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**“Come On Gang – Hurry Up!
The Christmas ‘Global Shelties Magazine’ IS HERE!”**





The correspondents and editors hope you enjoy the magazine.
We welcome letters and other contributions from you all.
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Jumping Ahead In Australian Agility



Tiakina Tuff Act To Follow CDX ADM3 JDM6 ADO5 JDO7 SDX GDX SPDX

..... or Dylan as we affectionately call him was a very handsome little puppy. He was shown during his younger days winning a BIS at eight and a half months old. However, our passion is agility and that was the long-term goal with a little obedience thrown in for good measure. Dylan was a late maturer and at 18 months old when his litter brother was competing in agility Dylan was still a work in progress!!

After some early set backs, Dylan started to put it all together, some of his achievements to date include:

- First place in heats in 2007 in Excellent Jumping and Novice Agility at the State Agility Trial
- First place in Excellent Jumping 2007 Western Classic
- Qualifying for the finals in Novice Agility and Excellent Jumping at the Agility Nationals in Adelaide in 2007
- Qualifying for the final in Excellent Agility at the Agility Nationals in Melbourne in 2008
- Awarded Top 300 dog at the Agility Nationals in Open Jumping in Melbourne in 2008
- Qualifying for the finals in Open Agility and Masters Jumping at the State Trial in 2009
- First place in Masters Agility at the Brisbane Royal 2009
- First place Open Agility at the Sheltie National 2009
- Running a very close second to his brother in the final at the Sheltie Nationals 2009

Dylan is very close to his Agility Champion now only needing a few more qualifying places; he also loves obedience and has been in the placings every time he qualifies. Dylan is now ready for the UD ring and his excitement for obedience is obvious when he is in the ring as he just does everything at double speed!

Above all Dylan is my companion and friend, always at my side and with personality to spare, he just loves life!! Dylan's favourite pastimes are chasing ducks and the ball, having his tummy rubbed and doing tricks (being a Sheltie his favourite is speaking on command). He's very special and we just love him to pieces!!!

Sandra Yearsley. Australia



Ag Ch Tiakina Tour De Force ADM7 JDM8 ADO13 JDO15 SDX GDX SPDX CDX

Born on 7 September 2004, Ag Ch Tiakina Tour De Force ADM7 JDM8 ADO13 JDO15 SDX GDX SPDX CDX (aka Jasper) joined the Ford household as a companion dog to my other sheltie and also as a potential new agility dog. He seemed to have all the right attributes and after 12 months of obedience training we were finally able to start our agility journey. Jasper has always been a quick learner and he took to this discipline like duck to water. His success in the sport of agility has exceeded any expectations I ever had for him and at 5 years of age, Jasper is possibly one of the most successful Shelties competing in Australia today along side his very successful full litter brother Tiakina Tuff Act To Follow CDX ADM3 JDM6 ADO5 JDO7 SDX GDX SPDX. Jaspers achievement to date are:

- Winner State Novice Agility Final 2006
- 2nd - Novice Agility Heat & 4th in Final - Agility Nationals 2006
- 5th - Novice Jumping Heat & 6th in Final - Agility Nationals 2006
- 1st Open Jumping and National Winner - 8th Shetland Sheepdog Nationals 2006
- Finalist Masters Jumping WA State Agility Trial 2007
- Highest Placed NonTitled Dog Masters Jumping - Adelaide Agility Nationals 2007
- 8th out of 145 dogs - Adelaide Agility Nationals 2007
- Finalist in Masters Agility, Masters Jumping & Open Jumping WA State Agility Trial 2008
- 6th Masters Gamblers - Victorian Agility Nationals 2008
- Finalist in Open Jumping WA State Agility Trial 2009
- 1st in Masters Agility, 1st Masters Jumping, 1st Open Jumping and National Winner - 9th Shetland Sheepdog Nationals 2009
- 1st Masters Jumping, 2nd Masters Agility and 2nd Open Agility - Brisbane Royal 2009
- Achieved an Agility Champion Title in September 2009

I'm extremely proud of what Jasper has achieved in the agility field but for all these successes his best achievement to date is just being my best mate and companion. He is that one dog in a million that melts your heart every time you are around him and makes your day just that extra bit brighter.

Nic Ford. Australia





Gallery Of Sheepdogs On The Shetland Isles

These Old Pictures are Amazing!

Follow the link below- sent to me by Lisa Porch (USA) for some fantastic old and thought provoking pictures of the original early dogs and every-day life on the Shetland Isles!

*** NEW PICTURES HAVE BEEN ADDED ***

http://shetlopedia.com/A_Gallery_of_Shetland_Dogs

When you open the page – click on the thumbnails to open the pictures to full screen size

From 'Sheliopedia' - The Shetland Sheepdog Encyclopedia©



WORLD DOG SHOW

Held in Slovakia October 8th – 11th



Dutch & International Champion Eastdale Born to be Clown, won the World Veteran Winner 2009.

Here is a link to the results of the World Dog Show

http://www.skj.sk/wds_09/php_vysledky_plemena/zobraz_vysledky.php?plemenovyber=088





Italian Club Show

The Autumn Italian Club Show held in Gonzaga Palace at Volta Mantovana (Mantova)

Sept 20th 2009



Gonzaga Palace, from 13th century

The small garden where the dog show was held is Giardino delle Scuderie (Ancient Stables Garden), last year and previous years we were in the big garden which belongs to the same villa, just the other side of the palace. This lovely estate is on a hill, and by looking at it from different perspectives, you get many different views of this beautiful Palace.



Judge: Mrs Anne Latimer (Sonymer) UK

DOGS



Ch. Peter Pan di Selvaspina (Ch. Hawaiian Holiday di Selvaspina x Ch. Pixy Dust di Selvaspina) - male - blue merle - 1° exc ch class
/ **Best dog / BOB / Best blue merle in show**



Paint My Sky di Selvaspina (Ch. Haiwiiian Holiday di Selvaspina x Ch. Pixy Dust di Selvaspina) - male - blue merle - 1° exc open class / **CAC dog (became Italian champion on the day)**



Going for Gold di Selvaspina (Ch. Talisman di Selvaspina x Glory Days di Selvaspina) - male - sable and white - 1° exc intermediate class / **Res CAC dog**



Divine Duel for Gold des Mille Eclats des Tournesols (Ch. Sultan Le Terrible des Mille Eclats des Tournesols x Athena My Princess des Mille Eclats des Tournesols) - male - sable and white - 1° exc junior class - **Best junior in show**

Dublin Magic Holiday di Selvaspina (Ch. Caribbean Holiday di Selvaspina x Mohnesee she's Magic) - dog - sable and white - 1° promising

Proud To Be Blue di Selvaspina (Hint of Blue di Selvaspina x Pink Panther di Selvaspina) - dog - blue merle - 1° very promising minor puppy class

Ch. Sultan Le Terrible des Mille Eclats des Tournesols (Ch. Dippersmoor Dignified x New Jersey Blonde des Romarins de Mayerling) - dog - sable and white - 1° exc **Vet class**

BITCHES



Ch. Sincerely to Enfy's di Selvaspina (Ch. Never Say Never of Blue Tails x Ch. Singing in the Rain di Selvaspina) - bitch - sable and white - 1° exc **Ch Class**



Cassandre Impératrice des Mille Eclats des Tournesols (Apolon Black God des Mille Eclats des Tournesols x Une Tit'Impératrice des Mille Eclats des Tournesols) - bitch - tricolour - 1° exc open class - **Res CAC**



Boreal Wind My Sweet Lolita (Ch. Caribbean Holiday di Selvaspina x Caroline di Selvaspina) - bitch - sable and white - 1° exc intermediate class – **CAC**

Diamond Blue des Mille Eclats des Tournesols (Hint of Blue di Selvaspina x Aphrodite My Déesse des Mille Eclats des Tournesols) - bitch - blue merle - 1° exc junior class



Definitely the First (Ch. Enfy's Early Riser x Rednalf India) - bitch - blue merle - 1° exc puppy class



Emilie Jolie My Princess des Mille Eclats des Tournesols (Ch. Sultan Le Terrible des Mille Eclats des Tournesols x Belle Anzu des Mille Eclats des Tournesols) bitch - sable and white - 1° very promising minor puppy class - **best puppy in show**



Ch. Aramaica Jade (Ch. Tesoro Wish Upon a Star x Ch. Landover Enfys) bitch - sable and white - 1° veteran class - **Best veteran in show - best bitch - BOS - best sable in show**

Best brace: Ch. Peter Pan di Selvaspina x Paradise Blue Bay di Selvaspina

Best breeding group: Kennel di Selvaspina: Ch. Peter Pan di Selvaspina / Paint My Sky di Selvaspina / Hint of Blue di Selvaspina / Proud to be Blue di Selvaspina / Paradise Blue Bay di Selvaspina

More views of Gonzaga Palace

<http://www.panoramio.com/photo/5444024>

http://www.comune.volta.mn.it/index.php/component/option,com_rsgallery2/Itemid,102/gid,3/page,slideshow/

<http://www.castellieville.it/zoom.php?id=80>





Banbridge Canine Club (Ireland)

All Breeds Championship Show (IKC)

Held at Kings Hall Complex, Balmoral, Belfast.

21/11/09

Shetland Sheepdogs..Judge..Mr. H. McGucken

Main winners....

GREEN STAR DOG & **RBOB**..Dunne...LONGRANGE LOTHARIO AT FEARNACH

RES GREEN STAR DOG....Kyle & Mann...TACHNAMADRA THE TEMPEST

GREEN STAR BITCH & **BOB**..Thomas...MYTER PIE IN THE SKY

RES GREEN STAR BITCH..Dunne...LONGRANGE SCARLETT OHARA



Valerie Kyle



Sheltie Champions And Their Ancestors

From 1915 up to 2008

Robert (Bob) Miller

Over the years I have built a file of all of the dogs behind American Sheltie Champions. This information is now available in a readily accessible booklet form for use by anyone to construct a pedigree or pedigrees for any of the included dogs in as great a depth as desired. The format I use is a listing of the dogs, their sires, and their dams in three columns across the page. Spiral bindings permit the booklets to open flat for convenient use. Included are all of the American and Canadian titles, the color, the sex, and (for American Champions) the year of finishing the championship.

Three volumes have been prepared. The first contains all of the AKC and CKC Sheltie Champions (and their sires and dams) through 2008 (15,000+ champions since the first in 1915). Since not all of the sires and/or dams (nor other ancestors) of champions are themselves champions, the second book contains similar information for the "Non-Champions" behind the "Champions" (22,000+). Together, these two books provide complete pedigrees for every champion (and for all of its ancestors) for as many generations as desired, ending with the (primarily) English imports.

A smaller third volume entitled "*Foreign Shelties Behind Sheltie Champions*" contains comparable information for the dogs (primarily English and Australian) behind the imports. This volume carries the pedigrees back to the origins of the breed (the founding lines and families).

With these books, one has the pedigrees of every champion and of all of the champion's ancestors along with colors and all AKC and CKC titles published at the time of printing.

Supplements to these volumes are issued essentially biennially, each supplement containing those earning a championship title since the last volume/supplement and the additional non-champions coming into the gene pool because of these new champions. Owners of these books are notified when the supplements become available.

For further information about these books, contact

Bob Miller / <http://www.barloshelties.com>



To Clone or Not To Clone THAT IS THE QUESTION

A request has been made to the AKC to register a cloned dog. This is a fascinating topic. It is a tremendously interesting problem, and when you get into second and third generations it becomes mind boggling. A curious side issue, can you imagine how pedigrees will have to be redesigned? I imagine Bob Miller is hoping the request is denied.

Ann Billington (CO-Ed).

