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**NEXT MEETING** will be on Monday May 14, 2007 at 7 PM at the Bellerive Springs Clubhouse. This is off Gage and Bellerive in the Bellerive Springs subdivision. Turn left on Bellerive if coming from the direction of Leslie, turn right on Bellerive if coming from the direction of the mall. The subdivision will be the first left turn and the parking lot will be in front of you.

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL GENERAL MEETING**

Tiffani called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. We introduced ourselves and our dogs.

Secretary had no formal report except to thank all those that helped make the seminar and match a success. Many people from Spokane and Yakima were there and are interested in knowing what activities we plan in future.

Read and voted new applicants as below.

Training report - Lezlie- pet therapy still needs dogs, see Eileen if interested in getting started with her. There will be a Delta class starting in May that has not filled. Please contact Kris Stennett for info. Jo Bott is working with the teams that are getting ready to compete. If you are interested in joining this group contact Lezlie. Garage group is ongoing and is being taught by apprentice instructors, it is free of charge. Contact Lezlie. Competition agility practice is ongoing and is for dogs ready to compete.

Lezlie is trying to get a schedule together for summer agility classes, email has been sent out to the membership about that.

Show committee- Linda – judges have agreed to adding the wildcard classes to our show, this may require more stewards. See April newsletter online for an explanation of wildcard. Linda also suggested we consider raising our entry fee to \$23 for 1<sup>st</sup> dog and \$18 for second entry of same dog. This has become the standard price and we are one of the few clubs not charging that. Seconded by secretary and carried in vote of membership

present. Kevin and Dan will do grounds again, Debbie is doing trophies and Roseanne will do her great cake. **We still need a chief ring steward and this is a critical position.** No stewards – no show.

Building committee- Dan- it will take about 5 more months for the surveys to be completed. 501c3 application is sent off and pending, it takes about 3 months for approval. We will be required to clear land, fence, irrigate and sod the area. We should be able to share some things with the dog park and do a lot of the labor ourselves. We can work on the site and get it fenced to store equipment and use it for classes without a building in good weather, this will save renting space.

The Rotary club has donated \$700 to the building fund and this was orchestrated by Brian Conrad and Meadow Hills Vet Clinic. We thank him and the rotary.

Treasurer – Gene – We have \$6400 in checking, \$3624 in CD's and \$820 in the building fund. All current bills are paid. We saw a nice profit from the seminar and match. We are financially solvent; Gene did tell us that when he came on as treasurer we had a few hundred dollars in checking.

New Business – Lezlie – WSU once again would like us to participate in the summer program on July 17 and 21. This is a Tuesday and Friday. If you can spare the time please let Lezlie know ASAP.

Dan showed us the news clipping produced by KVEW TV at the CGC class last session. It was excellently done by Carly Kennelly.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

## **NEW APPLICANTS**

No new applicants or first readings this month.

Second reading – Ernie and Margo Place (Flat Coated Retriever and Papillon), Katie Lockerby (Labrador).

Voted - Keith and Kathy Ertell (Shetland Sheepdog), Larry and Mary Ellen Thien (Newfoundland).

## **BRAGS**

This in from Eileen Michals – Myra Lang called to let us know that Kaylee is out and competing in agility with her Border Collies. They double Q'd at Moses Lake on March 31 for second legs in Open Standard and Open Jumps and Weaves placing first and fourth respectively! One more leg in each and it will be a new title for Kaylee and Thunder. In addition Kaylee has started competing with Lightning, her youngster. For

those that do not know Kaylee, she is a former junior member that moved to the Spokane area last spring. We miss her in agility here.

The Woods' Newfie, Sedro, took Reserve Winners Dog at Centralia on April 7<sup>th</sup> and cleaned up at Moses Lake taking all the ribbons to include Best of Breed!! WOW!!!

Got a call from Eileen Michals on the way home from Lewiston!! Shreq earned his first 2 Novice (CD) legs and Nonni earned her first RA and first CD legs. Awesome!

Kevin and Rosanne Davis took Reserve Winners over the weekend at the Lewiston Shows.

