘new breeds’ takes a little thought – Jackabees and Zuchons? Bad enough that dedicated breeders and owners are often left to pick up after puppy mill disasters, but now there are major promotions for ‘designer dogs’ with little or no health tests and follow-up!!!

For those of you keen on a refresher for deoxyribonucleic acid, Issue 4 of USM included a brief overview of DNA & DNA profiling. Given the recent media publicity regarding ‘pedigree’ dogs in the UK¹, I thought I’d raise some further thoughts for discussion...

I trust the vast majority of individuals genuinely interested in Shelties practice ‘responsible dog breeding’. Certainly, health reports for our breed largely bear this out. Thoughtful, conscientious individuals work very hard to improve the lifespan, health and general quality of life of our beloved Shelties. Most of us keep extensive records on our dogs from birth until as long as we can remain in contact with each puppy buyer. Approximately one-fifth of (invited) Sheltie owners returned completed forms for The Kennel Club / British Small Animal Veterinary Association /Animal Health Trust 2004 survey. The available results show an average lifespan of 12.5 yrs with 32% of Shelties described as neutered. Our eldest was 18.5 years (intact) and in good health until her last few weeks; I know this is not unusual, but does anyone know the breed record? Nature will always be able to provide an unexpected calamity, but just how much can we predict?



Should we unravel ‘genetics’?

Yes, I’m confident we should try. Genetics play a critical role in how our dogs look and behave *etc.* However, it is very important to bear in mind that the final outcome is often a combination of genetic background, environmental experiences and pure chance.

The majority of conditions that were once termed, ‘single gene’ diseases are now known to be influenced by additional ‘modifier’ genes. If you think about it, our whole system (dogs or people) is one huge interacting network so that no single element acts in isolation.

We’ve all produced the occasional phenotype that we try our best to avoid repeating, whether from dogs smaller or larger than ideal, to heavy or pricked ears. Many of these ‘genetically-programmed’ features can

be adjusted by environmental actions. For example, a little grease massaged into the fold while teething can easily (and permanently) tip the pointed ear of a puppy. Rather more concerning is the large number of diseases to which Shelties appear susceptible. For instance:

- An online database for inherited traits³ lists almost 500 inherited traits in dogs.
- A Listing of Inherited Disorders in Animals⁴ describes more than thirty conditions apparently based on Shelties from the USA where, “*Responsible breeders are aware of the significant disorders in their breed and strive to reduce the incidence of these disorders in the next generation*”. How many dwarf Shelties have you come across and has anyone else heard of Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada-like syndrome in our breed?
- A UK-based database of inherited diseases in dogs⁵ has 15 records associated with Shelties.
- The Canine Inherited Disorders Database⁶ does discriminate between conditions that may be inherited and those which have been reported occasionally.
- Blackwell’s 2007 five-minute veterinary consult has 23 articles where Shetland Sheepdogs are mentioned from alopecia (hair loss possibly from FCD/DM) to vacuolar hepatopathy (increased risk due to higher circulating lipid levels).



A 15 minute internet search reveals an abundance of breed-specific diseases ranging from those that we are actively trying to eliminate...to the farcical. The Kennel Club (UK) describes how breeders have spent more than £20 million in the last 10 years just on scoring hips. The American Kennel Club’s Canine Health Foundation gave more than \$300,000 to UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine alone. None of this time, effort and expertise is as readily accessible as the more concerning information, the majority of which is often irrelevant!

Now, don’t get me wrong. I do believe informative data should be available to all those interested...but the key word is ‘informative’. For those who don’t know, data hoarding is an occupational hazard and I’ve kept a record of health-related information on Shelties for too many years to count. It is the online presentation of so much factual data in a manner which is easy to misinterpret at a casual glance that perturbs me. The numbers of Shetland Sheepdogs registered in the UK has been decreasing in recent years with 1,634 registered in 2008 compared to 2,103 in 2000. In the last quarter of 2008, only four Shelties were recorded as affected with CEA under our KC/BVA/ISDS eye scheme. Hips do have a few concerning findings where lower scores correspond to less severe hip dysplasia under KC/BVA scheme, however the majority are good and we’re even getting 0/0 from a possible score of 106. These disorders both have genetic components.

Is too much emphasis being placed on genetics?

Personally, I don’t think it’s a case of too much focus on genetics, rather that general perception is being swayed in a strange direction. It does appear that several vocal individuals with a (too) little knowledge find the time to shout louder than those displaying more common sense. Now, I live in the UK so have been listening to the many debates raging forth over recent months in terms of genetics, pedigree vs. designer dogs and inbreeding. There are some very important and valid points being considered. The Kennel Club (UK) has been working to combat negative public perceptions regarding pedigree dogs. On 20th February 2009 the KC published² amendments to regulations with immediate effect, including the fact that officials and judges, “*are required to take responsibility, as far as is reasonably possible, to ensure that only obviously healthy dogs are being exhibited and thereby given awards at shows*”. It seems obvious that no dog suffering from a condition that would have a negative impact on health and welfare would enjoy showing (and thus be exhibited), but there is a line here that is not clear to me. Thankfully Shelties are relatively free from major health problems and we earnestly try to keep them that way! Another change that

maybe of interest is that applications to register puppies from father-daughter, mother-son, brother-sister matings will no longer be routinely accepted (regulation B22c).

Is research moving in the right direction?



In terms of epidemiology, it is exceeding difficult to get an accurate picture of the health status for any breed. A single snapshot is possible by surveying all (or a subsection) of those registering litters, but responders are more likely to be the dedicated few, or those with an unusual grievance. Insurance companies will be biased as few people live with a single Sheltie and those with more than one dog usually find alternative methods of covering vet bills. I know we're in good company with a 'dog' account just-in-case; we've ten hooligans and it's rare for any of them to need a vet beyond routine visits. Vet surgeries could be surveyed, but do they really have time to answer and will they have current records on healthy dogs? Our Tawny (now nine) hasn't seen a vet from he was a pup as his relevant immunity is high, teeth are pristine, and he rakes round the fields with the youngsters. Having said that, many vet surgeries now use an electronic system that may move the way of the NHS (*e.g.* <https://www.renalpatientview.org/>) with an online service available to clients. Such a move would certainly provide useful health and wealth information.

Are 'they' more interested in CEA than in health issues which may have more immediate health benefits for Shelties? We've tested for CEA from our very first litter & our youngster is many generations clear, but that would not be my first consideration in choosing a pup or potential parent at present. Many Sheltie breeders go over-and-above the health testing schemes run by the kennel club and many of us contribute to health research whether by contributing funds or responding to requests for information from researchers. Well supported international schemes include a search for DNA markers for Progressive Retinal Atrophy which is rarely observed in Shelties (PRA; <http://www.nssk.no/PRA/thanks.html>). Often DNA tests are developed for diseases in the dog as a consequence of research aimed at complementary human diseases. We need many thousands of people to identify genetic risk factors for complex diseases, but several hundred dogs have been shown to be sufficient to identify the canine-equivalent.