***(Following Ann's statement above, a roundtable debate followed with a group of participants from various countries. It has been an interesting and lively debate, and I have printed it below just as new thoughts, questions and Ideas were thrown across the table.
Ed.).***

If the dog was a clone of Ch. Mr. XYZ, it actually has no dam. If it is a clone of Ch. Miss XYZ, it technically has no sire. Either way I would think the pedigree would have to read by XYZ out of XYZ. It would seem to me this would require a new paradigm. At the least, it would provide an interesting nuance to the term in-breeding.
Ann

If the clone is genetically the same as the original, then the pedigree and ancestry of the original should apply to the clone. Hence, not a problem. So, what am I missing here? Off-hand, I really don't see it as significantly different from the situation of a frozen semen breeding many, many years after the death of the donor. This latter seems to be accepted by the AKC and CKC registries (I've seen evidence of such in both).
Bob

It seems to me that if Ch Mr XYZ is cloned, the clone would have the same genes as does XYZ. Hence it would have the same sire and dam as XYZ. Am I off base here? Doesn't the cell carry the genes and DNA of both XYZ's parents?
Bob

But Mr. or Mrs. XYZ has both a sire and a dam, so no matter who it is a clone of, it would share the same genes and DNA that that one has or it couldn't exist in the first place. So it's sire and dam would of necessity be the same as the dog it was cloned from. All of whom could be "long gone" too. That's where I would have a problem with the "actual" birth date, even though it is "born again" so to speak. A listing with a (I) (II) wouldn't quite work either, at least not for record keeping, especially if it was to breed on from the clone.
Pat

The pups of a repeat breeding will carry the same pedigree as the pups in the original breeding, but they are not clones. A clone only has one parent. If you were a clone of your mother, you have no father. Your genes would only have come from your mother, and there would be no possibility of variation because you are the product of a single cell. In this case, you or the pup is not an offspring within the conventional understanding of that word.
Ann

Not sure if I remember right or not, but seems I remember something about the clones that have been "made" so far weren't able to reproduce? I could be wrong, but other than continuing to clone the specific dog, I don't see much benefit in doing so if that is true.
Pat

Pat, this article speaks to the ability of clones to reproduce normally. Apparently they can and do. Clones From Aged Cows Have Normal Pregnancies and Calving.
Ann

What would you use as a date of birth?? I would think that would or could be confusing unless there was some type of notation.
Pat

This article has an interesting aside on the dates of birth of clones in the last paragraph.
Ann

"James Symington is about to find out whether you can clone heroism.

The retired Canadian police officer – who took part in the rescue operation after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks in New York City – is scheduled to take possession Wednesday of five puppies cloned using DNA from his beloved late German shepherd Trakr, the rescue dog credited with finding the last survivor in the smoking rubble of Ground Zero.

Symington, who won the opportunity to have Trakr cloned in an essay contest last year, first met his ne pups in an emotional encounter on June 14.

"They're identical – down to the smallest detail," Symington said in a statement released by BioArts International, the California company that arranged the intricate cloning procedure. "Few dogs are born with exceptional abilities – Trakr was one of those dogs." Symington said that if the puppies have the same abilities as Trakr, he intends to put them to work as search and rescue dogs.

*Trakr died in April at the age of 16. The actual cloning using his DNA took place at the Sooam Biotech Research Foundation in South Korea and was led by Dr. Hwang Woo-Suk, who produced the world's first canine clone in 2005. The goal was to create one clone, CBS News reported, but five genetically identical puppies resulted from surrogate pregnancies. **The first of the pups was born on Dec. 8 of last year and the last arrived April 4.**"*

And – would the clone HAVE to have the same name? (mark 2).

And- how would anyone know WHICH one was in the ring?

And could the 'puppy' enter 'puppy class' as it would really be older??????

Hmmmmmmmmmm!

Jan

I hope no such thing ever happens – the soul will go out of breeding dogs and the anticipation the elation and the disappointment too- all sacrificed on the altar of the intellectual envelope pushers
Malcolm

And- what 'soul/spirit/ character' will the clone have!!!!???

I just can't imagine that the actual soul can be cloned.

Jan

That will teach me not to strive for brevity!

Not the soul of the dog – but the soul as in the actual essence of the breeding process

I am an admitted dinosaur – but the soul – or magic if you will – in playing a part in the introduction to the world of another living being – be they animal or human – is the very uncertainty of what that NEW being will be like and develop into

Cloning animals or humans has the same connotation for me – as mass producing Sony tv sets – each one is the same and functions in the same way

Malcolm

Oh! No! I knew what you meant! I was just asking another question.

If cloning were available - with genetic problems taken out!!!! You know who I would clone! But- he had such a very special character- I don't think that 'character' could ever be cloned.

I try to treat all my dogs the same, but they all have very different characters, and I know if that special dog were cloned, his character would be different.

Though- after reading Ann's article about the rescue dog, it just could be that my dog's special qualities would shine through.

Dream on Jan!

Jan

Up with uniqueness, the mysteries of life, the thrill of victory, the agony of defeat.

Judi

If they decide to accept clones, it will be interesting to see how the AKC or other registries deal with this. You are right of course that the clone has the genes and the DNA of the single parent, and so could reasonably be registered as though he were a litter brother of that single parent. Now when the clone is cloned again, the offspring would carry the pedigree of the original grandparent. In theory, you could have a kennel full of dogs all carrying the pedigree of one super parent. It would not be unlike a massive litter, except that non-cloned litters mates carry an assortment of genetic material, while true clones would all have the same genetic material.

Ann

Since AKC is planning to offer "temporary" registration to "purebred" dogs of unknown ancestry with full registration some 3 generations down from them (as in olden days), adding the clones should not be too great a problem. Except for we pedigree tracers, of course. Among other problems would be my "filter" that calculates the age of each parent at the birth of an offspring: that could get a bit hairy with the clones as it is with the frozen semen ones.

I think the aim is never to let my life be easy!

Bob

To me the biggest problem in replicating a dog would be how it is raised. Generally the circumstances would not be exactly the same, so even though genetically you have the same dog, you may not have the same character or "soul" of the one cloned. i.e., I could get a duplicate of Ice, but how I had to raise him I would hope would be different, so I doubt I'd end up with the same "velcro" type dog that he is.

Pat

Yes, cloning would make the experiments of nature or nurture more precise. I personally believe that we tend to underestimate the environmental forces on both the physical and the mental and over stress the impact of genetics, but I am a bit of a freak in holding that opinion.

Ann

Plus you need a surrogate dam. I thought I saw where someone had cloned a dog they loved and though genetically the same, it ended up a different color? Brown vs. Black or some such.

Pat

And, if we want to provide as much information to the breeder as possible through the pedigree, there should be some provision to indicate that this dog is a clone. Otherwise, it would appear to be the product of a repeat breeding of that which produced the clone parent. We all know that repeat breeding seldom duplicate original breedings because of genetic diversity. A cloned offspring presents a very different genetic menu to the breeder, and breeders should be able to determine which dogs are from repeat breedings and which dogs are clones.

Your mention of the problem of dates brings up the claim that cells used in cloning result in early aging of the offspring. You remember this was the claim about Dolly, the sheep. Her "cloner" has denied that she died of premature old-age, but that has, to my knowledge, never been proven one way or the other. Malcolm probably remembers more about the Dolly affair.

Ann

Yes I do through The professor daughter of my late best friend. Much was never told about this – and much wasn't told me – But I do know through her that poor Dolly was susceptible to all sorts of age related illnesses and conditions.

Malcolm

To me the more serious concern would be, as Pat mentioned, the thought that the clones are sterile. If so in general, all worries about the pedigree, etc. are of little concern.

Bob

Well, in the case of Ice, he was basically in the house with me till he was about six months old, and went just about everywhere with me during that time. I couldn't put him out with the others as he would go through the fence since he felt the only place he was supposed to be was "with" me at all times. I can put him out now, but he yelps and tells me what he thinks about that when I go and bring him back in. He "sounds" like he hasn't seen me in a long time!! I've been "napping" in the afternoon while fighting this cold and I often bring him back in when I'm ready to do so, that way he lets me know if anyone comes to the door, or even if the phone rings. (he might make a good "hearing ear" dog LOL) He responds to any type of knock or ding, like even the microwave!!

Pat

Exactly! Frodo was our "once in a lifetime" dog, but his clone would not have been, as we could not have got those times back we had with him. His clone would have looked like him but been a completely different dog. I do not really get this pet cloning idea at all.

Hilppa

I can think of two different goals in cloning. One would be the recreation of a dearly loved personal companion. Another would be the recreation of a great sire or dam and the potential for profit. If the latter goal ever became commonplace one wonders what would happen to genetic diversity, and if those who worry much about genetic diversity would prohibit cloning. I was thinking of the breeding restrictions of which Hilppa has spoken. Do you not suppose these restrictions would be redrafted to include cloning?

Ann

Definitely! I think using a cloned dog in breeding would be strictly forbidden here (in Finland). We cannot even buy gene manipulated corn, soya etc.

Hilppa

Cloning would certainly take the romance out of breeding. I don't think the typical breeder wants that sort of precision. It is the gambling and chance aspect of breeding which is one of its principal attractions. The odds of nature have always been stacked against the breeder, and for all their grousing about blind fate, I believe breeders enjoy their battles against the odds. As Malcolm said, if cloning ever became popular we will have reduced breeding to an assembly line process.

Ann

I am sure there are those who would just LOVE to have a clone of Peter or High Born or some of the other "greats" of our breed. But didn't we get enough of them 30 years ago? Aren't there enuf of their genes still running rampant in our current Shelties to satisfy the masses? I personally don't see the allure.

Karen

Afraid I have to agree totally. If we have to recreate a great – does it not say we may be doing something wrong in not creating modern day greats?

Malcolm

Plus, as I've heard some say, we have moved on since their time. I'd heard someone say this after seeing/hearing about some pups from frozen semen from long dead dogs.

Pat

I agree – Have been giving this a lot of thought as Samuel and I are in the late autumn of our life together. I wonder if a great part of his intuitive personality and the bond we share was forged when my wife left and we lived alone and he was such a very young dog.

Certainly as close as I am to all my dogs – and always have been I have not had this with another. Even Jason and Tansy who shared my life then, and I simply can't imagine him not being here and don't want the day to come - but would I want a clone of him?

The cloned Samuel would look like – walk like and talk like him – but I am convinced in my mind that as the personal circumstances we now would share would preclude many of the things we faced together both the unspeakably sad and worrying – and the moments of great peace - ; like the day in the Nixon's Glen when we picnicked – him Jason and Tansy - and time spent with Jan at Uphill, Crook Peak and on Weston Beach – sinking sands and all- the clone could never really be Samuel – because he is much more than just the way he looks. He is what he has become because of what we have done together and mean to each other.

Malcolm

That's how I feel as well.

Bob

Exactly, and those shared experiences would not be repeated in the same way. I feel that would make all the difference in the "end product" regardless of the genes.

Pat

As to cloning in order to reproduce a personal companion, I think you have stated the case most eloquently. I am quite sure it would be similar to trying to reproduce the emotions one felt as a youth in some precise location. It doesn't seem to work. Memories are far more satisfying than their attempted recreation.

Ann

That's a different way of stating "you can't go home." Something I've believed in forever and which arose once in my marriage. Peggy at one point wanted to go back to the mountain resort in Quebec where we honeymooned. I resisted (correctly so, I believe) on the basis that all that would do would be to destroy wonderful memories that undoubtedly were created more through rose colored glasses than in fact.

Was I wrong?

Bob

No I don't think you were wrong Bob I have the same feelings - very strongly.

Malcolm

I almost used that quote "you can't go home" in my post. No, I do not think you are wrong. And here is another take on the cloning of old favorites.

I am afraid if I had been able to perfectly duplicate my first favorite dog and then continue to do so, I would have missed out on all my subsequent beloved dogs; each of whom brought very wonderful and unique qualities and characteristics to our relationship. Don't the rest of you think it is the very variety of their personalities and styles that makes dog ownership so special? It is not until we meet the next and the next and the next generation that we begin to experience the limitless wonderland of individual differences among our Shelties?

Ann.

We now welcome our readers opinions on this topic – to be printed in future GSM issues.

Ed.





ARE YOU AWARE ?

The Kennel Club (UK) Charitable Trust

A recent discussion led me to ask the UK Kennel Club about their Charitable Trust Fund, and I wonder how many of you realize the amount of money that is donated by this fund to research?

I think you will be interested in what they do.

Ed.

The Kennel Club Charitable Trust was established in 1987 and, since that time, has distributed over £4 million in grants to various organizations.

1. To promote the advancement of education and science by furthering research into canine diseases and hereditary disorders of dogs and by promoting the dissemination of the useful result of such research.
2. To improve the quality of life of human beings by promoting dogs as therapeutic and practical aids to human beings who may be handicapped by age, youth, physical and mental defects.
3. To promote the moral and spiritual welfare of the community by promoting the doctrine of kindness to dogs and the prevention of cruelty to dogs by relieving the suffering of dogs who are in need of care and attention and in particular to encourage the provision of facilities for the reception and care of unwanted dogs and the treatment of sick or ill-treated dogs.