Walla Walla saw a lot of our members out in the rally, obedience and breed rings. I will try to get all the brags that I remember and that folks told me about. If I miss you please let me know so I can add it to next month.

Brooke Lanigan and Papillon, Jack, earned their Rally Novice title with a 91.

Lisa Harstad and Newfie, Kula, got another Rally Novice leg on Saturday.

Al Michals and Doberman, Nonni, earned a second Novice leg on Saturday with a second place and then earned their CD with a first place on Sunday. Nonni is 9 years old so I guess you can teach an old dog new tricks!

Stacia Gunderson and Doberman, Bo, took first place in Rally Excellent on Saturday.

Dan Couch and Papillon, Joy, were third in the breed ring on Saturday. This was Dan's first time in the breed ring and I hear he was pretty good.

The Wood's Newfies had another great weekend! Sedro took Best of Winners both days and won the working group at the match on Saturday. Pretty little (well-not that little!) Chai took Best Opposite both days. Cleaned up again!

The Kennedy's Italian Greyhound, Lamborghini, took Winners on Saturday for one point. This was her first dog show and she beat her own very accomplished sister, Lexi. What a great start for La Scala Carmina Di Levriere. Good thing we shorten those names at home!

I know there are brags for the Davis' Whippets but I have not gotten them. Congrats anyways!!!

A special thanks.....to Jo Bott. I was stewarding obedience and rally Saturday and had a birds eye view of all the Novice handlers. I must say I was a little appalled at the double commands, body language, poor footwork, etc of most of the Novice obedience handlers. Yes Novice's make novice mistakes and seasoned competitors sometimes make Novice mistakes, it happens.

I was proud to watch our members in the Novice ring. There was very little poor handling, in fact the handling skills of our Novice folks was wonderful. This is a tribute to someone taking care to prep and teach the newer handlers good skills. It really shows when someone takes time with less experienced people. Jo has spent a lot of time with them and made the effort to share her knowledge and skills.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Legacy Canines in Sequim – Coaching People to Train Their Dogs- May 4 to May 8, 2007. Taught by Terry Ryan. Contact Jenni Dix (888) 683-1522 [www.legacycanine.com](http://www.legacycanine.com)

Friends of Goldens Fun Match – May 5<sup>th</sup> Brown's Park, 32<sup>nd</sup> and Pines, Spokane Valley. Conformation and Retriever Challenge, All-breed Obedience and Rally. Contact Christy Swanson [parantreekennel@hughes.net](mailto:parantreekennel@hughes.net)

Precision K9 – Bedrock Essentials Plus, May 9 to 12, 2007. This 4 day seminar will teach competition obedience from the ground up. Learn how to fine tune, work through problems, how your dog learns, laying solid foundations and have a happy working dog, etc. Contact Paula McCollum at [www.precisionk-9.com](http://www.precisionk-9.com) Just FYI..... Paula made it to the National Obedience Invitational and was 3<sup>rd</sup> runner up with a Bluetick Coonhound.

Precision K9 – Nuts and Bolts, May 13, 2007, Follow on to Essentials Plus. This is formulated for dog trainers or any one interested in being a dog trainer. Learn how to control difficult dogs, use space, structure curriculum, write lesson plans, handouts and use specific exercises and training props. Contact Paula McCollum at [www.precisionk-9.com](http://www.precisionk-9.com)

Legacy Canines in Sequim – Clarissa von Reinhardt Talks – June 9 and 10, 2007. Impulse Control for the Reactive Dog (information for Caretakers and Owners) This is Clarissa's first US appearance. Contact Jenni Dix (888) 683-1522 [www.legacycanine.com](http://www.legacycanine.com)

Legacy Canines in Sequim –Bailey Survey Operant Conditioning Workshops June 16 and 17, 2007 or June 20 and 21, 2007. This is a hands on introduction to changing behavior using clicker training. Bob Bailey is considered the father of clicker training and is a behaviorist with 50 plus years of work in the animal training field. Contact Jenni Dix (888) 683-1522 [www.legacycanine.com](http://www.legacycanine.com)

APDT Conference and Trade Show (Association of Pet Dog Trainers) will be held in Portland, OR this year. This conference is held once a year in a different city each year. This year's conference will be Oct 24<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. **Suzanne Clothier** is scheduled to speak. I'll post further details as they come available.