As breeders (meaning the owner of the dam), we can research our own families and be familiar with the pups that we've produced in previous years. Many of us only breed a litter once every few years and we take great care selecting potential sires...but often available health and temperament issues are less easily obtained from new stock. Full disclosure would be ideal, but stop and consider how often the sire's owners are informed about potential issues. Is a puppy buyer really going to come back to the breeder with an eight year old dog who has now developed diabetes mellitus. Are they in turn going to pass this information on? Yes, there is a genetic component to this disease, but is that more important than diet and exercise? Would knowing this information really help? I certainly would not use the same parents for another litter, but they are unlikely to be still breeding and what is the risk of using their offspring, or even another generation down?

There are plenty of questions and few easy answers. How many DNA tests should we take? How many tests will be developed? We don't even know how many genes are present in the entire canine complement of DNA (genome). Should carriers be excluded from breeding programs?

Figured I'd stop here before you become as below and next issue I'll try to illuminate the differences between types of 'genetic' tests available. We need to employ all useful tools effectively to maintain (and improve where possible) Shelties' existing good health, but before long, we'll be hearing about gene regulation by epigenetics, non-coding RNAs, and the mitochondrial genome...



Keen to hear your thoughts.

Best wishes,

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Links to further information.

- 1) <http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/cgi-bin/item.cgi?id=2002>
- 2) http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/item/2299/pg_dtl_art_news/pg_hdr_art/pg_ftr_art
- 3) <http://omia.angis.org.au/>
- 4) <http://www.vetsci.usyd.edu.au/lida/>
- 5) <http://server.vet.cam.ac.uk/index.html>
- 6) <http://www.upei.ca/~cidd/intro.htm>

Ann Billington - Co. Editor adds -

Owners are and certainly should be free to select any dog. We hope they are well-informed and aware of the demands their lifestyle will place upon the dog of their choice and the demands the dog of their choice will place upon them. It is worth mentioning to these prospective dog owners that it is much easier to predict the temperament and looks of mature adults in purebred breeds than in the latest designer dogs. It is also worth mentioning that an experienced breeder of an established breed can provide the buyer with the results of important health tests and offer the buyer a wealth of advice and assistance over the lifetime of the dog. We should constantly remind buyers that the ownership of a dog demands a huge emotional investment and is not to be entered into casually or without a great deal of thoughtful effort and research on the part of the buyer.



TYPE

Type is the sum of those characteristics and features which distinguish one breed or variety from another. In terms of music it would be the sequence of particular notes and meter which gives us Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue rather than the 2nd Movement of Beethoven's 7th Symphony.

Breed Standards are written both by design and necessity with a latitude which allows for a slight range of excellence, but characteristics which exceed that degree of latitude are faults, not different types. These serious deviations have nothing to do with type, even though they may be characteristic of a certain line or a certain country. A fault whether characteristic or not should never be referred to or dealt with as a manifestation of type. A fault is a departure from type.

An excess or a lack of muzzle is not a manifestation of type. Both are, in fact, serious departures from type. A body which is too long or cobby does not represent two types. It represents two failures to meet the Breed Standard, two distinct faults. A coarse or a receding back skull has nothing to do with type. Both are faults. You must not forgive or excuse a fault by calling it a difference in type. You can not speak correctly of the English or the American type, when what you are speaking of are deviations, faults, typical of American or typical of English dogs. Worst of all is defining one set of faults as being more representative of the true type Shetland Sheepdog than any other set of faults.

How sad that we have come to define our dogs by their typical faults, and then further use such a definition to label Shelties as belonging to the American or the English type. The Breed Standards and the degree of latitude which their language allows define one type of Sheltie, the correct Sheltie.

When breeders and judges widely and wildly stretch any part of the Breed Standards toward their private interpretation and then refer to these deviations as differences in type, they allow a fault to be, not only forgiven, but accepted. They circumvent the Breed Standard and in so doing corrupt the breed.

Ann Billington. USA



PUPPY PROGRESSION

JW'08 Vanilla Hills No Strings Attached Lovesome "Merlin"

(photo: 11months - 38.5 cm)



Merlin born 13.12.2008. His parents are: J.Ch.PL, Ch.PL Dawnville Zetos for Lovesome - Ch.PL Octavia Lilac Whisper Moda na Sukces. From the beginning he was a really pretty boy with very light, clean hair colour. I've never wanted to have a blue-merle at home, but this one charmed me...

This is how our pretty boy grew:

Week - Weight/High	Week - Weight/High
0 - 180g	22 - 35.5 cm
1 - 440g	23 - 35.8 cm
2 - 680g	24 - 36.5 cm (4x M2)
3 - 840g /about 11cm	25 - 36.5 cm (2x M3)
3 - 840g /about 11cm	26 - 37 cm
4 - 1180g	27 - 37 cm
5 - 1500g /about 16.5cm	28 - 37 cm
6 - 1770g	29 - 37.5 cm
8 - 2200g (5-8weeks + 700g)	30 - 6800g / 38 cm
9 - 23.5 cm	31 - 38 cm
10 - 25 cm	32 - 38 cm
11 - 27 cm	33 - 7200g / 38.5 cm
12 - 3600g /28 cm	34 - 38.5 cm
12 - 29 cm	35 - 38.5 cm
14 - 30 cm	36 - 38.5 cm
15 - 31 cm	37 - 38.5 cm
16 - 32 cm (teeth:4xP1)	38 - 38.5 cm
17 - 33 cm	39 - 38.5 cm
18 - 33.2 cm	40 - 8700g / 38.5 cm
19 - 34.5 cm	41 - 38.5 cm
20 - 5500g /35 cm	42 - 38.5 cm
21 - 35.5 cm (laniary teeth)	43 - (10mths) 38.5 cm



Merlin (left), sister Koko & Jade- born 13.12.2007(fot. G.Kruszel)



3.5 weeks Koko & Merlin – right (fot. G.Kruszel)



5 weeks (fot. G.Kruszel)



10 weeks



12.5 weeks



5 months



6 months (V-ce BIS Puppy CACIB Stettin - judge: Anne Indergaard, Norway)



8 months



9 months (V-ce BIS Puppy Chorzow-Swierkianiec – judge: Stella Clark, GB)



10 months



10.5 months (CAJC – internationale show Nitra, Slovakia – judge Barbara Müller, CH)



11 months (JW Poznan'08 - internationale show – judge: Jadwiga Niciewicz, PL)

This young dog in 11 months of age has on his own account had big success, including started young champions from three countries: Poland, Bohemia and Slovakia. To finish them he misses only little wins from country shows.

Greetings from Poland
 Helena Kabala & Lovesome sheltie
www.sheltie.com.pl



Am. CH Laurelen Desi Arnaz Jr

CH Belmar Joker's Wild (Ricky) x Whiteoak Queen of Diamonds (Lucy)
Owners: Ron and Kathy Rhoades and Lauren Boston
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UK Competitions

'Our Dogs' Top Sire 2008 Competition

The Top Sire in Shelties is-
Exbury Oberon.

