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Meeting Notice

Date, Time & Location of our next meeting have not yet been determined. Notice will be sent when details are finalized.

Welcome New Members

Metro SSC extends a very warm welcome to all of our new members. We look forward to getting to know you and your Shelties better.

Bernadette Bay

Marialaine Potts, Star & Twister

Michelle Reed, Aero & Piper

Ellen Reichart & Paul Sutton

Linda Savino & Kobi

Donna & Denise Pollifrone, Simon & Katie

Barbara Bonalski, David Philippi & Sandi

Karen Newquist, Bailey, Halo & Mysty

Sylvette Hartroth, Ryker, Sly & Sundae

Aneita & Jessica Frey, Cinnamon, Ginger, Tiger & Tony

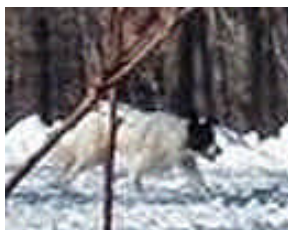
Eleanor Campbell – Dash, Sydney, Presto & Price

Braggs

From Abbey Culp - Ripples received his first Open Std leg this Sat 6/10/04 at the SOJAC agility trial, received 1st place!
- At the JAG NADAC trial 6/27/05 Ripples received a qualifying run in Novice Regular and 1st place. Chill, our sheltie friend, ran in his first trial and received a qualifying run in Novice Jumpers with only one spin during a 4 jump serpentine! and placed 2nd.



Ripples



Chill

From Helen Ackley - Flirt got her first Open JWW ribbon – the only blue ribbon for the 16' dogs



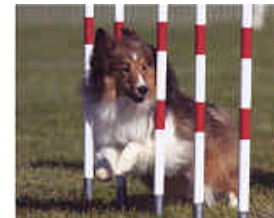
From Laurence Guesquiere – At the JAG AKC agility trial, Angel took 1st place in the Excellent B Jumpers 16" class!



From Karen Newquist - Having the urge to get out and run and play, Team Sheltie (Halo, Bailey, Mysty and I) went off to the first outdoor agility trail of the new year in Richmond, VA. My daughter happens to live 5 minutes from the trial site, so of course we had to make a 6.5 hour trip so that we only had to travel 5 minutes to the trial. We entered a NADAC trial (all but too young Mysty) and majored in blue. My big blue boy, (Bailey) brought home a new title (OAC), 2 open tunnelers legs, 1 excellent jumpers leg and did so all with first places! These accomplishments were especially sweet since we almost lost him just before Christmas. Just being able to run with him was a treat and to "Q" with the bad boy was a special bonus. Halo did well also. After being confined to the ice and snow of the frozen north, we didn't quite know how wild the wild thing would be. She surprised us all: finished her Novice tunnelers title with 2 firsts, earned one novice jumpers leg with a first, and 2 standard novice legs with one first and one second. Quite an accomplishment for Halo who believes she should yell "Yippee!" when taking the field for a NADAC course.



Bailey



Halo

The Sunday of Memorial Day week-end, Halo and I were off to an APDT trail where we did quite well. Halo earned two level 2 legs (with one second and one fifth place both with scores over 190) and one level one leg with a third place (199) and ARCH points. what a little trooper. She also got an award for High Scoring Therapy Dog in trial

After we came home from this trial I added up all the titles Bailey and Halo had earned in the year since Kelsey's death : 13 new titles between the two of them, and I didn't start showing Bailey again until the fall. What wonderful kids they are! What super team mates!

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From Karen Vogt – At the JAG AKC trial, Cinder earned her 5th MX leg!



From Sylvette Hartroth - At the AKC JAG trial, Sundae took 1st Place in Novice B Jumpers! Today was Sundae's agility trial debut - what a great way to start his agility career!



From Sandi Ver Sprill – At the Poodle Club's AKC agility trials:

Flash – owned by Sandi's Mom and run by Sandi, took 1st place in Novice 20" Jumpers

Nash - doubled Q'd Sunday and picked up 17 points

Dreamer -- doubled Q'd in EX A Preferred and earned her Ex JWW Preferred title

SICDTC NADAC Agility Trials – 8/27-28 Volunteers Needed

SI Companion Dog Club has been very supportive of our efforts to get Metro up and running. We've had a few events at their facilities with fees either discounted and/or waived. In fact, when our members participated in the Agility Jobs Seminar and run-throughs, the club donated all proceeds collected for the run-throughs to our club.

It was previously agreed that our members volunteer at this event as a small thank you. I am happy to collect members' entry forms and volunteer forms for submission, which I will need by July 12th at the latest. Please e-mail me shelteze@hotmail.com for my mailing address.