## **PET PORTRAITS!!**

How would you like to have your best friend's portrait done? You can and you can support POPP (Pet Overpopulation Project) at the same time. Until May 31<sup>st</sup> all proceeds from the sitting fee at Artistic Portraits will be donated to POPP.

Artistic Portraits is located at 1103 S. Jurupa Street in Kennewick, 509-628-0098. They offer special packages and will even make house calls. You can choose between them coming out to you or you can go and choose from many lovely locations at their studio.

Consider supporting POPP.

## **TRAINING**

The Agility class memo was sent out separately by Lezlie. If you are interested in Agility please contact her immediately if you already haven't.

Our final CGC classes concluded in April. Big thanks to Dan Couch and Linda Kennedy for the 6:00 class, and Kathy Woodbury and Eileen Michals for the 7:00 class. Also, major thanks to all of our apprentice trainers who ran the Garage Group this 8 weeks- they did a good job, and we have a great group of dogs to work with. It is good practice and everyone has a good time. The last agility video was Thursday, April 26 at Linda Kennedy's house. These have been fun and educational evenings for the agility folks.

ANYONE who wants to take the Delta Pet therapy training should contact Kris Stennett. ASAP!!! It is this weekend (May 5& 6) and there are still a couple of openings.

Tracking is slowing down due to shows and hotter weather. However, the tracking group is still meeting early on some weekends around show schedules. If you want to track, contact Kathy Woodbury and you can be on her email list to know when something is going on. Also let Kathy know if you are going to try to certify before this fall. Bonnie Primus in Benton City is a nearby judge who can do certifications when your dog is ready. We would like to try to have a certification or sanctioned tracking match this fall.

## **NEW Early Summer CLASSES**

Our outdoor classes are always somewhat confusing due to the varied outdoor locations and times.

There will be no classes the week of May 1.

CGC – there will be no CGC classes for the next 8 weeks. If you are interested in Pet Therapy or community activities, contact Eileen Michals.

Rally – There will be no formal rally classes for the next 8 weeks. HOWEVER, if you are interested in rally or practicing rally, contact Gerri Little. She will be having rally practices on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and on some Saturdays around her show and tracking schedule. We may also be setting up Rally at the Park on some Saturday mornings. Please contact Gerri so that you can get on a contact list to find out when someone is going to be setting up a rally course. This will be dependent on who is at a show that weekend. Gerri and other experienced rally people are very helpful in explaining the rules and the signs to newcomers. It is a lot of fun!

Obedience. If you are ready to compete in obedience, contact Jo Bott. She has a small group of people who are ready to show, and she will continue to work with them. If you have a pre-novice dog or a utility dog, and just want to get them out working in distracting situations with other dogs, join our “Garage Group” (which outgrew the garage...). It will be run by our apprentice trainers, and will be in the park on Saturday mornings. It is free to club members and you do not need to sign up- just show up. It is a little different each week, so exposes your dog to a lot of new ways to do old exercises. We will also try to have a ring set up Saturday mornings in the park so that anyone who is practicing for a show will have a place to work.

### AGILITY!!!

Due to juggling locations, the first set of classes is split into two sessions. When you sign up for these classes, you are signing up for both parts. Part 1 (first 4 weeks) will be at a Park, and Part 2 (June 4 weeks) will be at Debbie Brower’s. We will do jumps and weaves for the first 4 weeks and contact obstacles for the second 4 weeks. This is a new way of teaching these classes and we are excited about it.

1. 5:30-6:30- Beginning Class- **Lezlie Couch, Alyssa Paxton, Debbie Brower**  
Dogs who do have not had experience with all of the obstacles.
2. 6:30-7:30-Advanced Class - **Dan Couch and Jane Cooper**  
Dogs who are competing or ready to compete- can run a full course with weaves and obstacles in 1 minute.
3. 7:30-8:30- Novice Class- **Linda Kennedy and Linda Scannell?**  
Dogs who have experienced all of the obstacles, may still need some work on weaves, or individual obstacles, learning handling skills and course running.