(Mendipmist Heatwave X Exbury Gold Coin)
Owned/Bred by Mrs K. Chapman

'Our Dogs' Top Breeder 2008 Competition

The Top Breeder in Shelties is-
Mrs M. Norman (Francehill)

'Our Dogs' Top Puppy 2008 Competition

The Top Puppy in Shelties is-
Lorainian Saving Grace.

(Shadoway Summer Chance X Lorainian Star Celebrety)
Owned/Bred by Mrs. L Paterson

'Dog World'/'Pedigree Chum' Top Dog 2008 Competition

The Top Dog in Shelties is- Jointly-
Ch. Francehill Two Tone

(Ch. Francehill Total Eclipse X Ch. Francehill Made Of Ice)
Owned/Bred by Mrs. Margaret Norman

And

Ch. Eljetia Queen Bee

(Shelridge Socrates X Ch. Milesend Storm Queen)

Owned/Bred by Mrs J Parkes

'Dog World'/'Pedigree Chum' Top Stud Dog 2008 Competition

The Top Stud Dog in Shelties is-
Shelridge Socrates.

(Marklin Wandasson at Shelridge X Shelridge Sylphide)

Owned/Bred By Mrs. Chrisine Aaron

'Dog World'/'Pedigree Chum' Top Brood Bitch 2008 Competition

The Top Brood Bitch in Shelties is-
Ch. Milesend Stormqueen.

(Ch. Milesend Stormwarden X Ch. Milesend Dancing Queen)

Owned by Mrs J. Parkes. Bred By Mrs. J. Miles



WESTMINSTER DOG SHOW

BOB - Ch Jesstar Affirmation

Breeder - Jessica Starbuck
Sire - Laureate Landslide X Dam - Ch Jesstar Bach Sedona
Owner - Rita Von Pusch & Jessica Starbuck

Watch the video of the judging

<http://video.westminsterkennelclub.org/player/?id=1004061>



THE ENGLISH SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB

Open Show February 2009
Judges – Mr. Tony Foster and Mrs. Val Wooley



Pet Photos By Lana

Best in Show – Robinson's Milesend Goodtimes At Lavika. BPIS – Tunnicliffe's Dippersmoor May Queen. Best Veteran in Show: Moody's Ch Janetstown Jogalong

OBEDIENCE

Judge – Pat Thompson

Pre- Beginners – Arlanvic Amber Magic. Beginners – Sheltisha Country Magic. Novice – Glensanda Garrity + Class 'A'.

For more Pictures from this show Visit Tony Bridge's web site - <http://www.shelties.org.uk/>



MID WESTERN SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB

Open Show February 2009
Judges- Mrs. B.J. Tunnicliffe and Mrs. J. Chater.



Pet Photos By Lana

Best Puppy in Show – Richmaus Lotus Blossom. Reserve Best in Show – Penrave Princess Royal JW.
Best Opposite Sex In Show - Penrave Princess Royal JW.
Best In Show - Lythwood Sharp Shooter. Best Veteran In Show - Maryville Star Turn JW.

For more Pictures from this show visit the MWSSC Web Site - <http://www.mwssc.org/>



Am Ch Daval Glamour Games

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(Ch Daval Mind Games ROM ex Daval Dark Edges).

“Hannah” was bred by Janet Sue Wright & Alice Carty and is owned by Lynda Bernier of Cathance Shelties. Hannah finished with two specialty majors including a Best In Specialty Show under Judge Linda Moore.



Crufts



Photo- Bianca Heideveld

**Dog CC Keltihope Holly,s Summer Son. Res Dog CC Degallo The Real Deal
Bitch CC Keltihope Summer Breeze At Stevlyn. RES Bitch CC Sonymer Shoe Shuffle**



Polish CH. Nobel z Puli Szczęścia

Breed history was made this year at Crufts -

with the first ever POLISH owned/exhibited sheltie being shown in the UK, and the first ever POLISH CHAMPION been shown at Crufts.

Polish CH. Nobel z Puli Szczęścia was exhibited in open dog (and only 20+months old). A Grandson of INT/Grand Ch. Cheryldene Cerenova. With American bloodlines on one side .He was sired by the top Polish Stud dog multi Ch Overtop Oskar (who is by Cerenova). History in the making!!!



Also at Crufts this year- from Finland

Fin.Ch. Sunsweet Biggest Dream

(Ch. Grandgables A Showy Fellow x Sunsweet Morning Glory)

Bred by Marita Axi. Living with Debbie Pearson in UK.



Pet Photos By Lana

Crufts Sheltie Judges Jeff Thomas and Mary Glover-Guest

Best Puppy - Willowtarn Time to Boogie, Best Bitch & BOB - Keltihope Summer Breeze, Best Dog - Keltihope Holly's Summer Son



In the Main Ring for the Group Judging - Photo Margaret Botham

Full Crufts Breed Results Here-

<http://crufts.fossedata.co.uk/Breed.asp?ShowYear=2009&GroupID=PAS&ScheduleID=192>



Helsinki Winner Show 2008

On December 13th The Helsinki International Winner 2008 Show was arranged in Helsinki Fair Centre. The judge was John Walsh from Ireland and there were 8 puppies and 59 adults shown. In this show the titles Juniorwinner-2008 and Winner-2008 were awarded.

The ring started with puppy dogs, two were rewarded with Prize of Honour. Class winner was Sunsweet Most Happy Fella (Bridemoor Sergeant Pepper x Sunsweet Biggest Dream). Second was Mystica Line Mystery Man (Helskon Kaleva x Susadan Mina Mystica). Third Minitiimin Unique Like Me and fourth Scandyline Golden Legend. Only one bitch puppy got Prize of Honour, the class winner Minitiimin Updated Quizz (Helskon Kaleva x Minitiimin Quizz Show). Second was Anyway Waking Sun, third Karaatin Hohtava Lupaus and fourth Mystica Line Made Of Dreams. The judge chose Best of Breed Puppy the sweet bitch pup Minitiimin Updated Quizz, so Sunsweet Most Happy Fella was BOS-puppy.



Picture Mina Lukkari
Minitiimin Updated Quizz



Sunsweet Most Happy Fella

Then the official classes started with junior males. Only two got "excellent" grading. Class winner and new Juniorwinner-2008 title holder was Trickteam Roger Rabbit (Happy Master's Hugo Boss x Moorwood Count On Me). Second was Rus JCh Marvitholl Exprompt (Marvitholl Prsetige x Marvitholl Lobelia) from Russia. Third was oli Ltu & Lv JCh Siniketun Brandon Lee and fourth Sinisilkin Kosmonautti.

Also in dog intermediate class only two "excellents" were granted. Winner was Shadowmist Golddigger (Windcrest Smart Suit x Shadowmist Amazing Future) and second Agree Royal Ace (Japaro Special Agent x Yazina's Milla Magilla). Deardreams Benjamin was third and Helskon Tsaikovski fourth.

In dog open class only one boy pleased the judge enough to get "excellent" grading. This was JW-05 Hawser Meadow's Hazelnut Cracker (Sheldon Space Joker x Hawser Meadow's Cinnamon Cake). Second place went to Bridemoor's Future Flame, third Nice Try Dazzling Duff and fourth White Coastal Little Lordy.