This way I can coordinate the participation of Metro members with the person from SICDTC who organizes the volunteers. If your dog is not currently NADAC registered, you can obtain a registration number immediately by registering on-line at www.nadac.com and clicking on the link for "Dogs".

We're going to have a Metro Booth at the trials with a couple of tents, our new banner, some decorations, pictures of our dogs in action, and probably a raffle.

We need a volunteer to coordinate our booth and work with Joanne. Please let Joanne or Karen know if you're interested in volunteering.

Karen has volunteered to make posters of our dogs. Please send her photos of your dog(s) doing various sports klvogt@warwick.net

Sheltie Rescue Picnic – 9/11/05

From Aneita Frey – President, NJ Sheltie Rescue

3rd Annual Sheltie Rescue Picnic
Sunday, Sept 11, 2005 from 9 to 4
Deer Path Park-Cedars Pavilion
Off of Route 31 Lebanon NJ



We welcome all sheltie rescues adopted from any rescue group. We welcome all sheltie people to come bring their dogs. You may bring your other breeds if you are bringing your sheltie/s. We will have a day of fun games, education, and of course our incredible raffle. To see pictures of our first two picnics please visit our web page at www.njsheltierescue.org Any questions email a.frey@asdc.net. Hope to see you there....

Directions to Park:

<http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/parks/guides/DeerPath.htm#location>

Yahoo Group

Members – if you haven't signed up to our Yahoo group yet, please do so as soon as possible.

We've set up the yahoo group to conduct club business - meeting notifications, important information, votes, polls, etc. Therefore it's important that all members join. We currently have 28 members and only 19 have joined the Yahoo group. The url for the group is:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/metrosshelties/>

If you need a new invitation to join the group, please contact Laura Galbo sheltiemom13@msn.com

Web Site

I'm pleased to announce that Metro has our own web site:
<http://www.geocities.com/metrossc/>

We're very fortunate to have the design team of "Karen, Team Sheltie and one Aussum Aussie" Newquist managing the site for us!

Agility News

New Agility Venue – Dogs on Course in North America (DOCNA) <http://www.docna.com/index.htm>

Herding News

Just Ducky! Duck Herding Clinic 7/10/05 - Update

Clinic is full! Thanks to everyone who entered, and those who donated items for our raffle.

Really looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Note: Time has been extended to 1:00 pm

Linda Rorem Herding Clinic 7/24/05 - Update

Two more working spots available, please contact Cathy Caruso at peachmor@earthlink.net if you are interested or would like further info. Also, plenty of room for observers - well behaved spectator dogs welcome!

Registration Flyer:

http://www.geocities.com/metrossc/MetroRorem05_FlyerandEntryForm.doc



Obedience News

Time Scheduled Fun Obedience Match 8/13/05 - Update

We still have slots available for our obedience match at Golden Rule School for Dogs, Andover, NJ Match will be outdoors weather permitting; in case of rain or extreme heat match will be indoors in Sandi's newly air conditioned building.

FMI: Sandi Ver Sprill traink9@nac.net

Registration Flyer:

<http://www.geocities.com/metrossc/MetroOBEDMATCHFLYER.doc>

AKC's 3rd Annual Responsible Dog Ownership Day

Metro SSC & St. Hubert's Dog Sports Club will be holding a Canine Good Citizen Test – Sunday, 9/25/05, Madison, NJ

FMI: Karen Vogt klvogt@warwick.net

Registration Flyer:

http://www.geocities.com/metrossc/METRO_STH_CGC_FLYE

[R.doc](#) Listing on AKC web site:

<http://www.akc.org/clubs/rdod/events/>

Some Worthwhile Reading

Exercising Dogs' Herd Mentality - from the LA Times

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-herd23jun23,1,4308050.story> - Submitted by Jane Johnson

Sheltie Coat Color Inheritance -

<http://www.athro.com/evo/gen/sheltiecalc.html>

Submitted by Jane Johnson

Call Ducks

Submitted by Linda Rorem

One thing about the Call ducks is they *can* get "heavy." I've seen all the colors work fine, but the grays may keep on the move a bit better than some of the whites I've seen. I like the variety you can get. The snowy females are so pretty.

Because they're a bit slower, they're also easier to take out somewhere to work, and I like to work ducks in the largest area possible (I also work in smaller areas for experience in working with fences/corners, but the main training is in a bigger area). On the other hand, being smaller, Calls can squeeze through a fence that would keep a runner in.