These classes are basically full- contact Lezlie Couch immediately, if you have not already.

New name for GARAGE GROUP needed! The garage group is no longer in a garage, and people are not sure what it is. We need a fun, but more descriptive name! Send your ideas! Will be judged at the next training meeting and announced at the next club meeting! For those of you who don’t know what it is a description follows.

The “garage group” is a free class, run by trainers and novice trainers, for any dog which has had at least beginning (CGC or puppy or beginning obedience)

training. They must be able to be around other dogs and walk on a lead, and know the sit, down, stay and come commands. We practice novice exercises together in a variety of ways to get the dogs used to using these commands in distracting situations. The dogs vary from puppies to utility dogs. You can drop in once a year or come every week.

## **DID YOU WANT TO BE SCOUT???**

Dog Scouts of America has come to the Pacific Northwest!!! Dog Scouts of America is a ten year old international program modeled after the Boy and Girl Scouts. Why should kids have all the fun?

The Douglas Furs Dog Scout Troop #142 is less than a year old and will host the first Dog Scout Camp 6 through 8 July in Sequim, WA. Activities will consist of Backpacking, Obstacles, Water, Shaping, Rally, Skateboarding, First Aid, Arts and Crafts (yes the dogs do!). You and your Scout can earn merit badges in each of these areas to include the mandatory first badge, the DSA. The DSA is based on good dog manners and is patterned after the CGC. It is required to participate as it is imperative your scouting partner is obedient and responsive.

If you think you might be interested check out the troop at [www.legacycanine.com](http://www.legacycanine.com) and see [www.dogscouts.com](http://www.dogscouts.com)

## **SPOTLIGHT ON**

Keith and Kathy Ertell –

Keith and Kathy live in Richland and share their home with Dash, a bi-black Shetland Sheepdog. Before Dash came along, they had two other Shelties. But they weren't always dog people.

Keith and Kathy weren't raised in families who trained or showed dogs – they didn't even attend their first dog show until in their 20s. But Keith's parents always had small dogs as house pets, so Keith grew up with dogs underfoot. At Kathy's home, cats were always around to be doted on, but dogs were regarded as outdoor pets, until Kathy inherited a Pomeranian mix from her married brother as a teenager – Brandy was too much dog for the newly married couple but was a fun, energetic dog for a teenager. That was the first hint Kathy had that dogs were something other than “yard dogs”. Brandy spent many happy afternoons riding with Kathy in her yellow Volkswagen bug and visiting local parks.

Keith and Kathy didn't have dogs for most of their young adult life, since they were living in rentals, but as soon as they were able to buy a home, they started looking around for dogs, and soon had a Sheltie. At first, the dog was going to sleep in the living room in his crate. Soon, though, he was sleeping in the bedroom in his crate. Soon after that,

he was sleeping at the foot of the bed in a dog bed, and sometimes in the bed. And soon, another Sheltie followed....you get the picture.

During their first years with Shelties, they got a lot of education about dogs. There was so much to learn – why do dogs enjoy digging in the yard? Do dogs get lonely? What’s a foxtail? Why do herding dogs love to round up the cat?

Their current Sheltie came from a family that is very active with Shelties in obedience and agility in Spokane, and asked that Keith and Kathy enroll Dash in classes to see what he could do. So, here they are six months of classes and a rally match later, and all are enjoying themselves thoroughly, are more confident and learning a lot – who knows what will be next?

Kathy works at Battelle in occupational health and safety at Battelle, and is interested in gardening, reading, and baking. As far as dogs, her special interests are the social and medical needs of dogs, as well as fostering responsible dog ownership. Keith works in employment services for the state of Washington, and likes hiking, eating cookies, working on household projects, and playing active games with his dog. Both like camping and kayaking and rarely travel without their Sheltie. And lastly, both are big supporters of the WSU Vet School as one of their Shelties received great care there for the last 6 months of his life.