A full list of the organizations to which the Trust has provided grants can be found on the KC website

www.kccharitabletrust.org.uk



The American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation

You may not be aware of the work of the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation.

Established in 1995 by the American Kennel Club, the AKC Canine Health Foundation is the largest nonprofit in the world to fund health research exclusively for canines. Through its efforts, funds are raised and distributed in support of non-invasive, innovative health research for basic and applied health programs and canine genetics. The goal of the foundation is to improve the quality of life for all dogs and their owners. Thus far, the foundation has allocated more than \$23 million to benefit canine health research.

It is worth breeders' and fanciers' time and effort to visit the website of the foundation and acquaint themselves with the vast scope of research the foundation funds and the number and nature of the contributing organizations.

http://www.akcchf.org/index.cfm?nav_area=homepage

There are those who would have us believe that dog breeders and fanciers are responsible for canine disease. This is not true, and it is well to be able to inform those misinformed groups and individuals that, in fact, it is breeders and the organizations representing them that are supporting research into ways to eliminate and treat the diseases that affect all canines. In fact, many of these conditions have parallels in the human population, and the research financed by both UK Charitable Trust and the AKC Canine Health Foundation has positive implications for the understanding and cure of human diseases.

The AKC Canine Health Fund allocates approximately \$1.5 million per year to new canine health research projects. When next a member of an Animal Rights group challenges you, you should ask them what it is exactly that they are doing to improve the health and well-being of all dogs.

Co-Ed.





New Zealand Kennel Club

National Dog Show

Judge Mr Karsten Kaemling (Canada)
Sat Oct 3, 2009

Junior Dog

- 1.Eyespy Courage Under Fire - Goodman

Intermediate Dog

- 1.Aust Ch Beauideal Devil In Dskyz (Imp Aust)* - Aalen
- 2.Ch Eastonia Trion A High Note - Bishop & Hodson
- 3.Ch Ozzie's Ramble Of Scattald - Holmes & Bishop

NZ Bred Dog



- 1.Ch Beaucourt Shockwave - Aalen **CC BOB**
- 2.Ch Eyespy Sweet Surrender - Goodman

Open Dog

- 1.Ch Eastonia Uprising - Bishop **RCC**
- 2.Ch Beaucourt Brushfire - Aalen
- 3.Janter Earl Of Roses - Sefton
- 4.Ch Shelton Gotallove Th'Look - Diamanti

Puppy Bitch

- 1.Beaucourt Kiss Me Quick* - Aalen
- 2.Eyespy Surrender to Moi - Goodman

Junior Bitch

- 1.Ch Ronsa Felicity* - Martin **RCC**
2. Beaucourt Voodoo - Aalen
3. Scattald Secret Performance - Holmes
4. Janter Fantasy Rose - Sefton
- A Edenmist If I Can Dream - Bishop

NZ Bred Bitch

- 1.Ch Eyespy Look At Moi - Goodman
- 2.Janter Little Lady Royale - Sefton
- 3.Ch Secret-Cameo Of Scattald - Holmes

Open Bitch

- 1.Ch Ronsa Eternity* - Martin **CC RBOB**
- 2.Ch Eyespy Celestial Star - Goodman
- 3.Can & NZ Ch Beaucourt's Silver Lining (Imp Can) – Aalen

- 4.Janter Song Of Rose – Sefton

Here is a link to the official show pictures with winner of each breed. Just scroll down until you reach Shetland Sheepdog (it's quite a way down).
<http://nds.nzkc.org.nz/day2.php>



Herding Seminar

On the weekend of 24th and 24th October we had a herding seminar here in Poland with Judge Tomasz Pecold (who owns a dog show/working Border Collie kennel named "Energizer" <http://www.bordercollie.net.pl/>) and organized by Aleksandra Rosiak (<http://pastuszkowo.pl/>). Aleksandra owns the only herding sheltie in Poland - blue-merle DIAMOND BOY Moda na Sukces (Blue) and it was her idea to do this 2-days herding seminar for all sheepdogs registered in I group FCI.

Nobel and Rhea-Rosa Tarantoga both passed the PIP exam in June and August (it's similar to the working herding test but it only tests the herding instinct, dogs don't drive the sheep between gates etc) Regular HWT will be organized in Poland next year as the PIP is no longer available. We plan to take the HWT test when ready anyway, for now we're trying to teach Nobel how to drive the sheep so it is work and fun for him.

So here you have some pictures of Nobel z Puli Szczescia, Rhea-Rosa Tarantoga and Gala Surdykowska (+ daughter Bella) in action with the sheep.

Herding is such fun! For now I'm still trying to learn how to whistle with the ENES sheepdog whistle, it's hard! I hope you'll enjoy the pictures.

Saturday: <http://www.naszezwierezaki.com/zdjecia/seminarium/20091024/index.html>



Sunday: <http://www.naszezwierezaki.com/zdjecia/seminarium/20091025/index.html>

PS: Nobel was 5th (Excellent) in the Champion class at Bratislava World Dog Show 2009 and he's only 2.5 years old! We will probably be at Crufts 2010 too!

Regards from Macej. Poland.

More interesting links to Herding with Shelties were sent by Sheila Marchant (Australia)

<http://www.sheepherdingqueensland.com/>



Photo- of Panda at work. Owned and trained by Sheila Marchant (Australia)

<http://sheltiehomepage.mcf.com/herdingwithshelties.html>





ACTING WITH DOGS!



Rocco with a member of the cast from the 'Players Theatre Group'.

Little Rocco (Inneslake High Fidelity CDX JDX ADX SPD) has again appeared in the local theatre groups latest production, this time in "Brigadoon". It's a real achievement that he handles all that is asked of him so well, putting up with loud music and even smoke machines!

Rocco previously appeared in 'Annie' earlier this year- 'thrown in at the deep end' to save the production when the original dog could not handle the music from the opera pit.

These musicals are produced by the local 'Players Theatre Group'.

Rocco is trained by Eileen Bradly and is co owned by Eileen and myself.

His sire is Ch Hillacre Hyland Heir and his dam is Learick Ace Constellation.

We are very proud of Eileen and of course, Rocco.

Deb Hedge. Australia



The Shetland Sheepdog Club Of North Wales

Championship Show

November 22nd

Judges

Dogs: Miss L Vidak (Lacewood). Bitches: Mr M Ewing (Sommerville). Referee: Mr T Williams

Results and Pictures can be found on the SSCNW web site <http://www.sscnw.co.uk/>





The English Shetland Sheepdog Club

Championship Show

October 17th

Judges

Dogs: Mrs B Thornley (Felthorn)
Bitches: Mr D Rigby (Lythwood)
Referee: Mrs M Thomas
Obedience: Lyn May and Paddy Coughlan

BEST IN SHOW - GB CH, SWED CH , LUX CH JAPARO SATIN N LACE

RESERVE BEST IN SHOW - MILESEND CALENDAR GIRL

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW - ELLENYORN NORTHERN STAR

BEST VETERAN IN SHOW - CH SWE LUX CH JAPARO SATIN N LACE

Full Results and Pictures (Including Obedience) can be found on Tony Bridge's web site

<http://www.shelties.org.uk/>

The Mid Western Shetland Sheepdog Club (UK)

Championship Show

October 31st.

Judges

Dogs: Mrs A Latimer (Sonymer)
Bitches: Mrs D Moore (Shetlo)
Referee: Mrs J Fitzsimons

Dog CC: Ch. Milesend Nightforce.

Best Puppy Dog : Ellenymorn Northern Star.

Bitch CC: Ch/SWE & LUX Ch. Japaro Satin 'N' Lace.

Best Puppy Bitch: Rainway Crystal Star.

Res. Dog CC: Ch. Kyleburn Titan

Best Veteran Dog: Lindfern Dancing Shadows

Res. Bitch CC: Simcourt One Vision

Best Veteran Bitch: Ch/SWE & LUX Ch. Japaro Satin 'N' Lace

Best In Show: Ch. Milesend Nightforce

Full Results and Pictures can be found on the 'Show Results' Page of the MWSSC web site

<http://www.mwssc.org/index.php>

*** FUN PHOTO COMPETITION (UK ONLY) ***

Hard copy photos in 12 categories to be sent to Jan Grice by June 1st 2010 at 50 pence per entry.

Prizes - £50 M&S Voucher for best in show, and £5 M&S voucher for winner of each class.

All money raised will go towards Dermatomyositis (DM/FCD*) Research at Clemson University

(*See page 26 of September 2009 GSM Issue regarding this condition)

Email Jan for full details of the Photo Competition and Entry Form at

janaray2@tiscali.co.uk



THE STUFF THAT DREAMS ARE MADE OF

Nov 2009



Ch Shelsian Star Spangled



Ch Shelsian Seeins Believeen



Ch Shelsian Believe Itr Not

This is an exciting report of a remarkable single weekend of wins in 3 states for progeny of Champion Coastal American Express, "Cash", owned by Ian and Cheryl Spangler of Shelsian Kennels in Adelaide South Australia (www.shelsian.com). In South Australia, Champion Shelsian Star Spangled, "Banner", won a Runner Up to Best in Show and a Runner Up to Best in Group at the two Riverland Kennel Club Championship shows. Then his half sister, Champion Shelsian Seeins Believeen, "Diva", owned by Danielle Nicole and Jan Briggs, was Best in Show at the County of Cumberland show in Sydney. Meanwhile, up in Queensland, Margaret Alderton took Runner Up to Best in Group at both the Maryborough Kennel Club Championship shows with Diva's litter brother, Champion Shelsian Believe Itr Not, "Ripley". A notable weekend for the Spangler's American boy, "Cash".



Aust Ch Coastal American Express (Imp USA) "Cash"



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More 4 has signed a deal with the Kennel Club

<http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/item/2493/23/5/3>





World Agility Championships

Held in Austria. September 2009



Carolina Pellikka. Photo - Antti Karppinen

Finland got good news from the Agility Championships in Austria: the mini individual gold medal went to a 16 year old Carolina Pellikka with her sheltie Kerttu (Paimenneidon Ladybird)! Also the Finnish medi team won a gold medal, and in this team competed also a sheltie, Black Shepard's Emeral Solo. Congratulations to the happy winners, well done Finnish shelties!

More results can be found here
<http://www.agility-wm2009.at/>

See Carolina and Kerttu in action here - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gn4203UoDuM>

The Team arriving home in Finland – What a great welcome! – Click here –

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBZOcHoxHIY>

Hilppa Jarvinen. Finland



Kennel St.Kilda visit ASSA National Show 2009

Our wonderful trip to USA and National show in Perry, Georgia.

It is always an adventure when you go for a long trip like this. It was my 3rd time over there but it was Ingrid's first time. To take the flight to USA and see all the beautiful dogs, meet nice people, can't be told in a few words. I just want to say to you all: Thank you for making this trip such a wonderful experience for us!

You can all read about our trip and look at all the pictures on our web site: <http://www.st-kildas.com/Eusa3.html>
www.st-kildas.com.

Regard Laila and Ingrid. St.Kilda`s kennel Norway.





Adelaide Royal Show

September 2009

Judge Guy Jeavons (Grandgables) Canada



BOB: Challenge Bitch: Group 1st:
Ch Hillacre Head Over Heels.
Owned by Glenyse Acreman



Runner-up to BOB: Reserve Challenge Bitch:
Shaireign Jump For Joy
Owned By Chris Sydenham



Challenge Dog: **Ch Nigma Cadfael**
(Making him a Grand Champion at 33 months old)

Owned By Ian & Cheryl Spangler

Shelsian Kennels - Shetland Sheepdogs. Adelaide. South Australia



Reserve Challenge Dog: **Ch Shelsian Star Spangled**

Full Results

<http://www.theshow.com.au/showground/royal-adelaide-show/show-entries-results/results/dog-results.jsp>

A correction to this- Charmhill Casino Royale placed 2nd in Inter dog



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Scottish Breeds Canine Club

Open Show Oct. 4th.