Once you're getting the work you want accomplished on the Calls, you'll want to continue with some work on Runners if they're available. The Calls do come to you better, so they're good for getting started, but for polishing up, the Runners are good. As the dog progresses he needs to work on stock that don't come to you as easily. This can also be accomplished by rotating stock frequently, working against draws, etc. You can do a lot of walk-about with them to work on the fetching concept and Calls stay with you pretty well, but the dog still needs to be on the ball, even Calls aren't quite as kneecappy (ankle-y?) as sheep, although you do have to watch out you don't step on them!

I've done demos with my ducks, people get a kick out of it, and Shelties are especially appropriate from a size standpoint.

I'm really liking my geese as they seem to work rather like giant Calls -- more sensible than Runners, will fetch readily and drive well, and not as much need to worry about stepping on them! They only get a little cranky (and then not very much, they are amenable breeds of geese and mostly will just flap or hiss) if

the dog keeps pushing on them unnecessarily and gets them cornered.

My friend Deb who is keeping Raven for me has had great success raising Call ducks. She has her ducks in an old horse stable with the runs fenced in to make a nice-sized area. In the stalls she has a few dog crates (200 size). When a hen has made a nest and looks like she wants to set, she takes a shovel and picks up the nest and carefully puts it in the crate, and closes up the mother with the eggs for 24 hours. After that the mother is generally committed and will hatch the eggs out in the crate (after the initial 24 hours, the crate is left open except at night). Most of her hatches have had all the eggs hatch and the mother successfully raise the ducklings, not something common in the domestic duck world! Some people set the eggs under bantam chickens or other good setting-chicken breeds, who usually do a better job than most duck mothers.

Be forewarned the Call females are awesomely loud, since that is what they were bred for originally!

I like the Call ducks for training, especially beginner dogs -- you aren't having to go chasing after them a lot like with the Runners, so can work on fine-tuning things. The Runners are nice for more advanced dogs, and they are mostly what is trialed on around here, but they are more hysterical by nature and not as sweet as the Call ducks.



Duck Humor – Submitted by Cathy Caruso

DUCK FOOD

A duck walks into a store and says "Got any duck food?" The store manager tells the duck, "Get outta here, we don't serve ducks and we don't have any duck food."

The next day the duck is back again asking "Got any duck food?" The store manager says, "I told you yesterday we don't have any duck food!!", and kicks the duck out again.

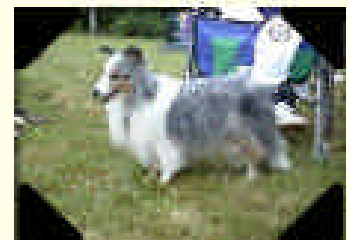
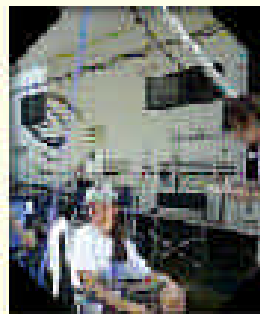
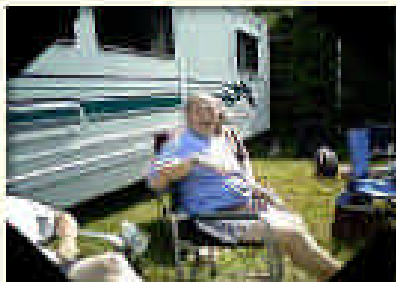
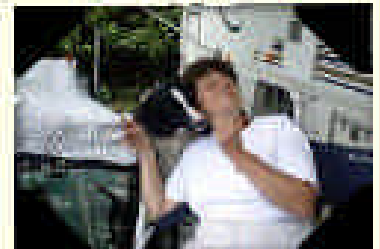
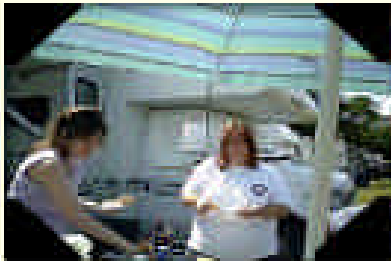
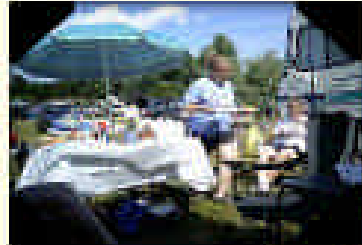
Third day, same thing. "Got any duck food?" Store manager says "If you come in here asking for duck food again, I'm gonna nail your webbed feet to the floor!!!!"