Even in champion class just four males got "excellent" grading. First was Fin Ch Minitiimin One Man Show (Helskon Kaleva x Helskon Olga), second Fin & Lv Ch JW-07 Golden Rose Play With Fire (Sheldon Space Joker x Silimen Hymyn Tähtisade), third Fin Ch TK1 Linlands Quijote (Eastflash Xandor x Linlands Jilda) and fourth Fin & Est Ch EstW-05 Snowglow's Jailhouse Rock (American Express of Swansea x Snowglow's Dream Come True).

The only boy in veteran class was rewarded with "excellent" grading and so Int & Fin & Gb & S & Est & Ltu Ch W-01 BaltW-02 Shelgate Midnight Magic (Eastflash Andy Pandy x Shelgate Magic Touch) continued to Best Veteran-competition.

So ten handsome boys were shown in Best Dog-competition. Most the judge liked Fin Mva Minitiimin One Man Show, who received dog CACIB and Winner-2008 title. Second best dog was JW-05 Hawser Meadow's Hazelnut Cracker, who along with reserve-CACIB got dog certificate and became Finnish Champion, as this was his third CC. Third best dog was Fin & Lv Ch JW-07 Golden Rose Play With Fire and fourth with res-certificate Shadowmist Golddigger.

Next it was lovely Sheltie girls' turn to hit the ring. Four junior bitches got "excellent" grading, the class winner and new Juniorwinner-2008 was Donna (Hillacre Hot To Trot x Cinta. Second was Anyway Classic Future (Shelgate Midnight Magic x Anyway Cream Future), third Funnytail I'm Too Fast (Moorwood Caribbean Blue Lover x Funnytail Fast And Famous) and fourth Rosebridge's Chamomile (Käpäläkoplan Wendigo x Anyway Cream Dream).

In intermediate class just one bitch got "excellent", thus Sound's Grand Girlish (Grandgables A Showy Fellow x Sound's Golden Fame) won the class. Second was Päivänpaisteen Justiina and third New Spices Anise Flower.

Also in the bitch open class "excellent" gradings were rare, just two first got it. Winner was Rus Ch Marvitholl Nota Bene (Brilyn Leading Ways x Marvitholl Izabella) from Russia, and second was Sunsweet Fine Line (Brilyn Leading Ways x Lundecock's Last Dance). Third placement went to Funnytail Fast And Famous and fourth to Amorosan Impi.

All six champion bitches however pleased the judge as all got "excellent". Fin Ch WJW-06 PL & PZJW-06 Bar-Waxan Sounds Sun (Grandgables A Showy Fellow x Sound's Golden Fame) was first, Int & Fin & S & Est & Lv Ch EuJW-03 EstW-04 W-04,-05 NordW-05 BaltW-06 Kuukivi Paike (Bemarks Pride'N' Presence x Kuukivi Kallike) took the second place, third was Fin Ch EuJW-06 Sunsweet Biggest Dream (Grandgables A Showy Fellow x Sunsweet Morning Glory) and fourth Fin & Rus Ch Marvitholl Galandriel (Amethrickeh In Ash x Marvitholl Veronica) from Russia.

Also all veteran class bitches got "excellent" gradings. Fin Ch Höpötassun Lyyli (Lundecock's Touch My Soul x Sound's Night Bird) won the class, second was Tuulikukan Juhannus Ruusu (Bit Of A Mischief At Beckwith x Snowglow's Inky Illusion) and third Int & Fin & N Ch Peltsun Diz-Rosegarden (Puksin Reipas x Peltsun Rami-Disbaby).

In Best bitch-competition we saw 14 beauties. John Walsh liked best Rus Ch Marvitholl Nota Benen, who got Winner-2008 title, bitch CACIB and certificate, gaining Finnish Championship. Second best bitch was Fin Ch WJW-06 PL & PZJW-06 Bar-Waxan Sounds Sun, who got reserve-CACIB. Third was Int & Fin & S & Est & Lv Ch EuJW-03 EstW-04 W-04,-05 NordW-05 BaltW-06 Kuukivi Paike and fourth JW-08 Donna, who got res-certificate.

Best of Breed Veteran was Int & Fin & Gb & S & Est & Ltu Ch W-01 BaltW-02 Shelgate Midnight Magic, and so bitch veteran Fin Ch Höpötassun Lyyli was BOS-veteran.



Int & Fin & Gb & S & Est & Ltu Ch W-01 BaltW-02 Shelgate Midnight Magic

In Best of Breed competition the dog pleased the judge more, and so Fin Ch Minitiimin One Man Show was Best OF Breed. Talk about a suitable name, huh? Rus Mva (and the new Fin Ch too) Marvitholl Nota Bene was BOS.



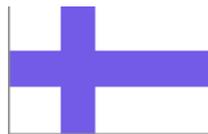
Picture Mina Lukkari
Fin Ch Minitiimin One Man Show



Ch.Marvitholl Nota Bene

One breeder's group was presented and with Prize of Honour Kennel Sunsweet, breeder Marita Axi, went to the finals.

Hilppa Järvinen (Finland)



Archive Photo- Alfredo Gili
S Ch Lundecock's Hoity-Toity

To Ulrika Nordieng and S Ch Lundecock's Hoity-Toity who gained the Finnish Champion title and went BOB at the international show in Tampere, Finland on March 14th 2009.
The Judge was Lee Greer from New Zealand





Illustrated Breed Standard

The Mid Western Shetland Sheepdog Club (UK) has produced a very high quality glossy A4 sized Illustrated Breed Standard with 23 pages of excellent photos and sketches showing in detail the Breed Standard of the Country of Origin.



To order your copy at £4.50 plus Post and Package - contact The Club secretary - Margaret Dobson
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Drug Sensitivity- A Disease?

In this age of Animal Rights and TV companies attacking dog breeders with anything they can get their hands on in the way of diseases, I was shocked to find that Drug Sensitivity is listed against Shelties as a 'DISEASE'!

<http://server.vet.cam.ac.uk/FMPro?-db=breeddb&-lay=alldata&-format=search.html&-view>

Responsible owners know that having the MDR1 test gives us and our vets a useful tool in the care of our animals which could avoid problems with our dogs, but do we consider having the sensitivity a 'Disease'?

I would be interested in your thoughts on this.

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“The Companions”

We moved in, furniture and effects in storage. The footings and foundations to begin in 2 days' time.

I liked living in a caravan. A quick zoom round with the duster, and the housework was done. I'd brought with my painting gear to get on with some artwork.

So life continued for a couple of weeks. Two paintings completed, one a rescue greyhound and the other of Kez, the kind of dog you see with the kids in American movies. *Loads* of character. The builders, needless to say, turned up late, started the digging, then downed tools by early afternoon, when they “couldn't possibly do any more before the morning” and disappeared in the direction of the local pub. OK, I knew this would happen so I stayed calm, poured myself a good-sized glass of wine, and after a long walk, went to bed.

I must have begun to doze when the dogs all became stiff and alert, all staring in the same direction. I decided that it was an unfamiliar noise from outside and eventually went to sleep.