Shetland Sheepdogs

Puppy D/B 4 (1 abs)



Pet Photos By Lana

- 1) Elder's - ELLENYORN NORTHERN STAR.. **BPIB & BPIS**
- 2) Wilkie's - AVONBANK JUST BUGSY
- 3) Hepburn's - LETERIKHILLS NIKIS GIRL

Junior D/B 5

- 1) McIquham's - MURIESTON PRINCE CHARMING
- 2) Spence's - ELVESTEMPLE STARRY NIGHT FOR SPENCERIAN
- 3) Moir's - JUXONDALE ECHO OF EILNWORB
- 4) Ritchie's - MURIESTON DESIGNER GIRL

S/Y D/B 2

- 1) Shaw's - DRUMOYNE LASS
- 2) Fairgrieve's - MURIESTON MOONLIGHT MUSIC

Novice D/B 5 (1 abs)

- 1) Spence's - ELVESTEMPLE STARRY NIGHT
- 2) Wilkie's - AVONBANK ONLY MARNEY
- 3) Shaw's - MYNDOC MISS KNOW IT ALL ELLIE
- 4) Main's - SHENACHIE BLUE SWALLOWTAIL

Grad D/B 7 (1 abs)

- 1) Spence's - DANROBIEN MIDAS TOUCH AT SPENCERIAN
- 2) White's - MOLSON MICHELANGELO
- 3) Main's - SHENACHIE ISABELLA TIGER
- 4) Gordon's - DANTRALEE GATECRASHER

PG D/B 6 (2 abs)

- 1) Elder's ELLENYORN HEAVENSENT.. **RBOB**
- 2) Ritchie's - MURIESTON GOLDEN CHARM
- 3) McIQuham's - MURIESTON GOLDEN VALENTINO
- 4) Shaw's - MYNDOC MISS KNOW IT ALL ELLIE

Limit D/B 5

- 1) Jaworska's - DEGALLO THE RENEGADE
- 2) Main's - SHENACHIE ALEAGAN OR
- 3) Ritchie's AVONBANK DANIELLE.. ShCM
- 4) Spence's ASHKIRK CHARMER FOR SPENCERIAN

Open D/B 6 (2 abs)

- 1) Wilkie's AVONBANK LI'ANNA.. JW ShCM..**BOB**
- 2) Main's - SHENACHIE RUBY TIGER
- 3) Ritchie's - TUFFEIGHA MOONLIGHT WALTZ
- 4) Hepburn's - MYRIEHEWE DREAM LOVER

Judge....Valerie Kyle (Rossnow Shetland Sheepdogs)





Portadown Canine Club

All Breed Championship show

Main winners in Shetland Sheepdogs at Portadown Canine Club All Breed Championship show 17/10/09.
The show was held at the Kings Hall Complex, Balmoral, Belfast.
This is an Irish Kennel Club show..where Green Stars are on offer.



Bitch Green Star: (Left of Picture) McArdle's. GLENAWIND SERENA BLUE FOR SLIEVEMAC... & her Irish Title!
(Subject to IKC confirmation).

Dog Green Star & BOB: (Right of Picture) Dunne's. LONGRANGE LOTHARIO AT FEARNACH

Judge..Valerie Kyle...(Rossnow)



Shetland Sheepdog Club Of Northern Ireland

Open Show

Judge Meg McCourt

BIS Robinson Evad Irish Mist at Greenan
RBISHagan Semitar Keynote
BOS Smyth Jaymur Harvester at Sanern
BPIS McKnight Cinbaramy True Colours
BV Jenkins Ardinafiff Bold Ciamba





An Interview With Julia Soltoggio

Sunland Shetland Sheepdogs

Australia



‘Thank You’ Julia for agreeing to take part in this interview for ‘United Shelties Magazine’.

Q. Let’s start at the beginning then - did you grow up with dogs and when did you ‘meet’ a Sheltie for the very first time?

A. Yes. Mum (Sue Van Dinter) purchased her first Sheltie in 1977. He was called Tiger – Tiakina Trekka CDX. I was only 6 years old at the time so don’t have much memory of him arriving. I have more recollection of our 2nd Sheltie arriving about 12 months later - Pandy – Ch Tiakina Tri My Style. Pandy was the dog that I started my interest with. I started off doing obedience with her at the age 8 and eventually she gained her CD with the help of Mum.

Q. Was it ‘love at first sight’?

A. Most definitely, even though not a young puppy I thought she was just gorgeous.

Q. How long after that first ‘meeting’ was it until you acquired your very own first Sheltie?

A. Even though I started my involvement early on doing obedience and starting Junior Handlers at 12 years old, I didn’t get my own Sheltie till much later on. From 1975 to 1990 we lived in the North West of W.A, a long way from any major city. As a result we never did much breeding, and I went off to boarding school for a couple of years so didn’t get much time with the fur kids. We moved down to Perth in 1990, and in November I acquired my first Sheltie. The late Kay Perkins of Kaysview Shelties used one of our stud dogs, and she gave me the pick bitch. She was Ch Kaysview Royal Belle – “Belle”.

Q. What colour was that?

A. Sable & white.

Q. What is it that attracted you most to a Sheltie?

A. Well for me as a child it was because they were cute and fluffy, but as I grew up, besides their great beauty it was because of their loving gentle nature and the great bond we form with them.

Q. Have you ever owned any other breed?

A. Yes – Labrador Retrievers.

Q. Please tell us about your own first ever home bred Sheltie litter.

A. This may sound strange, but this is quite a hard question for me to answer. Sunland is a joint effort between Mum and myself, but I didn't really become involved in any of the breedings until I was in my late teens, by this time Mum had bred a few litters. Therefore, the first home bred litter for Sunland was actually born in quarantine in 1982, I was only 11 years old. My Gran Esme Drury also bred Shelties in the UK and Mum imported a bitch from her called Jenny who became Ch Inchgower Delicious. Jenny was mated to Midnitesun Taking A Chance before leaving the UK and whelped 4 puppies (2 bitches, 2 dogs) in quarantine. From that litter we kept a male and he became our first homebred Champion – Sunland Inchgower Boy (iid) CD - "Monty".

Q. Do you have any interesting/funny stories to tell about breeding, or your stud dogs and visiting bitches?

A. Mum has always done all the matings/stud work and I'm just the holder of the bitch, that was until in 2001 after coming home from a show away in Victoria I had to mate 2 of our girls as Mum had gone on a holiday. Mum said to me "do you think you can do it", of which I replied "no probs, I've watched enough". First girl no probs, sat down on the ground with her to hold her still, Arnie had her in seconds, 15 min tie all done, then repeated the scenario 2 days later. No so hard!!! The second girl was a different story as the boy we were using was not a good stud dog and so probably meant I had to do an A.I. on her. I had prog tests done on Spicey so that I could be exact with the A.I.'s. Tried first to get Smarty to mate naturally....nope not on your life. The A.I. equipment was already sterilised so up on the table, get the cup out and proceed with collection. I kept apologising to Smarty the whole time. I then had to insert tube into Spicey, which I managed and then syringe semen into the tube. This is where it all started to go pear shaped. The semen kept coming back up the tube. It just wouldn't stay in. So after several tries I pretty much gave up, and gently removed the tube. I'm sure it all came out with it, but held Spicey up by her back legs for 5 mins, so if some did go in it couldn't get out. Same scenario 2 days later. Mum rang me a few days into her holiday to ask how I went, of which I said "if Spicey gets pregnant it will be an absolute miracle cause I made a complete disaster of the A.I." Well it must've been immaculate conception as Spicey had 5 healthy puppies.

Q. When was the 'Sunland' prefix/affix registered, and is there a special meaning to the name?

A. Sunland was registered in 1980. Sunland was actually way down the list in choices of names, but as we were living in Carnarvon – Northern Western Australia at the time, which is sunny and very warm, Sunland turned out to be rather appropriate.

Q. You have bred some lovely dogs, but do you have a favourite that you have bred yourself?

A. As I mentioned earlier all the dogs bred at Sunland are always a joint decision between Mum and me. My favourite would have to be Arnie – Grand Ch Sunland Millenium Man. As the name suggests he was born in the early hours of 1st January 2000, and was the only male in a litter of 5. We had always wanted to keep a girl so did not take much notice of Arnie until about 6 weeks old when we realised that he was the pick and so he just had to stay. Arnie is a multi BIS speciality winner and also had 2 All Breed BIS, plus many, many other wins. He is also the sire & grandsire of numerous Champions. Arnie, although a great show dog for us, is also a great pet, never pushy, just waits his turn for a cuddle, the ultimate gentlemen. Arnie is now retired, maybe coming out for the occasional veteran class. Pictured here at 8 years old.



Q. We all have a special dog that pulls at our heartstring forever. Which was/is yours, and why?

A. Ch Sunland Spice Girl – "Spicey". I always knew she was special from 6 weeks and so used to pick her up and cuddle her all time. She used to snuggle her head in under my chin and wouldn't move. Mum wanted to keep her sister Sherry, but I insisted that Spicey was special. So they both stayed. Spicey and I bonded from day dot, she only had to hear my voice and would start yelling at the top of her voice for me to pick her up and cuddle her. She is now 12 years old and still does the same. Spicey and I had some great times in the ring including getting her first CC at 7 months at her first show out and R/Up In Show at the SSC of WA 1999 Champ Show. I do not look forward to the day I have to say goodbye to my dear Spicey.

Q. How old were you when you first started exhibiting?

A. I was 12 years old.

Q. What is the most memorable show win that you have had?

A. When Arnie – Gr Ch Sunland Millenium Man went BIS under Malcolm Hart (UK) – Hartmere Shelties at the SSC of WA Champ Show in 2004.

Q. When did you judge your very first show?

A. 1997

Q. Can you remember how you felt on that day?

A. I was very nervous, but once I got through the first couple of breeds I really enjoyed myself.

Q. How many countries have you judged in?

A. Excluding Australia 2 - Finland & New Zealand.

Q. Do you have any interesting/funny stories to tell about your judging career?

A. There are a few, but my first ever Champ Show judging appointment I will never forget. I was judging the Working Group in Perth, Western Australia and being summer it was a night show commencing at 6pm. It was a lovely warm clear night, and everything was going along smoothly. About an hour in I noticed thick black clouds moving in and thunder and lightning not far away. I was halfway through the GSD's when all of sudden there was a huge clap of thunder all the lights went out so couldn't see a thing and the skies opened. Luckily there is an undercover section so it was mad dash to get out of the rain. The committee waited for 10 mins to see if the rain was going to stop or the power was coming back on. Nothing changed so makeshift rings were made up with chairs and whatever could be found and cars put on their headlights for all the judges to see. Eventually the power came back on, but I judged in semi dark for approx half hour, which made judging a challenge. Well at least I stayed dry!!!!

Q. What have you seen change the most in Shelties since you first owned one?

A. Temperaments & coats have changed greatly. In general Shelties have more outgoing natures. Coats have certainly become bigger over the years as well.

Q. Is that for better or worse, do you think?

A. Temperaments are certainly for the better as makes them easier to show as less likely to back off from a judge and also makes them better pets. Coats for me is for better and worse. I think we see a lot less of the short coated varieties, but we also see heavy body coats which hide the natural shape of the dog.

Q. What, if anything, would you like to see improved in the breed

A. There are a few things, but front assembly is one. Correct angulation and short upper arms seem to be a common problem where ever I judge. Eye shape is another. Round forward placed eyes are becoming too common for my liking, which obviously spoils the whole expression and the soft melting expression is one of the main characteristics of our beautiful breed.

Q. Apart from your own dogs, which dog/dogs would you have loved to own-from any country?

A. I think this is a very hard question to answer as there are lots of dogs that I love some that I have judged/seen in the flesh and some from just photos, so I'm going to choose a dog and a bitch. The bitch is a tri-colour in Sweden, bred by Madeliene Lund – Int, Nord & Port Ch Starbelle Tamara. Even though I have never seen this bitch in the flesh I have loved her photos from a youngster and she is still gorgeous as a 13 year old and winning in Sweden. The male comes from my own country and I gave him BIS at the SSC of SA 2005 Champ Show – Ch Nigma Namitjira. Tragically this beautiful dog passed away long before his time, but I am forever grateful that I got to judge him.



Q. Do you think that on the whole, we present our dogs at shows to their best or could we improve our presentation in some way?

A. Presentation plays a great part at shows in Australia and on the whole yes we all certainly do our best. Most are well groomed and clean. Over the last few years though, I am seeing more products being put into coats and trimming of the body coats to shape dogs.