## **BREED OF THE MONTH**

Shetland Sheepdog –

The Shetland Sheepdog or “Sheltie” like the Collie, traces it’s origins to the Border Collie. The Border Collie was transported to the Shetland Islands where it was crossed with small, long coated dogs which reduced it’s size and produced the Sheltie of today. It is thought that the Yakkin dog of Greenland and the Icelandic Sheepdog may have contributed to the gene pool. There is even speculation that there may have been some Pomeranian in the mix but that is considered myth by most Sheltie experts. The Sheltie has occasionally been crossed to rough collies but unlike many small breeds that resemble a large dog of similar type, the Sheltie is not the result of rough collies bred down. The first Sheltie registered by the AKC was Lord Scott in 1911. Lord Scott was imported by John G. Sherman, Jr. of New York.

The Sheltie is between 13 and 16 inches tall, and has a long outer coat and dense under coat. The Sheltie comes in three main acceptable colors: sable (ranging from gold through mahogany – think Lassie!), tri-color (black, white and tan), and blue merle (grey, white, black and tan). Two other colors are also acceptable but are much less common: Bi-blue (grey, black and some white), and Bi-black (white and black –think Ertell’s Dash!). The Sheltie has ears that bend at the top in tips. The proper set is the top 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the ear tips over. The sheltie truly looks like a small rough collie and the most endearing trait is the very soft and sweet expression.

The Sheltie is a member of the herding group and this instinct remains strong in many of them. They love to chase things like squirrels and ducks and children! If people are milling around, Shelties are herding them by running, barking and nipping at heels. The Sheltie is playful and does best with a firm but sensitive owner. This little guy is extremely intelligent and is ranked as one of the brightest of dogs right up there with Border Collies, German Shepherds, and Poodles.

Shelties high degree of intelligence makes them very trainable and they excel in obedience competition and agility. In their size group they are the number one agility dog and have long been considered a top obedience dog. Shelties possess an intense desire to please. They can be reserved with strangers but develop deep and lasting bonds of loyalty with their family. Their natural affinity for children makes them gentle and loving companions. The Sheltie is highly protective of home and will bark when all is not right. A well bred Sheltie is neither shy nor yappy.

Young pups need to be highly socialized to mature into confident adults. Under socialized dogs can become shy and fearful.

Surprisingly, grooming is easy with the Sheltie. The coat is not as time consuming as it appears and needs a good brushing about twice a week. Shelties will blow coat twice a year with the seasons and need more brushing at these times.

Like its relative the Collie, the Sheltie has a few health concerns, namely PRA or Progressive Retinal Atrophy. PRA cannot be detected but will show up around the age of 2 and can lead to progressive blindness. PRA is hereditary and is being eliminated by good breeding. Sheltie Syndrome is a skin disease that can occur at age 4 to 6 months, it is often mistaken for mange as it results in hair loss on the top of the head, tip of the tail and on the forearms. It too is genetic but skips generations. Good breeders research back many generations to avoid this condition. Shelties can also have hypothyroidism and Von Willebrands which is a bleeding disorder. Shelties with Von Willebrands are not viable and do not live long. As a note – none of these conditions are common but do occur in the gene pool. By and large the Sheltie is a hardy dog and is a wonderful choice for a family pet.

Did you know the Sheltie is rarely seen in its native Shetland Islands? The Sheltie has been replaced by the larger Border Collie as the working dog of choice, due to size not ability.

Source: The AKC, the American Shetland Sheepdog Association, Wikipedia.

## My Dog

When I am angry, he clowns to make me smile.

When I am happy, he is joy unbounded.

When I am a fool, he ignores it.

When I am wrong, he is delighted to forgive.

When I succeed, he brags.

Without him, I am only another man. With him, I am all powerful.

I know a secret comfort and a private peace. He has bought me understanding where before I was ignorant.

His head on my knee can heal my hurts. His presence by my side is protection against my fear of dark and unknown things.

He has promised to wait for me - whenever, wherever – in case I need him.

And I expect I will, as I always have.

Gene Hill