I was busy with the site manager next day, who prised the builders out of the pub at least twice. Jeanette called around with the redoubtable Kez in the afternoon. But later, just as last evening, the dogs began to stiffen, staring at the same point. Once again I couldn't see anything. I thought I could hear a low growl and wasn't sure whom it had come from, but they all soon settled down. I didn't sleep well that night. I kept waking with cold sweats, dropping off again, dreaming of giant spiders. Perhaps the builders were getting to me more than I realised.

The following day was Saturday. With a local Companion Show to attend all thoughts of builders, weird dogs etc went out of mind. I spent a very enjoyable day out in the sun, with friendly people, home-baked cakes plus the usual ice-cream van, (OK, so I had a 99), we came away, dogs and me, tired but relaxed and happy.

Sunday was spent poodling around the Garden Centres. Monday the dreaded builders were back mid-morning. They did a bit more digging then left. It was 3pm. I hate builders.

10pm and I was in bed. Suddenly the shelties stiffened. I could hear the low growl but this time I knew it wasn't one of them. Then, out of the dimness I made out the figure of a child, maybe eight years, along with a small terrier and from whom the noise of objection was emanating. My next impression was a strong smell. Something like the acrid and stifling wet dog. Not nice. It could have come from either of them.

Once I'd got over the shock, and assuming they'd just wandered in, despite realising that the shelties still hadn't made a sound, I thought I'd better find out who these two mucky people were.

“Do you have a name?” No answer. He just stood and looked, an intense expression. His clothes: The top probably started life as a V-neck, now undeterminable in shape and too big for his small frame. His trousers grubby like the rest of him. Shoes, hmm. Those eyes were getting to me. Large in a thin face which seemed too small for them, (like his clothes). His hair greasy and uncut. Suddenly, perhaps deciding that I wasn't going to scream, he took a deep breath and very quietly said “Robert”. “She's Scruffy”, he said, pointing down to what seemed fairly obvious until I realised he meant it was the dog's name.

“Where do you live?” I asked.

They both turned, heading out of the door, into the now dark night and returning presumably to whence they had come.

I was left stunned but decided they were probably from a local traveller's camp and tried to get back to sleep. Tomorrow would be a busy day with the foundations being poured.

Wishful thinking. The team were unavoidably called away to repair some pipework which needed urgent attention. I needed urgent attention. My bungalow was not getting built. So I went out again for the day, not wanting to look at the deserted site and decided to boor Jeanette with my woes.

Once I'd finished raving, before I could start up again, she asked if I was sleeping OK. "You look peaky".

My breath caught. Suddenly the visit from Robert seemed more bizarre in daylight and I shivered.

"What is it?" she asked.

I described the child and his dog.

I now remembered the previous evenings when the shelties had stared at exactly the same place. And this time I went cold right through to my core. "Is it possible?" I asked, afraid to voice what I was actually thinking.

"You're just tired from lack of sleep". She was unconvincing. But after a glass of wine and a good old-fashioned weepy, I plodded back to the caravan feeling very silly and relaxed.

"Are you asleep?"

It was that smell again. I was afraid to open my eyes, but knew that I had to.

There he was, with his Scruffy who still looked as though she'd bite me.

"Hello Robert", "and Scruffy" I added quickly hoping, foolishly to appease the mutt.

"Hello" he said quietly.

"Would you like a sandwich?"

"Yes please" he murmured.

Relieved more than I would admit, I got up and went to the kitchen, made him a cheese sandwich, Scruffy a bowl of Chappie. Watching them they looked as though they hadn't eaten for months, (looking at their condition, I was afraid that perhaps I was right) Myself feeling happier with each mouthful of food. After all, ghosts don't eat do they.

I was starting to believe that my faculty of reason had not yet deserted me. But watching these two I again wondered who they really were and where they were from. Weren't Robert's parents worried about where he might be?

The food was finished quickly, both plates licked clean. I decided that I'd better get them home and confront Robert's parent/s. So I ushered the two waifs out of the van holding the boy's hand, Scruffy just following him closely behind, we walked towards the building area.

But instead of walking around the side of the excavations, Robert guided me to an area just beyond where the builders had stopped digging.

“We live there” he said, pointing to the rise of ground.

I went cold again, staring at the mound of earth, unable to move.

“Why are you there?”

“Because my mummy and daddy put me there, then left me alone with Scruffy”. “He keeps me company and I cuddle him when I’m afraid” he said.

I turned and vomited into the pit, shaking and sweating, disgusted with my own emotions and distraught with pity for this child and his dog. When I turned around they had again disappeared.

Come morning, I telephoned “The Gang” and told them that they wouldn’t be needed again. I would employ a “proper” builder when I was ready. Then I telephone the police. This was going to be tricky to explain.

It took a lot of persuading to get the police to dig out that mound. When they found the skeletons of a small child and a dog, they kept me at the station for several hours sure that I knew more. Then they discovered that a reported child abuse case had come to nothing when the family were presumed to have gone abroad. The boy, with his dog, had been beaten and starved according to school and home-visitors’ reports, but nothing could be proven at the time and no more had been done to find them since.

Forensic tests showed that this child was indeed Robert Handle, and that he had been “at risk” 6 years before I had come to the area. They accepted that I could not possibly have any knowledge of the family and let me leave, rather reluctantly I thought.

With the remains of Robert, (and Scruffy), the police finally found the small child’s parents living in Austria with 3 now-grown-up offspring, all the family running a small “pension” in peace and harmony together.

Not for long.

The parents were brought back, tried and some justice was achieved, although too late for little Robert, (and Scruffy), but then, it’s not a perfect world is it.

I saw the two once more after this.

They again visited, soon after I had moved into our now complete home. They didn’t smell so bad, or perhaps I’d got used to it, and this time my dogs didn’t look alarmed at their sudden appearance, nor did Scruffy growl. I might even have seen a tail-wag.

The boy didn’t say much. Just a quiet “thank you” in his gentle way, and even though I still hadn’t seen him smile, he gave me the impression that he was now feeling comforted. He turned and walked out of the door. “Bye” I said.

Melody Raymond

This Story was submitted by Melody Raymond for the Short Story Competition that (Ed.) organized last year in UK. The Judges had a difficult choice, and thought this was worthy of being put into print as a close runner up to the winners (printed in the December 2008 issue).

The Competition and a raffle etc. raised £552 for Canine Dermatomyositis Research at Texas A&M University.

More details of this rare condition can be found here- <http://www.shalaine.com/dm/dm.html>





KENNEL CLUB (UK)

ANNOUNCES HEALTHY NEW YEAR REGULATIONS FOR PEDIGREE DOGS

The Kennel Club, in the next stage of its 'Fit for Function: Fit For Life' campaign, today released the results of its review of all breed standards to ensure that all dogs are healthy, of good temperament and fit for their original function, and announced that it will introduce strict new rules to ban the breeding of close relatives, in a move that will ensure that pedigree dogs go into 2009 with the best chance of living happy, healthy lives.