Q. What advice would you give to a newcomer to our breed?

A. Learn the standard, talk to breeders, find yourself a mentor and be patient when getting your first puppy.

Q. What are your hopes and dreams for the future?

A. My Mum is now 70 and so my hopes and dreams are that we can enjoy this beautiful breed together for many, many more years to come.

Thank You Julia.





Shelties, Health & Genetics

My thanks to the Scottish Shetland Sheepdog Club for inviting me to talk about two of my favourite subjects...with particular thanks to Ann and George Wyse for looking after me so well, and Stuart Smith for saving me lug a projector!

The SSSC meeting was held in the comfortable Scottish Kennel Club building in Musselburgh on Sunday 29th November 2009. It was great to chat with dedicated Sheltie enthusiasts alongside newcomers to our breed and a range of topics were discussed including:

- Health issues particularly important to Shelties
- Inheritance, genetic diversity and inbreeding
- Where we currently stand with genetic tests
- Towards the future...

We are very lucky that many previous custodians of our breed were dedicated to breeding and rearing versatile Shelties that are relatively free from major health concerns. There are some areas to which I believe we should pay attention, but careful thought and common-sense will hopefully keep Shelties on track. As a Sheltie lover, geneticist and confirmed information hoarder it is encouraging to see / read / hear so many folk talk about issues they have directly experienced with Shelties. I find the differences in Sheltie health statistics in different countries fascinating, particularly in areas where decent data exists for comparison.

My thanks again to those who participated in a most enjoyable day and I'll finish with a plea...for any and all Sheltie information that I can add to the global health database please ☺

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Update on the Genetics of Sheltie Coats

- Q. Is that really a 'cryptic' merle?
- Q. Is my sable 'pure' or tri-factored?
- Q. Can my Sheltie produce bicouloours?

We can now answer these Questions using DNA!

Genetic (DNA) tests are available for a range of coat options. From the enlightened views of Winge (1950) and Little (1957), we have now progressed to the point where actual genetic profiles have been identified and can be directly tested to investigate the inheritance of coat colour. Coat colour genes can affect the pigment of the colour or the distribution of a particular colour. To date seven colour genes have been DNA identified, of which three are particularly relevant to Shelties.

1. *MC1R* gene – commonly known as 'E' locus; not often relevant to Shelties
2. *TYRP1* gene - commonly known as 'B' locus; not often relevant to Shelties
3. *MLPH* gene - commonly known as 'D' locus; not often relevant to Shelties, but dilutes any colour
4. *CBD103* gene - commonly known as 'K' locus; not often relevant to Shelties



5. *ASIP* gene - commonly known as 'A' locus and defines whether sable, tricolour or bicouloour in Shelties
 - a. Sables range from light golden to deep mahogany
 - b. Blue merles are essentially tricolour or bicouloour with the merle pattern overlaid
 - c. Shelties have A^V , A^t or A^a forms in order of dominance from sable to tricolour and bicouloour.
6. *MITF* gene – commonly known as 'S' locus and influences the distribution of white spotting pattern. There are at least four main versions, plus modifier genes, ranging from little white present through to the typical white socks, chest, collar and tail tip, to heavily white factored, and the more extreme colour headed white.
7. *SILV* gene – commonly known as 'M' locus and creates the merle phenotype. This gene interacts with the *MITF* gene and the patterning is highly variable.





Melbourne Royal

17th to 29th September 2009.

Judge: Mr Luis Pinto Teixeira

PD: 1. Lurikeen Leaving Me Breathless Leverington/ Griffiths
2. Kumbirra Shades O Blue S Noblett
3. Hillacre As Good As Gold Marruce Knls

JD: 1. Harradei Incognito J & H Innes
2. Lapirogue Born To Shine Sharndah Knls

ID: 1. Ch Hillacre Hot On Ya Heels Hillacre Knls
2. Sharndah Jetstream Tigrada Knls
3. Lurikeen Fire Inhis Eyes Leverington/ Griffiths

AD: 1. Ch Hillacre Hometown Honour G Acreman,A Lim/P Brennan-Lin
2. Ch Glenkinchie By Jiminy M Gostelow
3. Xanthorrhoea Reapnth Reward D Anderson

OD: 1. Aust Gr / Can Ch Grandgables Hometown Hero E Lasry
2. Aust Gr Ch Shelmanna Zulu Prince t & S Fox



**Challenge Dog / BOB: Aust Gr / Can Ch Grandgables Hometown Hero
BEST IN GROUP 1ST & BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW**



Photo- K. Morton

Res CC: Aust Gr Ch Shelmanna Zulu Prince

*MB: 1. Montage Caught Intheact Marruce Knls
2. Cryshaven Contessa Santecho Knls*

PB: 1. Tiakina The Face Of An Angel T Walters

*JB: 1. Ch Sharndah Butterfly Kisses T Walters
2. Moonbess Precious Gemma H Castles
3. Daestar Dawns Mystic Spell D Griffiths
Xanthorrhoea Glamour D Anderson*

*IB: 1. Ch Hillacre Pardon My Past Hillacre Knls
2. Ch Shanelg Knickas Ina Knot Kezziah Knls
3. Ashmont Sunshine Lass Tigrada Knls*

*AB: 1. Ch Shelmanna Zulu Moonbeams L Berrill
2. Ch Shelbrae Shameless Shirl L Tanks
3. Gr Ch Tiakina Thanxfr Thmemory S Power
4. Ch Shelmanna Zulu Princess L Berrill
Ch Trueangle Miracle In Blue*

*OB: 1. Gr Ch Shelmanna Out Othe Blue L Berrill
2. Ch Hillacre Head Over Heels Hillacre Knls
3. Gr Ch Beauideal Rock My World J Docksey / V Royston
Ch Glenkinchie Moulan Rouge E Howden / P Finnie*



Challenge / RUBOB Gr Ch Shelmanna Out Othe Blue



RCC: Ch Hillacre Head Over Heels

Puppy of Breed : Tiakina The Face Of An Angel..





Australian Shetland Sheepdog National

*The Australian Shetland Sheepdog
9th National Championship Show
Held in Queensland 4th & 5th August 2009.*

Judge: Mrs. Margaret Lambert (UK) (Blenmerrow Shelties)

BABY DOG (BABY IN SHOW)



1. *SHELSIAN STARS N STRIPES - SPANGLER*
2. *WILSONIA WIRED FOR SOUND - O'MEARA*
3. *SHELMANNA HITCHHIKER - FOX*
4. *KATANDA EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED - HALES*
5. *KELANMEE RICHLIY DECKED - TRESIDDER*

BABY BITCH



1. *BONAUSTELL PUNK ROCK - FRANKLIN*
2. *SHELSIAN SUTHN BELLE - SPANGLER*
3. *HATZOO HOT ON THE RUNWAY - HATZIKIRIAKOS/KENNEDY*
4. *LIZNEB SWEET ABOUT ME - BROWN*

MINOR DOG (MINOR IN SHOW)



1. *PEERIELEE MIDNYTE OASIS - SCOTT/DRYBURGH*
2. *ALMAROY ROYAL SCOT -HUGO*
3. *DONRIVER DA ANTZ PANTZ - MURDOCH*
4. *ARAJENTO SOCIAL STANDING - TONKIN*
5. *MALLARABA MC ENROE CHALK DUST - PFEIFFER*

MINOR BITCH



1. *TIAKIANA TRI TO HAVE SOME FUN - WATSON*
2. *DONRIVER DA BEEZ NEEZ -MURDOCH*
3. *PEERIELEE FROST SO SOFT -LONG/DRYBURGH*
4. *CHERALAY SWEET ABOUT ME - YOUNG*
5. *MALLARABA MUSICAL RHAPSODY - PFEIFFER*

PUPPY DOG



1. THURRANA TOPMAN - THURLING
2. HATZTOO HOOS HOT NSYDNEY - HATZIKIRIAKOS
3. ARAJENTO IMA BELIEVER - TONKIN
4. LEARICK LIQUORICE ALLSORTS - FRENCH
5. ANSCOT RAMBLING SPIRIT - HARRISON

PUPPY BITCH (PUPPY IN SHOW)



1. SHELBRONZE DESERT SUN - SALT AU/POWELL
2. ELECTRO LITTLE TREASURE - ROWDEN
3. XANTHORRHOEA GLAMOUR - ANDERSON/DAVIES
4. HILLSWICK HES MY DADDY - WYLIE
5. LEARICK HOT TOFFEE - FRENCH

JUNIOR DOG



1. ARAJENTO THE SOCIALITE - TONKIN
2. SHELBRONZE CAUSEN ASTORM - SALT AU/POWELL
3. LYNDRREAM TO BEA MAGICIAN - PRENTICE
4. RAWUCH FYOU EYES ONLY - LAPWORTH
5. NIGHTWOOD DID I DO THAT - SIMPSON

JUNIOR BITCH (JUNIOR IN SHOW)



1. SUNLAND SECRET ADMIRER - GREENLEE
2. TIAKIANA THE END OF THE ROAD - WATSON
3. CH KELANMEE RED POPPY - TRESIDDER
4. HILLACRE HAWAIIAN DANCER - HILLACRE KENNELS
5. NIGHTWOOD I GOT BLING - SIMPSON

INTERMEDIATE DOG (INTERMED IN SHOW)



1. SHATRIN SAINTS B PRAISED - LIMKIN
2. TOLL TOONIE WORK OV ART - HAKVOORT
3. ARAJENTO SPELLBINDER - TONKIN
4. AMBERMOON FOLLOW THE SUN - LUXFORD
5. CH LURIKEEN CORT BE N NORTI - LEVERINGTON

INTERMEDIATE BITCH



1. SUNLAND SHES TAILRD MADE - VAN DINTER
2. KAZZAHKI KOOKY SPOOKY - HAKVOORT
3. CH BEAUIDEAL JUS LIKE HEAVEN JD - CANT
4. TOORALIE TICKLE MY FANCY (UK) - BENNETT
5. ARAJENTO RAISING ARAZONA - TONKIN

AUST BRED DOG



1. AUST/NZ CH ANSCOT THE RAMBLER- LIMKIN
2. GR CH ARAJENTO CALICO KID - TONKIN
3. GR CH BRASHELLE WHOS TALKN NOW - BELAK
4. CH KELANMEE TOP DECK - TRESIDDER
5. CH NEDSUR ALL EYES ON ME - RUSDEN

AUST BRED BITCH (AUST BRED IN SHOW)



1. CH ARAJENTO DEBUTANTE - TONKIN
2. CH ARAJENTO I SHOT D SHERIF - TONKIN
3. CH SHELMANNA ZULU MOONBEAMS - BERRILL
4. CH DAYDREAM CLOUDY PATCHES - BOLWELL
5. CH NIGMA CHABLIS - SALTAU/POWELL

OPEN DOG (OPEN IN SHOW)



1. GR CH ANNAGLEN STORMY SKY - GASKELL
2. CH TIAKIANA TAILORD BY ARMANI - WATSON
3. GR CH HILLSWICK ASTORM BREWING - DAVIES
4. GR CH DEEROD RICH REWARD - CROFTS
5. GR CH ELECTRO BLACK TIE AFFAIR - ROWDEN

OPEN BITCH



1. EASTONIA EYE CANDY (IMP NZ) - LIMKIN
2. GR CH SHELMANNA OUT OTH BLUE - BERRILL
3. CH AMBERMOON ALL FIRED UP - LUXFORD
4. GR CH BEAUIDEAL ROCK MY WORLD - ROYSTON
5. CH HILLACRE PARDON MY PAST - HILLACRE KENNELS



RUNNER UP IN SHOW

CHALLENGE DOG: SHA TRIN SAINTS B PRAISED



BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW

CHALLENGE BITCH: CH ARAJENTO DEBUTANTE



RES CHALLENGE: GR CH ANNALGEN STORMY SKY

RES CHALLENGE: CH ARAJENTO I SHOT D SHERIF

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9th Australian National Shetland Sheepdog Show

When we bought our first Sheltie in 1971 we had no idea where this would lead us. Had someone said to me at the time that I would one day be judging the Australian National show I would have said they were crazy and yet this year I did exactly that. For someone who swore they would never get on a plane and had no desire to venture beyond England's shores this was quite a change around. I cannot believe where this all consuming hobby has led us in the last 38 years.

I was first persuaded to fly out to Sweden, after exporting a bitch and being bullied into judging at a club event. It was a wonderful experience and opened my eyes to the wider world of Shelties and Sheltie enthusiasts.

Since then we have both had the good fortune to judge in several countries in Europe, Scandinavia and Russia. And now I can add Australia to my list. In each instance we have received such a warm reception from the Sheltie exhibitors and the committees organizing the events have gone out of their way to make the events special for us. Hospitality has always been first class and in most cases we have been able to stay on and see some of the countries in more depth. We have made some great friends along the way and they have opened their homes to us and given us some great experiences and memories which will stay with us forever.

The show scene varies from country to country and the judging systems vary too. The one thing that is consistent throughout is the enthusiasm of the exhibitors and the desire to breed and show and enjoy their Shelties to the full.



Me and my Singapore Slings



Me and an Aborigine

This year we decided that we would have ourselves a holiday ahead of the show in Australia and so we went via Singapore. Dave had been there in the 60's so it was interesting for him to go back and see the changes. Our tour guide for one day was a Sheltie enthusiast (of course) and she took us around some wonderful places. For lunch we stopped in a very nice restaurant, owned by another Sheltie enthusiast (of course) so the talk of dogs past and present was also on the menu.

We spent the next four days in Sydney and in view of the distances that the exhibitors would be travelling to attend the show we kept well away from any doggy contact and just enjoyed the sights. Sydney is a wonderful place and we spent most of the time ferrying around from Circular Quay to all the surrounding bays. We were able to get a weekly ticket at a very reasonable cost which allowed us to use the ferries and buses as much as we wanted. So each day we headed off in a different direction.

Of course we could not stay in the city without a visit to the Sydney Opera House, the main reason for choosing to go there. And so dressed in all our finery we sat in the wonderful building and thoroughly enjoyed a performance of Manon Lescaut by Puccini. We have "done" Covent Garden and The Albert Hall several times and been to the Mariinsky Theatre in St Petersburg. Our ambition now is to go to La Scala Milan.

From Sydney we flew up to Brisbane and were met by our hostess for the next week. Erin was a hostess extraordinaire and her home, which she shared with Penny, an architect, was open to all it seemed. They had a very busy boarding kennels and cattery and bred Salukis and one or two other breeds including Oriental cats, no Shelties this time. Michael Trafford the animal photographer was a regular visitor and he and Dave had a great time together talking and comparing cameras. Other visitors were various dog exhibitors and breeders and following us was a cat judge. The hospitality was wonderful, freedom to do pretty much what we wanted with fridge stocked with fine wine to enjoy in the evenings. Erin was a keen cook and we had some wonderful meals amidst very entertaining company.

Erin had emailed us prior to leaving and warned us of the chilly winter evenings and the fact that their houses were designed for the tropics and not for the short cooler winters so to be sure and bring something warm to wear. It is very strange how a beautiful warm sunny day when you wanted only light summer clothing could change suddenly into a really cold evening as soon as the sun went down at round 6 o'clock. They have no twilight; it goes from light to dark, warm to cold in a matter of minutes. The only heating was in the bathroom (thank goodness) and we were very glad of the electric blanket and two quilts on the bed.

As well as the National Show which was staged over two days I had been asked if I would give the Breed Standard lecture first to trainee judges and again to any Sheltie folks who would be around after the show.

The venue for all the events was owned by the Canine Control Council and had everything on site from the wonderful outside areas with huge rings to the modern buildings for holding lectures, dinners etc. The catering facilities were first class.

On the first day of the show we were introduced to the president of the Council and his wife and then processed to the ring led by a Scots Piper in full regalia. There was then a parade of all the Club banners from the different Australian states and these were set up around the huge ring. After an opening introduction the judging began.

I had a wonderful entry; day one was the bitches, seven classes from baby puppies to open with an entry of 129 plus a veteran's parade. Day two was dog day and specials with an entry of 102 dogs.

I cannot praise the exhibitors enough for the immaculate presentation of the dogs. I have to say that it was the cleanest entry of dogs I have ever judged. They were also well trained and behaved impeccably and the handlers were smartly turned out which gave the impression that they considered it to be "an event".

Some classes were stronger than others when it came to correct breed type and soundness. Size was fairly consistent but I did find some exhibits a little strong in head and there were a number of receding skulls and deep stops. Construction faults seem to be about the same wherever you go with short upper arms and steep shoulders dominating. I do like to see a dog moving out with good extension and a smoothness that can only be achieved from correct angulation. Having said that, I was generally very impressed with the quality of the entry and my final line up on each day included some lovely Shelties of true breed type who would have looked at home at any British Championship show.

When it came to choosing Best In Show I found it very difficult to split the two CC winners Ch Arajento Deputante (bitch) and Shatrin Saints B Praised (dog) and really did not want to have to choose, but of course I had to and it was just the hind movement of the bitch as she moved away from me that tipped the scales her way.

My reserve CC winners Ch Arajento I Shot D Sherif (bitch) and Gr Ch Annaglen Stormy Sky (dog) were also lovely representatives of the breed.

The Puppy bitch Shelbronze Desert Sun, whom I made Best Puppy, had a lot of promise for the future. The bitch who won the junior class and was best Junior in show, Sunland Secret Admirer, particularly impressed me as soon as she entered the ring and once mature I am sure she will be a high flyer. A very classy young lady very ably presented by her young handler.

At the end of the show it was pointed out to me that many of the Shelties I had placed were closely related and very interesting to have this confirmed when I finally read my catalogue. The American influence was there in varying degrees, I think particularly in the younger classes. On looking through the catalogue I found that I had placed some exhibits with American bloodlines.

While I was busy in the breed ring there had been obedience, agility and jumping trials taking place. I wish I could have watched some of that.

After returning home to freshen up and regain some steam we were back for the after show banquet and presentations. Most of the exhibitors stayed for this event and the room looked wonderful. Every place setting had a candle with the club logo and piper and three Shelties printed on it. Even the labels on the bottles of wine had the same logos. They had gone to so much trouble to present the whole show in such a professional and yet relaxed way. The food was wonderful with so much choice from hot meats to amazing salads and deserts. The stage was full of prizes which ranged from bags of food to paintings, Sheltie models, brooches, cages and books; I can't remember all the things they had. And they got very generous money vouchers for the top winners too.

The president of the Canine Council was there and gave a speech and then I was called upon to say a few words and do the show presentations. The obedience judge also had the same task for her winners. At the end of the evening they gave me a lovely photo album with a picture of Barney and Robin on the front and Blenmerrow Down Under across the top. They have sent me photos of all my winners to go in it. They also gave me a beautiful book full of stunning photographs of Australia. I was so touched by their generosity and friendliness and felt that it was a great privilege to have been invited to judge such a wonderful show and to know that people had travelled hundreds of miles over several days just to be there.

I cannot finish this article without saying a very big thank you and congratulations to the committee and members of the Queensland Sheltie Club for staging such a wonderful event. From start to finish from a judges perspective I could not fault it and I am sure the exhibitors would be of the same opinion. Their generosity and attention to detail made it a National for which they can be justifiably proud.

Margaret Lambert

Blenmerrow Shelties UK





POLAND

Sheepdogs and Cattle Dogs Club Show

(Except Swiss Cattle Dogs and Polish Breeds)



Best breeding 1_Asketila

J.Adamowska



Best stud 1_Highland Rouge ze Shetlandu

J.Adamowska



Best brood 1_Golden Eye Ventora

J.Adamowska



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J.Adamowska



JW_VI_Turmaja's Lovesome Rose youth B

J.Adamowska



Best sheltie

J.Adamowska



Best Veteran, BIS II Weteran Kliwia Asketila



BOB, Club Winner '2009 MAM NADZIEJE Casidi



Club Winner '2009 Vanilla Hills NO STRINGS ATTACHED LOVESOME

Helena Kabala



An Interview with Leslie Tanks

Shelbrae Shelties Australia



Sheila Baker and Leslie Tanks with Aborigine Friend in the late 1900's

Q. Leslie, Did you grow up with dogs?

A. As far back as I can remember we always had a dog at our home, from a cross breed to a cocker spaniel then to several collie roughs.

Q. When did you see a Sheltie for the very first time and was it love at first sight?

A. John was in the RAAF and he had just served three years in Malaysia and we were posted to Adelaide in South Australia. Having a spare weekend we went to the Adelaide Royal Show with our youngest daughter Kelly and happened upon the dog section. It was sheltie day and that was it, Shelbrae was born ☺)

Q. What is it that attracted you most to a Sheltie?

A. I think it was their instant appeal plus the fact that they were an ideal package as a family dog. They were not too big and were fantastic with children.

Q. Who was your mentor?

A. In those days, it was Bevan Bowden of Sheltiehaven Kennels from whom we obtained our first sheltie and Ron & Di Bateman of Kerondi Kennels from whom we bought a wonderful Champion bitch called Ch Kerondi Golden Morn and then there was Hazel Smith, a great lady, who spent the time and taught John how to groom properly, not just rip out the coat.

Q. Do you have a favourite colour in the breed?

A. For me personally, I love the blue merles. There is a challenge in breeding a sound sheltie that is also a lovely coloured blue. It doesn't always happen that way, but that is dog breeding.

Q. Have you ever owned any other breed?

A. We were the first people in NSW to own a German Spitz Mittel and we bred multiple champions in this breed as well as owning the first german spitz to win a Best In Show All Breeds, Ch Elhamra Kaiser Bill or KB as he was known. KB went on to do this several times over. Our daughters owned and bred Keeshonds and Cairn Terriers under our prefix as they were too young at the time to have their own. Both girls bred champions in their chosen breeds and Joanne in particular went onto breed multiple champion Cairn Terriers who were big winners in the show ring as well as breeding on.

Q. When did you start handling/showing dogs?

A. When we purchased our first sheltie in 1967 who unfortunately did not turn out to be a show prospect and in 1968 we leased our first show sheltie but it wasn't until 1970 when we purchased Ch Sharandy Pedro that our time in the show ring became much longer and much more exciting. Pedro and his litter brother Cisco did a power of winning whilst youngster and later on Pedro went on to win a Best In Show All Breeds which was our first at the dizzy heights of the ultimate win. Pedro was a lovely sheltie, a deep mahogany in colour with a beautiful nature and had we not been novices at the time of his purchase, I am sure he would have won much more than he did.

Q. When did you register the Shelbrae affix, and is there a special meaning behind the name?

A. From memory I think Shelbrae was registered in 1968. There is not really any special meaning, it was a case of just getting our prefix registered. We had to submit ten names at that time and we ended up submitting over 40 names and all were rejected. In the finish we just chose half of sheltie and half of a Scottish Brae, hence Shelbrae and submitted only the one name, in total frustration, and thankfully it was approved. This took us many months from start to finish.

Q. Please tell us about your first home bred litter.

A. Our first home bred litter was in Darwin in the Northern Territory where John was stationed for two years with the RAAF. The mother was Ch Kerondi Golden Morn and we flew her to Melbourne to be mated to Ch Riverhill Rampion (Imp UK). The litter consisted of five males and all were either monorchids or cryptorchids so they were sold as pets.

Q. There must be some interesting or funny stories to tell about breeding, or your stud dogs?

A. We had a tri colour dog that we did not breed, A/NZ Ch Brentland Black Beau and Beau always had a problem with his left ear, which he used to prick at any given occasion. We were in Melbourne for the Royal Show and staying with a friend who had a bitch in season and wanted to use him. The deed was just about done when our friend's mother came to the back door to see how long we would be and our other sheltie Pedro squeezed through the door and came flying out and of course wanted the bitch in season. A short squirmish ensued but was soon laid to rest with no damage, or so we thought. Later that evening I was grooming Beau and on coming to his ears, found a very large blood blister on Beau's left ear and of course it was swollen. Off to the vet and he burst the blister which was treated and he was given antibiotics. Weeks later we realised that Beau had not pricked his left ear for sometime, after inspection we found a layer of scar tissue on the spot where he had been bitten. I think many exhibitors thought we had given Beau an ear fix. - which we had, I suppose, but in a very unusual and timely way☺).