The breed standards - the picture in words that describes each breed of dog - have been revised so that they will not include anything that could in any way be interpreted as encouraging features that might prevent a dog from breathing, walking and seeing freely. This will help to prevent the practice of exaggeration, where features that are perceived to be desirable, such as a short muzzle or loose skin, are made more prominent by breeders, and which can have detrimental effects on a dog's health. The changes represent a major additional step forward for the long term health and welfare of dogs of all breeds and have been made following a series of reviews, which included breed experts and independent scientific and veterinary experts. Breed Standards are constantly reviewed by the Kennel Club and their development has benefited from extensive research that has been funded by the Kennel Club in conjunction with renowned veterinary research centres over the past 40+ years.

Examples of the suggested amendments include a revised standard for the Shar Pei, which removes the exaggeration of loose skin folds across the neck, skull and legs. Other changes include the preclusion of excessive weight in Labradors and a move to stop breeders exaggerating substance in Clumber Spaniels, in order to ensure they would be fit for their original purpose of working in the field.

Marc Abraham, Kennel Club Veterinary Advisor, said: "The Kennel Club should be applauded for its efforts to improve the health of pedigree dogs. The changes that have been announced today will leave breeders and judges in no doubt about their responsibilities to safeguard the health and welfare of dogs, first and foremost. The Kennel Club has grasped the opportunities that developments in science and technology have given it to improve pedigree health and is at the forefront of research in this area. I hope that all those who care about the health and welfare of pedigree dogs will unite with the Kennel Club and work productively with them so that we can all reach our shared goal of achieving the best possible future for dogs."

All judges will be expected to use the revised standards at Crufts 2009, which will be a showcase for healthy, well adjusted dogs. The Kennel Club show regulations have also been amended to lay down more

clearly than ever, a judge's duty only to reward those dogs that are healthy representatives of their breed, at all Kennel Club licensed shows. Judges will have the authority to remove from competition completely any dog that appears to be unhealthy and Kennel Club officials and show officials are expected to refer any dogs that they believe to be unhealthy to the on-site vet, who can authorise the dog's removal from further competition at that show.

In a further move, the Kennel Club has announced that it will crack down on the small number of breeders who continue to use the practice of mating close relatives by refusing to register those puppies that are born from any mother/son, father/daughter or brother/sister mating, taking place on or after 1st March 2009.

Departures from this principle will only be made in exceptional circumstances or for scientifically proven welfare reasons. Kennel Club research into the genetic diversity of all breeds in the UK is ongoing and further changes will be considered in the future, on a breed specific basis.

Caroline Kisko, Kennel Club spokesperson, said: "We want the New Year to begin well for pedigree dogs and the changes that have been announced today underline the Kennel Club's deep commitment to ensuring that every pedigree dog has the best possible chance of leading a happy, healthy life.

"Our revised breed standards are underpinned by new regulations, which further support show judges in their right to remove from competition those dogs who stray from the breed standard in a way that is detrimental to their health. Dog shows attract a great deal of public support in this country and are designed to celebrate and reward only those dogs that are healthy representatives of their breed and are of good temperament. We are determined to make sure that this is, and remains, so."

To find out more about the revised breed standards visit

<http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/item/2223>.

ENDS 13th January 2009..

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TOP STUD DOG NORWAY 2008



It is with great pleasure we write this story about S N uch Ha-Dar Winning Edge «Dante» 3 ½ years after his arrival in Norway.

I studied dogs and kennels for a long time over in the US before I came in contact with a breeder in order to buy a male sheltie. That kennel was Blessed kennel (earlier Beckward) in Atlanta.

Nine months later- August 2005- «Dante» arrived at Gardermoen airport from USA. My longtime dream of a US sheltie was fulfilled.

Dante was even more beautiful than I had imagined! He took our breath away with his soft and beautiful expression. He was everything I had ever dreamt of, and just as the ideal I had in my mind of a US sheltie.

I looked forward to showing him, and with great excitement I brought him to a show two months after his arrival. That show was a great success. He took the CC, went to BOB and we were very happy!!

A joyful day!

That show was only the beginning of many happy moments with showing «Dante». He won several CC`s, and we travelled abroad to show him. His first show abroad was in Sweden. He got CC, and BOB again. We also went to Luxembourg and took home a CC there too. The European Winner show in Helsinki was incredibly exciting, and «Dante» ended in a respectable 2nd.place!

Totally, «Dante» brought home 10 CC`s, he has become Norwegian and Swedish Champion. He has 3 CC`s from Sweden, and that was his first Championship. His last CC he gained in Tromsø October 2008 at NKK`s show, where he also got BOB and 2.BIG. A really great and memorable moment for me to finish him to Norwegian Champion – as the first one imported from USA.

.As a stud, we first tried him with N S uch St.Kilda`s Great Charisma. In november 2005 she gave birth to one bitch puppy which we called St.Kilda`s New Future «Mira». This bitch we kept in the kennel.

Several offspring were born during 2006, and we were thrilled to see them develop. «Dante» put a dominant touch in most of his offspring. He dominated them in both type, coat and temperament. I must admit these new lines is incredibly fascinating to explore. What we saw in our offspring- and offspring he sired with other bitches, was that everyone had such strong charisma! The puppies were strong, and so far every puppy he sired (until 2009) has tested clear on their eyes.



I contacted «Dante`s» breeder at the Ha-Dar kennel, and she could tell me that he is pure for sable, and genetic clear in his eyes. Personally I am a bit sceptical to rely on «genetic freedom» of anything, but so far every offspring has tested clear, and that is very satisfying.

January 2009 - «Dante» has 29 offspring. These are spread on 11 litters. The last two litters from October and November 2008 contained 11 puppies. Despite their young age, these young dogs have done really well in shows!

1 has gained his Norwegian championship.

3 have the big CC from NKK`s shows

2 of them only misses one CC to become Norwegian Champion

13 of «Dante`s» offspring have been shown, and all these have got CC from Norwegian shows!

These 13 dogs have altogether 30 CC`s until now.

I think this is an achievement in itself, and I wonder if any other stud dog has achieved this with their offspring. We are incredibly proud of this fantastic dog which we are the lucky owners of. Not only do we think, we KNOW that his offspring will do great in shows in the years ahead- and also be strong individuals to breed on. We recognize that the work we have put down in this is correct, and that it does contribute in the right direction for our beloved breed.

Whether you like US imports or not- the numbers speak for themselves, nothing can take away the fact that this has been a huge success!

Thanks for the opportunity to write this article about our amazing dog who after 3 ½ years in Norway is titled TOP STUD DOG NORWAY 2008!! Another goal is achieved for our kennel, and we look with brightness to our future!

St.Kilda`s Kennel

Laila & Bjørn Lauritzen

Ingrid Gullvik & Fred Frivåg



Irish Kennel Club



St. Patrick's Celtic Winners Show

Well, the weather was certainly working in our favour today. Having rolled out of bed in pitch black at 4.30am, we ventured down to the Celtic Winners Show arriving in perfect early morn sunshine ☺. This is the first all breed Championship show of the year held on St. Patrick's day in our National Show Centre, Cloghran, Ireland.