Q. We all have a special dog that pulls at our heartstrings forever, which was yours and why?

A. I actually have been blessed to have three. The first was our tri colour dog, Ch Felthorn Harvest Moon (UK) who made breed history here in Oz. He gained his title in just over a week and a half out of quarantine, won 25 Best In Show All Breeds and produced multiple champion progeny, but it was his gentle nature, love of life and the friendship that he gave to all, that will remain with me forever, and we can never give enough thanks to his breeders, Dick & Barbara Thornley, for taking the major step of sending Mr Quincy to Oz.

My second dog, was one we bred ourselves, Ch Shelbrae Scuttlebug. When he was born he came out running and scuttled all over the box, hence his name. He was pure delight from the moment he put his paws to the ground and his attachment to me was well known around the showring. Trendy, was pure perfection as a showdog, he lived to be in the ring and gave it his all, whenever and wherever he was. His only fault was his intense jealousy of his litter brother Joe, Grand Champion Shelbrae Sundlander, in the showring. If Joe was at the same show as him, he would sulk and would not show so in the finish one would go to the shows and the other one would have to stay home. Trendy, was sadly poisoned at a dog show by a low life, who had put commercial anti freeze in his drinking water. He was in the vets for two weeks but eventually we had to make the sad

decision to send him to the Rainbow Bridge. At the time of his death Trendy was almost four and had enough points for his Grand Championship but needed one more CC, and he had won eight Best In Show All Breeds. His death absolutely devastated me. I did not really think that there were such sad and evil people amongst the dog show community. I stayed away from the dog scene for over a year and only came back when I had a young puppy that would not let anyone else show her but me.

My third dog was Multi Champion Lundecoocks Loudmouth (Imp Sweden), who I first saw in the showring at the Swedish Sheltie Championship Show, where I was judging. He was nearly at the end of a long line up of shelties and he just caught my eye with his absolutely text book head properties and I could not stop looking back at him. I was introduced to his owner/breeder, Johnny Anderson and fortune was smiling on me, as Johnny agreed to send Jonas to me in Australia. This sheltie just fitted into our household like a glove. He had the most gorgeous, sweet and loving nature that anyone could wish for, he was a great stud dog yet had time for every sheltie in our yard, be it male or female. He loved to sit on my lap and have his stomach scratched or curl up on the lounge with me when watching TV. Unfortunately for us and the sheltie world in general, Jonas collapsed one day on our back patio and was rushed to the Vet. Our vet thought it was snake bite, even though we had not seen any snakes nor had any on our property for multiple years. Jonas failed to thrive under our Vet so we raced him to a vet in Sydney who called in a Specialist and it was found that he had a very large tumour on the pancreas which had encroached on his liver. Jonas was extremely ill but could still recognise me and still give me that special wag of his tail. Under vets advice he was put to sleep and now resides under his favourite tree at Shelbrae. Although only being here for a short time and only siring a few litters, Jonas's progeny have proved a force to be reckoned with in the showring, he now has multiple champion progeny, overseas champions and multiple, multiple champion grandchildren, one of which Shelbrae Swedish Sapphire, has won a Working Group 1 at only seven months of age.

Q. You have bred some lovely dogs, which are you most proud of?

A. Grand Champion Shelbrae Seventh Heaven who was a sable bitch and Grand Ch Shelbrae So Im Caspar who is a blue merle. Between them they have won over 60 Best In Show All Breeds. Seventh Heaven went to the Rainbow Bridge a few years back but Smitty is still with us and at twelve years of age sired us Ch Shelbrae Special Effect, a very young blue merle dog, who gained his title not so long back at thirteen months of age, but he has big footsteps to fill if he intends to walk in those of his father.

Q. What is the most memorable win that you have had?

A. We have three, and two of them were with shelties that supposedly, had, had their day, according to some sheltie people. Suki, Ch Shelbrae Seventh Heaven won Best In Show All Breeds, her 27th, just four days off her twelfth birthday and Smitty, Grand Ch Shelbrae So Im Caspar, won Runner Up In Show at the Bathurst Royal Show under Graeme Missen at eleven and a half years of age and the third one, was winning R/Up Best In Show at the Sheltie National in Brisbane under noted Sheltie Specialist, Maurice Baker from South Africa. Maurice fell in love with Hoges, Sth African & Australian Champion Shelbrae Singing The Blues and we later gave him and his daughter Sth African & Australian Champion Shelbrae Swingin T"Blues to Maurice and Sheila and both shelties won well in their new country with Hoges becoming one of the top dogs in South Africa with multiple Best In Show wins. He had won 17 Best In Show All Breeds in this country, prior to his journey overseas.

Q. When did you judge your very first show?

A. The first show I judged at was an All Breeds Open Show in the country at a place called Goulburn and I judged a full Working Group. I gave R/Up In Group to a very young Border Collie that went on to Puppy In Show. A few people had a chuckle that I had given this border such a high award at such a young age. This border went on to become the top winning border in Australia for many years and one of the top dogs, all breeds.

Q. Can you remember how you felt on that day?

A. I was nervous of course, but that was natural. Once in the ring and going over the dogs, the nervousness went and it was pure enjoyment. I have always loved judging dogs, even better than showing a dog. I have always said that if someone said that I could not do both, then I would choose judging. Of course with John it would be the opposite.

Q. How many countries have you judged in?

A. I have judged my own country many times, New Zealand twice, Finland, Sweden, Germany twice, USA, Scotland, and next year I will be judging in Europe.

Q. There must be many a funny incident you could share with us from the past?

A. We had two the same day. It was at a show in Sydney a long time ago and we had an interstate judge for working dogs. She was very, very slow and kept lecturing the exhibitors on their dog's dirty teeth. When it was John's turn to go in with our sheltie male, she said to him, I am glad to see your dog has clean teeth and he said to her, I have a good tip for you, if you want it. Use lemon juice on the teeth and they will always stay clean. She thanked him sincerely for this and promptly gave him BOB sheltie. When the group line up was in she made her way to John and asked him if he had any more good tips, he said of course, I will fill you in after the group. She promptly gave him Best In Group. When he came out of the ring, I asked him where he got the tip for lemon juice on the teeth, he laughed and said, I just made it up; I wanted the judge on side.

The same day with the same judge, she was half way through her group judging when there was a lot of laughter and snickering around the ring, I looked up to witness that the judge had lost her knickers. The elastic had broken and they had fallen to the ground. They were pink in colour and came down to her knees, here we call them Bombay Bloomers. The judge did not miss a beat, she just bent down, picked them up and hung them over the fence, and kept judging.

At another show there was a full challenge line up of shelties and the rain was pelting down. In front of John was an exhibitor called Betty Johnson of Almaroy Kennels and he was next. The judge was ages making his decision and everyone was absolutely soaking and Betty said to John, I wish they would hurry up and next minute the Judge said challenge. John said out loud, thank god for that and the judge said reserve. Everyone hurried out of the ring. A few minutes later the Show Secretary appeared and apologised to everyone for their length of time in the ring, it appeared that the ring steward had a hip flask full of scotch in his back pocket and the judge and he had been consuming this for most of the day, so by the time they got to shelties, they could not see them, so the first person to speak which was Betty Johnson, got the CC and the second person to speak was John, so he got reserve. We have laughed about this every time we have remembered it.

Q. What have you seen change the most in Shelties since you first owned one?

A. I think that breed type has changed the most. Once you could always tell a dog from a bitch, nowadays in this country we have bitches that look like dogs and dogs that look like bitches. I also think that a lot of breeders have lost their soundness in chase of the "almighty win in the showring". Many judges want a statue, a sheltie that will stand and show and will move at a very fast gait and be very flashy. Breeders/Exhibitors are choosing this type of sheltie and forgetting the plain sheltie that may be a lot sounder. There is no depth in the breed in this country any more, you have multiple good ones but not from any particular sire or dam.

Q. Is that for better or worse in your opinion?

A. I think it is for the worse. I have spoken to some of the newer breeder/exhibitors and some not so new, who don't even care what a pedigree is. They are picking as a sire the dog that is doing the winning in the ring. They are not interested in any of the older shelties of our past nor the history of the breed, the only thing that interests them, is a win in the ring.

Q. What, if anything would you like to see improved in the breed?

A. I would like to see more breeders working together for the good of the breed and the "I will not use their stud dog, because I don't like them" attitude thrown out of the door.

Q. Apart from your own dogs, which dogs would you have loved to have owned from any country?

A. In the UK, there was a tri bitch called Felthorn Moonbeam that I would have loved to have owned, I think we came close but not close enough and of course there was Ch Seavall Sheen a beautiful sable and white bitch who filled my eye, and the same goes for Multi Champ Lundecoocks Fiddler On The Roof, Whiskey, a gorgeous shaded sable and white who tugged at my heart strings whilst over in Norway a year or so ago. In Finland I was privileged to have judged and awarded Multi Ch.Sunsweet Biggest Dream when she was just a puppy and I thought she was so promising and I would have liked to have picked her up and brought her home.

In New Zealand many years back there was a wonderful sheltie called Ch Simply Sue Of Shelton and she has remained in my mind as one I would have given anything to have owned, she was rather a plain sheltie but so sound and such a beautiful mover. In Oz there have been many but from many years ago there was Ch Bethalice Jasmine who was a beautiful golden sable and white bitch who was a forerunner for the females of our breed in the showring, winning many Best In Show All Breeds and the very beautiful Ch Kerondi First Love and Ch Nigma Josephine both of which I think would win in the showring of today. Others I have admired have been Grand Ch.Shelmanna Jazzman and Grand Ch Deerod Give Me The Night and the list could go on ☺))))))

Q. What are your dreams for the future?

A. For both John and I, it is to keep healthy and be able to show our dogs for some time to come and as far as Shelbrae is concerned, we have reached nearly all of our aims and milestones and had much more success than we thought possible, however, we would like to breed another champion blue merle bitch and the plans have been made but the deed has not been done Yet.

Leslie- Thank You very much for taking the time to take part in this interview for 'Global Shelties Magazine'. I know that everyone will enjoy reading your replies.

Ed.





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Fun Poll

In the September issue we asked you to name your all time Favourite Dog which you have admired in the ring or in books. Here are the results in the order in which they were sent into me (ED)

UK. Ch.Edglonian Rather Alluring.
Am. Can. Ch. Sir Joshua of Winslow ROM CC
UK. Ch. Tegwel Wild Ways Of Sandwick
Am. CH. Philidove Kismet Heir Borne ROM
Am.CH Knightwoods Wynborne Breeze
Am. CH Chenterra Thunderation
Am.Ch Kismet's Conquistador
UK. Ch. Monkreddan Royal Blend

For the March Issue- let us know who your favourite Sheltie author is.



Junior Handlers



Ashley Loitz aged 13 from Canada

Here, at a CKOC show, Ashley is handling her Puppy Ch Sky's The Limit For Ksenia, where they won Best Puppy In Group. Ashley has been involved with dogs, cattle and horses all her life, and started competing in Obedience at the age of five! At the age of eight Ashley began to successfully handle dogs in conformation shows, and has handled many different breeds since that time.

Ashley is quite the 'Action Girl' not only handling many different dogs (and cattle!), but riding her horse in competition too. See her wonderful photos and interesting comments on her own web site page

<http://ksenia.sasktelwebsite.net/ashley.htm>



Alexander Lamb Aged 7 from Australia

In this picture, Alexander is handling Sunland Shinning Star (Sparkle)



Photo 'Mayfoto'

Bianca Hickey aged 11 from Western Australia

Bianca Hickey is 11 years old and has been showing her Sheltie "Brady" CH Tiakina Tilyabluinthface since April of this year. During this time together they have gained Brady's title and won many group and show awards. Recently at a big Brisbane show they won the working group and have had a few runner ups in the working group. Bianca and Brady love to compete in Junior Handlers events and were recently Runner Up State Finalist in her age group at the Royal Brisbane Show and the winner of the Junior Handler Sweepstakes at the Royal Brisbane Show. Brady lives with a houseful of Great Danes which Bianca's parents breed and exhibit. Bianca is third generation dog show person and wants to be a judge like her dad when she grows up. She also wants to learn as much as she can about Shelties so one day she can become a successful breeder.

Bianca and Brady reside in Brisbane Australia and Brady was bred by Carol Watson Perth Western Australia.