For those unfamiliar with the current Irish system, each dog is examined by a single judge and graded as Excellent, Very Good, Good, Sufficient, or Cannot be Judged, while those in puppy classes are either Very Promising or Promising. Available classes were puppy, junior, intermediate, open, champion and veteran split for gender; description of classes [here](#).

The winner of junior dog and junior bitch are given the title of CJW '09 while the best of each sex gain green stars. Shelties had the largest entry in our Group (FCI Group 1) and our judge for today was Miss J O'Connor. I must admit to being rather perturbed seeing our judge enter the ring with high spiky heels to her pointy shoes...but she was very gentle and the Shelties all 'took' to her. Sorry I couldn't secure permission to include photographs of the Celtic Junior Winners, but I have been promised pictures for the 2009 annual round-up.

Junior Dog: Farrell's **Carolelen Clean Sweep for Moifara**, Y12281, Tricolour, bred by Mrs C. Trueman, 01/12/07, Delft Blue at Ramtin ex Carolelen Candlelight. Subject to IKC approval, the he also gained his Junior Championship today.

Junior Bitch: Conaghey's **Larskmoor Michaelmas Daisy**, Y03671, Tricolour, bred by Exh, 05/12/07, Ir Ch Myter That's My Goal for Karyshanty ex Longrange Liberty Belle of Larksmoor.

Dog Green Star: Doyle's **Dalyhaa Secret Weapon at Sevenoaks**, Y12923, Tricolour, bred by Mr T. Wall, 28/11/07, Ir Ch & UK Ch Brilyn Pick Pocket ex Brilyn April Shower.

Bitch Green Star: Dunne's, **Longrange Scarlet OHara**, Y25608, Sable and White, bred by Exh, 16/06/08, Myriehewe Day Dreamer ex Longrange Luminous.



The girls did well today taking best junior and BOB coming from puppy bitch. Shelties were not placed in the group, but an instantly appealing Border Collie went BIS: SH. CH. Tonkory Move Over to Huntly Junior Ch. Further Sheltie results will be available [here](#).

All the best for 2009.

AJ

[Amy Jayne McKnight, Cinbaramy Shetland Sheepdogs, NI]





Can Ch Newdawn What's Up

At a huge International Show of 2300 entries in The Netherlands -
The adorable little 14 inch tri bitch Flirt - Can Ch Newdawn What's Up (Can Ch Monage Grandgables Boot Camp x Can Ch Newdawn Zoom Zoom Zoom On Bi (a Trek daughter x Faradale Frisbee daughter), who is co-owned buy Guy Jeavons, Mark McMillan (Grandgables) and Marcella Koenen (Dawnville Shelties in Holland) and bred by Suzanne Boshart of (Newdawn) - won the International CACIB, the Dutch CAC (Winners Bitch) and BOB under judge Marit Sunde (Norway) (44 Shelties entered), then Flirt went on to win the Pastoral Group under judge Miroslav Redlicki from Poland. They have 10 Groups there and award six placements and Flirt ended up 6th Best In Show under Luis Pinto Texeiro from Portugal.



Queens Island Canine Club

Open show, held on 21/2/09

Shetland Sheepdogs..Judge Sue Walker (Tooralie)

Puppy D/B 2 (1 abs)

1) Kyle + Mann..TACHNAMADRA THE TEMPEST (BPIB & BPIG)

Sp Yearling D/B 2 (1 abs)

1) Russell..LEAWOOD FRANCESCA

Open Dog 5 (3 abs)

1) Smyth JAYMUR HARVESTER AT SANERN

2) Russell LEAWOOD BLUEBERRY HILL

Open bitch 3 (2 abs)

1) Hagan FEARNACH AMBER ROSE AT JAYMUR (BOB & G3)

Valerie Kyle. Ireland.



All Ireland Shetland Sheepdog Club

Judge: Mr Steve Barrett.

BIS: DALIYHAA SECRET WEAPON AT SEVENOAKS

RBIS: LONGRANGE LUMINOUS

BPIS: SNUGBOROUGH HEARTS 'N' DIAMONDS

Baby Puppy Dog 1/0

1st Wall's DALIYHAA FEEL FREE TO STARE

Minor Puppy Dog 2/0

1st Morris's THORNTONHALL WILD RAMBLER

2nd Robinson's EVAD WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT

Puppy Dog 3/1

1st Higgins' CEARTHALL MAGICAL GOAD

2nd Kirwan's FEARNACH CRACKER JACK

Junior Dog 2/0

1st Kendrick's ARDLYN WILLOW PATTERN

2nd Farrell's CAROLELEN CLEAN SWEEP FOR MOIFARA

Intermediate Dog 4/0

1st Doyle's DALIYHAA SECRET WEAPON AT SEVENOAKS

2nd McDonald's FEARNACH TOUCH MY SOUL

3rd Curtin's BLARNEY BRAVEHEART

4th Hodson's MOYHILL WOODY WOODPECKER (Junior Champion)

Open Dog 10/5

1st O'Flaherty & Wall's DRAIOCHTA LITTLE JASPER

2nd McArdle's SLIEVEMAC SPACEMAN

3rd Dunne's LONGRANGE LOTHARIO AT FEARNACH

4th McDonagh's TRIHANDY ACE OF SPADES AT KARYSHANTY (J.D.)

Champion Dog 2/0

1st Doyle's CH. BLARNEY POCKET OF MISCHIEF AT SEVENOAKS.

2nd McDonagh's CH. MYTER THAT'S MY GOAL FOR KARYSHANTY (J.D., C.J.W.07)

Veteran Dog 1/0

1st Kendrick's CH. ARDLYN KING BRIAN

Minor Puppy Bitch 2/1

1st Dunne's LONGRANGE SCARLET O'HARA

Puppy Bitch 4/2

1st Finnan's SNUGBOROUGH HEARTS 'N' DIAMONDS

2nd Rooney's CEARTHALL TEMPTING TAMMY OF HILLAWNS

Junior Bitch 6/3

1st Conaghey's LARKSMOOR MICHAELMAS DAISY

2nd Higgins' CEARTHALL CRYSTALL BALL

3rd Lynch's SEVENOAKS PETITE ASHA

Intermediate Bitch 3/2

1st Higgins' CHANNERSWICK BLACK LACE AT CEARTHALL

Open Bitch 15/5

1st Dunne's LONGRANGE LUMINOUS

2nd Hall's KARYSHANTY SPELLBOUND AT MARIZAN (Jun.Ch., CJW'08, JD)

3rd Doyle's SEVENOAKS RED ILLUSION

4th Robinson's EVAD IRISH MIST AT GREENAN

Champion Bitch 1/0

1st McDonagh's CH. KILCAREWOOD MYSTIC LADY (CW '07)

The AISSC run their open breed show as part of the The Rough Collie Club of Ireland's All Breed Open Show.

The BIS from the AISSC went on to win Group 1

Valerie Kyle. Ireland (with thanks to Margaret McArdle



The Challenge Of Breeding Shelties In Brazil

I'm Cristiane R. Nanô, from Von Kempton Kennels; I've been breeding Shelties for 12 years, specially for conformation purposes. I'm located in Atibaia, a small city near São Paulo, Brazil, where my dogs can have more space, less noise and pollution. My puppies are born in my bedroom and have full time care from my whole family, until they go to their new homes. I've produced 11 home-made Brazilian champions and I'm also proud that two of the three agility world champions Shelties from the MINI category in 2008 were born at my house, the third one wasn't born here but it's an offspring of a female that was.