Elliott Hickey Aged 10 from Western Australia

Elliott Hickey had his first go in handlers here in QLD (10 is the earliest you can handle here) Elliott is Bianca's brother who is Brady's main handler. He borrows him now just for juniors. He did a great job with Brady. They did not place but he made us all very proud. He is very new to showing but is enjoying it and hopes to maybe have his own Sheltie to show one day. Elliott wants to learn all he can so he can start helping people with their Shelties if they need a hand. So if you QLD people need a runner at a show - Elliott would love to help! This is all much to Bianca's horror as she has claimed the Sheltie breed as her own!

Michelle, Bianca, Elliott and Brady



My name is Lexy Parisek, I am 15 years old and I live with my family in Campton Hills, Illinois. My parents, Jackie & Jerry Parisek, have been breeding and showing dogs under the kennel name Two J's for over 20 years. I seemed to have caught the dog show bug from them, as I have been actively showing with them for the past 11 years. I guess you could say that I was born into showing dogs and I have always enjoyed it. I divide my time between the Juniors ring and the Breed ring.

At the all breed shows, I show my Juniors dog, a Whippet, Two J's Felicity. Felicity and I have been together for a long time and have a special connection. When I am not competing in the juniors or breed ring, I assist a handler, Chris Jones, from Maple Park, Illinois. Assisting Chris has given me the opportunity to travel with her to dog shows all over the country. I also enjoy travelling with my family to Sheltie Specialities and the ASSA National every year. When we're not showing dogs, my sister, Morgan and I also show horses at the Regional and National levels.

This year one of my goals is to qualify in Juniors at Eukanuba and Westminster. Although, I have qualified to go in the past, I have never been able to make the trip. Another goal of mine is to be Best Junior at the ASSA National. I'm really looking forward to showing at the 2010 National in Tucson!

There are many reasons that I love Shelties, but one of the main reasons is that they are very intelligent and are really fun to train. It's very rewarding whelping litters and watching them grow. I learn a lot from my parents about shelties and the different types that other people breed and show. I hope to carry on the legacy that my parents worked so hard to create. I would like to thank my parents for all their support and help.

Lexy Parisek. USA



NSSK (Norwegian Shetland Sheepdog Club) Christmas Special Show

12.12.2009

Judge – Margaret Dobson (UK)

*Charles Feijen has put a multitude of wonderful pictures from this show onto his website.
Click the link and scroll down slightly. <http://www.crofts.no/show/show.htm>*





Kennel Croft – from past to future.....

When Arnhild Carlsen and Charles Feijen moved together in 2004, we wanted a new prefix to replace our earlier prefixes, “Sheltibo” in Norway and “Of Papa Stour/Gwensigors” in Holland. We applied for and registered the kennel prefix Croft in 2004. Croft was accepted by FCI in early 2005, and the first litter under this star was born in December 2004, and registered in early 2005. Charles was experienced in shelties for 12 years and Arnhild 18 years. Croft was based from its beginning on the prefix Sheltibo, and started in 1986 with Willownut`s Count On Me, a lovely standard sable boy on the bigger side. One year later Arnhild got the foundation-queen in Golden Country Star. She was born in 1985 and was 2 years old. Both were sired by N Such Lythwood Stiletto, and related also on the dam`s side through Bonny Kvicky and Willownuts As sweet As Candy.

Kennel Sheltibo contained in 2004 3 different bitch-lines. Two were created from the very beginning. One straight bitch-line, mostly tricolour and sable, tracing to Tico, Willownut`s Count On Me, and Shirley, Golden Country Star. The second bitch line was founded on blues only from Shirley and one recent tricolour/sable line, totally unrelated to the other two lines. The last line was created out of a German import Zaffira Of Silver-Shadow. This proved some years later, to be a big contribution for Croft. In addition, Arnhild imported in the same year 2 bitches from the UK Kennel, Sommerville, but they were never bred or shown. When Arnhild bred a PRA case in 1996 which was discovered in 2004, it changed the whole breeding program and use of the old bitch-line. Line-breeding was later abandoned at Sheltibo/Croft, because of this. It will remain so until the day we have a DNA test. The PRA carrier will be outside the pedigree within the next generation. The decision whether to keep the bitch-line going was difficult, but with several PRA-carriers around, it seemed most wise to continue with what we knew and were familiar. Charles brought into the kennel only one male, Mellsjøhøgda`s Country Boy. He was sired by Int.Nord uch Marnham Montanner. His dam was Kelgrove Wanda To Marnham, and S A Fin uch Milesend Dancing Major was the grandsire. Country Boy`s dam is N S uch Mellsjøhøgda`s New Nugget. Her sire and dam are two UK imports from the lovely Ingramay Kennel, Ingramay Orion, sweet little Ricky, and Nuch Ingramay Sunshine, Suzy. Mellsjøhøgda`s Country Boy later proved to be a very important key in our further breeding-program, as he fitted most bitches in type.

When Croft`s first litter was born in December 2004, the kennel contained the sable Sheltibo`s Olympic Ring, already almost 11 years old, and her tricolour daughter, 3 year old Nuch Sheltibo`s Backyard Baby, and her 1 year old sable daughter Sheltibo`s Dirty Diva. These comprised 3 generations of bitches and 5 generations in total. There was also the 2 year old Int.uch Sheltibo`s Blue Movie representing the blue line created from the early common bitch line, but in another direction. Finally, there was Sheltibo`s Hot Feelings, a sable daughter out of the German bitch.

The year before in 2003, Sheltibo`s Satin Shoeshette left us at the age of 13 years. She was from Sheltibo`s first home bred litter in 1990. Nuch Sheltibo`s Christmas Star had left us in 2004 at the age of 12 years. Sheltibo`s Christmas Queen had moved to 2nd time puppy buyers. They had lost their bitch from us. Queeny stayed with them for 2 years until she was 13 and died on Christmas 2005. Then they got from us Sheltibo`s Black Satin, who had lived with us for a year after his owner died, and she needed a new good home.

We felt that we had a good foundation to start a new chapter in our book with 4 quite young, good-looking bitches and a lovely male. Just for fun, we also imported a Drentsche Patrijshond bitch in 2005 from nice lines in Holland. It was very healthy for the Shelties and puppies to stay together with another large breed.

66 Puppies have been born under the Croft prefix since 2004, and 2 more litters are expected. Croft has developed into a very nice story. In our first litter from Sheltibo`s Hot Feelings and Eastflash Walk On Top, 4 puppies were born. We gave one lovely bitch to my best friend Lillian Egeberg of kennel Fjellro. She has used this bitch to create her new bitch line for the future. One sable boy, N DK Ch Croft`s Brown Sugar, was purchased by Janne Andersen and Kjell Torgersen in Stavanger, as a pet. They had some experience with dogs and other breeds, but were mostly pet-owners. For those who already know the story, it turned out quite differently. Janne and Kjell started to show, and in 2008 they joined us in kennel Croft. Later, they bought another sable boy, Croft`s Fortyfivehundredtimes. Unfortunately he went oversize. As a replacement, they took home Croft`s Twilight Zone. He was from our accidental mating between a blue and a sable, and grew up to be a lovely, dark shaded sable show-male. Unfortunately, he did not fit the stock very well, and he never enjoyed showing. Both males got new, lovely pet-homes near by Janne and Kjell. In 2007, Janne and Kjell also took over Croft`s Roll Over Lay Down, our best bitch ever. Janne was bitten by breeding, and wanted also to have litters at home. In that same year, “Baby” was mated to N DK Ch Croft`s Brown Sugar. Of three puppies, they kept one lovely male themselves, Croft`s I Want It All. One of the bitches,



Croft`s A Kind Of Magic, went to Wenche and Torkild Tangen in Kristiansand. Wenche is Kjell`s sister, and they had been in Collies earlier. They already had Croft`s Wild Wine from us and wanted a bitch more for showing and breeding. The young one also turned out to be a lovely bitch.

Wenche and Kjell grew up with dog-breeding. Their parents owned the affix Av Kjanto. Wenche and Torkild took this affix back, and they planned their first litter in 2008.

As 2008 went by, the two couples stayed mostly on the road, driving to shows, and promoting our kennel in a very good and professional way. So, we asked in 2009 if Wenche and Torkild also wanted to join the Croft-family. They accepted, and their first litter, Croft's Wild Wine and N DK uch Croft's Brown Sugar was therefore registered under our prefix. So, today we are 3 couples and best friends, running the kennel together. The advantage is that we don't need so many dogs in each home, and we are able to share everything. Though we have very much the same points of view and the same goals, we own our own dogs and each of us decides what the next step will be. Though a common plan is made, we each have the freedom to make our own decisions. Charles and I now have 4 bitches. N Ch Sheltibo's Backyard Baby is retired and soon to be 10 years old. Nuch (Int. Ch) Sheltibo's Blue Movie at 8 years, Sheltibo's Dirty Diva at 6 years,



and the youngest Croft's Party Animal at 2, and Dronnia Drent at 5. In a couple of weeks we will also take home a bitch-puppy from co-owned Croft's Roll Over Lay Down. This is a repeat litter by N DK Ch Croft's Brown Sugar. Our plans are to keep one bitch-puppy also from Diva, hopefully a tricolour, and one from Blue Movies last litter, hopefully a lovely blue.

Janne and Kjell have N DK Croft's Brown Sugar at 5 years and Croft's Roll Over Lay Down at 4. Their son, Croft's I Want It All, will soon be 2 years, Beside these, they kept on breeding-terms a sable bitch-puppy, from Sheltibo's Dirty Diva and N DK Croft's Brown Sugar Spring 09. Her name is Croft's You Are The One For Me, and she has already done marvellously in the show ring. They co-own her with Kirsten and Ole Undrum, and also have an old Sheltibo bitch, Sheltibo's Singapoer Sling at 9 years.

Wenche and Torkild keep at home 3 dogs at the moment. They are the bitches, Croft's Wild Wine at 3 years and Croft's A Kind Of Magic soon 2 years. They also kept a male-puppy in 2008, Croft's The Winner Take It All. He is from a Wild Wine and N DK Croft's Brown Sugar breeding. They also plan to keep a promising bitch-puppy from Croft's Wild Wine and Nuch Japaro Eye Of The Storm.

Since we now have used Brown Sugar for a lot for matings, with very nice results, we need to look to other males in the future, to keep up the good work. After soon 24 years from the beginning, and a lot of hard work with the bitch lines, our type is quite set. Most of the dogs imported and used on our lines, have also contributed a lot toward the great success we have had these last years. We have been very lucky.

In the show ring, Croft's was put on the map, by being Breeders Of The Year in 2008, and it looks like we have a fair chance to win also in 2009. This was done only with homebred dogs and showing only 8-9 dogs during the year.

We have had high scores in the other competitions too, and Croft's Roll Over Lay Down will come very high this year in the competition for Best Breed Bitch 09. She did this with only 2 offspring shown.

Our Croft-dogs took about 15 CC's last year, BOB, several BOS and also placements in the Group and Best In Show Puppy. The high point of 2008 was when Croft's And Justice For All, a pretty blue bitch co-owned with Kennel Mainland, became World Junior Winner 08 in Stockholm. She was beautifully handled and cared for by Vinny Olafsen and Finn Helge Olsen. She also became best Junior Bitch at SSSK Special the day after and took several CC's during last year.

In 2009 we were thrilled when N DK Croft's Brown Sugar became a Danish Champion. Beside this, we are also grateful for all the effort Janne, Kjell, Wenche and Torkild contributed, both at home for the dogs, and in the show ring.

Charles and I have not been seen so much in the show ring lately, but we promise to come back strong, with a new and young generation in the future.

We are all grateful to our beautiful dogs, lovely pets at home, and show-stars in between the daily life. We focus very much on health, good construction and temperament. Our dogs have strong nerves and they are happy and steady. This has taken great effort from the very beginning, and we count ourselves fortunate to have been lucky and have managed to keep it up through all years.

We have a saying in Croft:

Coming together is the beginning....Keeping together is moving forward.....Cooperation is success.....

On behalf of the Croft-gang: Arnhild Carlsen. Sweden.

Full History Of Croft Kennel can be found here - <http://www.crofts.no/history/history.htm>



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News Just In (13.12.09)

Japaro Eye Of The Storm (Rebus) was Best Dog at the Nordic Winner show in Finland giving him the title of Nordic Winner and Nordic Champion.

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Congratulations to his breeders/Owners - Ian and Margo Nixon (UK) (See Christmas Supplement for Picture)



*The Correspondents and Editors hope you have enjoyed this issue of
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We wish you all a Peaceful Christmas and a Successful Year in 2010!

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