My website: www.sheltie.com.br

Every Sheltie breeder will soon realize that producing beautiful, sound, correct and also "in size" puppies is a really hard task.

Shelties, which are known as a multi-breed combination - including such extremes as Rough Collies and Pomeranians - always gives us a hard time, while we try to predict what genes really comes along with every current bloodline available, when we plan a litter. Looking at the future dam or sire's phenotype alone is never enough, as there's a lot of hidden traits in every individual.

Here in Brazil, we face no different scenario. Maybe it's even worse!

While there's a clear preference (even by the layman) for the AKC (American Kennel Club) standard Sheltie - bigger bones, huge coats, thicker muzzles - the FCI (Fédération Cynologique Internationale) breed standard is determined to be followed, and by its statements our dogs are judged in the show ring (specially in terms of size, which requires slightly smaller individuals).

Most of the puppies are sold to people that live in small apartments and also, due to the popularization of the Agility practicing and the great performance of some Shelties at the MINI category (Brazilian mini agility team won the world championship last year in Finland!) smaller puppies are a MUST!

Most of our best imports come from USA or Canada, where bigger Shelties are valued and even win Best in Shows. It's crystal clear that these dogs, when mated here, will produce some "taller" offspring. Although they may be gorgeous, they're hard to sell.

Regarding colors, Tricolor or Bi-Blacks that lack a huge white collar and completely white legs also, are also hard to place. Strange but true...

When gender is concerned, the search for female puppies is much more usual. Even though most of these people will never produce a single litter to uphold this preference, it seems for them at the first moment, that a male Sheltie will be an uncontrollable peer at the whole house, pure misinformation!

After a while and a long explanation, it's possible to make them understand that male Shelties are as good companions (or even better!) than females, and potty-training them requires the same amount of time and work as they would spend if it was a "girl". Plus, their coat is more beautiful and sheds less (that's a nice argument, always!)

Only one thing seems to be the general opinion: that this is a smart, gorgeous and caring breed, making them really special and remarkable pets.

That's what makes Shelties so addicting! Beauty and brains...

And for us, breeders, the quest to produce the right, swift, furry, dense, yet small dog, with a heart of gold and that special look in the eyes...maybe that's the future "Brazilian" standard...



Cristiane R. Nanô

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The Breed Specialty in Spain – The Collie Club of Spain

Exposicion Nacional Monografica en España – Collie Club España

April 27th, 2008

Shetland Sheepdogs - Judge: Lotta Brun

It was a great honor and pleasure to be allowed to judge the Spanish Breed Specialty for Shetland Sheepdogs. This was my very first appointment for this breed, before I have judged the Sighthounds (FCI group 10) since the 1990's.

The Sheltie is not a "big" breed here in Spain but there seem to be a growing interest for the breed. There are few established breeders, but hopefully more will come in the coming years. The entry of 13 shelties was a good number according the Collie Club.

The average quality was good but the type varied quite a lot. My final winners came from France; the BOB winning female **BAMBIE LA BLEUE DE L'ESTERAZUR DU LAC** was a very good individual of the breed, well balances, with the correct sweet expression and free easy movements. The best male (opposite sex) **CEZANNE LE BLEU DE L'ESTERAZUR DU LAC** was a junior dog from the same breeder; he was still young but showed lots of promise for the future.

Male Puppies

SILVER DREAM GHOST DE L'ESTERAZUR DU LAC – Very Good 1st BOB Puppy

(Ch J H Francis Of Golden Fir x Country's Dream Blue Bolero)

Breeder: Papp Judith, Korozs Andras, France - Owner: Laurence Emeric , France

Female Puppies

LINA – Very Good 1st BOS Puppy

(Clinton x Magui)

Breeder: Manolo Parejo, Spain
Owner Vicente Fernández López, Spain

Youth Males

CEZANNE LE BLEU DE L'ESTERAZUR DU LAC – Excellent 1st, Best Junior, BOS

(Volpone Bleu De Brigassar x Tendre Milady Des Mille Eclats Des Tournesols)

Breeder/Owner: Laurence Emeric , France

Intermedia Males

VELERO DE LA MAR DE BE – Exc 1

(Nei De Mendirozketa x Molomvolgyi x Parkerdosi Pamela)

Breeder/Owner: Isabel Gimeno, Spain

Open Males

Multi Ch TORNADE DE LA MAISON DES CARMES – Exc 3

(Ch Xcalibur Of The Golden Fir x Picardy Gold De La Maison Des Carmes)

Breeder: Mme. &Mr Duliere, France

Owner: Gourmenen Joel

TWISTER DE LA MAR DE BE – Exc 2

(Molomvolgyi-Parkerdosi Kevin x Molomvolgyi-Parkerdosi Pamela)

Breeder/Owner: Isabel Gimeno, Spain

SMULTRONETS BORN TO BE WILD – Exc 1 CAC

(Degallo The Hit Man x Hovmansbygdens Alicia Keys)

Breeder: Carola Johansson, Sweden

Owner: Nina Glader, Spain

Champion Males

Ch MOLOMVOGYI-PARKERDOSI KEVIN – Exc 1, Rappel-CAC
(Ch Lundecock's Scarface x Ch Molomvolgyi-Parkerdosi Jezebe)
Breeder: Nemeth Istvanne, Poland
Owner: Isabel Gimeno, Spain

Intermedia Females

GOLETA DE LA MAR DE BE – Exc 1
(Nei De Mendirozketa x Molomvolgyi-Parkerdosi Pamela)
Breeder/owner: Isabel Gimeno, Spain

Open Females

BAMBIE LA BLEUE DE L'ESTERAZUR DU LAC – Exc 1 BOB
(Ch Newsand Boomerang Des Romarins De Mayerling x Veritable Bleu Lavan)
Breeder/owner: Laurence Emeric , France

JEWELL DE LA MAR DE BE – Exc 3

(Molomvolgyi-Parkerdosi Kevin x Molomvolgyi-Parkerdosi Pamela)
Breeder/owner: Isabel Gimeno, Spain

MISHA DE CASA FERMA – Exc 4

(Ch Paco Rabanne Of Toker'n Park x Ch Ica De Casa Ferma)
Breeder: L Aguilar Oner: Tony torres & Marta Bosch, Spain

SMULTRONETS AS TIME GOES BY – Exc 2 RCAC

(Ch Shelteam Dreamcatcher x Hovmansbygdens Alicia Keys)
Breeder/owner: Carola Johansson, Sweden

Lotta Brun – Caravan shelties, Norway/Spain





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Thank You

To everyone who contributed in any way to this issue.

If anyone would like to comment on any of the articles in this issue, I will create a letters/comments page for the next (June) issue.

Any other news/views/health issues/pictures would also be most welcome.
All items to be with me by the deadline of June 15th please.

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