Sure enough, next day the duck walks in the store and right up to the store manager, "You got any nails???" The store manager says "NO!!!!" The duck then says "Good, you got any duck food????"

Pictures from our Barbecue at the JAG agility trial

Photos by Helen Ackley

On Saturday, June 18, 2005, Metro had a barbecue along with our general meeting at the Stock's RV after the JAG AKC Agility trial. It was a great way to wind down after the trial - with good friends, good food and lots of Shelties. Thanks to all who helped make the barbecue a success!





Clever Canine Companions Versatile Working Registry

Submitted by Karen Vogt

I think you'll all agree that Shelties are a very versatile breed. I feel they should be recognized for their accomplishments. My Shelties are titled in Agility, Obedience, Rally, Therapy Work, Herding AND Versatility.

I'm not eligible for ASSA Versatility. I looked into AKC Versatility but they require that you have a Tracking title. Sorry, I have no interest, extra time or extra \$\$ for tracking.

I found Clever **Canine Companions Versatile Working Registry** <http://geocities.com/clevercc2002/>

Clever Canine Companions (CCC) was founded in 1991 by Jane I. Sohns. She modeled the program after the American Working Collie Association's versatility program and added the responsible dog ownership requirements. Titles are available to all breeds and mixed breeds. After many years of running CCC, Jane turned over the job of Director at the end of last year to Arleen Ravanelli.

You can choose from different categories of work, not be limited to having to title in certain sports/activities. I recently worked with the current director Arleen Ravanelli on updating the title requirements and I maintain (or should I say I need to update) their web site. Versatility Titles are available to all breeds and mixed breeds.

CCC currently offer 3 levels of Versatility titles:

VCC (Versatile Canine Companion) - Minimum of 4 categories / 5 points

VCCX (Versatile Canine Companion Excellent) -Minimum of 6 categories / 10 points

OV (Outstanding Versatility)– Minimum of 8 categories / 25 points

All of my Shelties have earned Versatility titles through CCC and I'm so proud of them! Cinder's HT gives her the 8th category required for OV – she has more than enough points. I've sent in her application, so as soon as the paperwork comes through, we'll be adding O-V to her name.

It doesn't matter to me that the titles are not ASSA or AKC – the titles are just as valid – your dog has to meet the requirements to earn the titles. I'm just thrilled there's an organization out there that recognizes all of their hard work. I hope you'll look into it

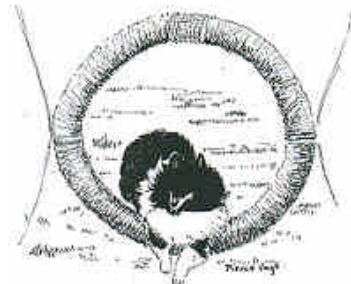
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Misha, VCCX



Tori, VCC



Pierce, VCCX



Cinder, VCCX (soon to be O-V)

MEET OUR SHELTYE

This is a monthly feature in Metro Express. Please send me stories/photos about your Shelties: klvogt@warwick.net. I will print them monthly as received. This month's Sheltie is **Jagger** owned by Joanne Stock



U-CH U-CD Burleigh Paint It Black CD MX MXJ EAC EJC NGC TN-N

Jagger came into my life when everything that could go wrong, was going wrong. My previous marriage was ending and I was transferred to another job in my company. My hobby, the thing that was supposed to keep me sane and happy, was making me anything but. I could see basket weaving and ceramics in the very near future, unless something changed.

Funny, how fate intervenes just when you need it to. My friend, Debbie, met up with Sandy Hawkins at an obedience trial, and made arrangements for me to see her 5-week old puppies. As soon as I walked into Sandy's house, this fat little boy came right up to me and started tugging my shoelaces, that this was my boy. I wanted attitude, temperament, structure, and he had it all. The thing I liked the most was the way this dog, even at 5 weeks old, acted like he was the hottest thing on 4 paws. He swaggered and strutted, and the name, Jagger, suited him perfectly.

Jagger loved to train and play from the day I met him. Just like that, my hobby was fun again. He was always enthusiastic, always willing, and always ready to go. When I had my keys in my hand, while the other dogs would mill around hoping they were going with me, Jagger would push right to the door, just assuming he was going.

Jagger has been very successful in the activities we participate in. He has 3 obedience High In Trials from the Novice classes, and if I'd ever get my act in gear, we'd finish training for Open and Utility. He has shown in Conformation in both UKC and AKC, earning his UKC Breed Championship very easily. AKC is proving to be more challenging. He is pointed, thanks to Cathy Caruso's wonderful presentation of him at the Northern NJ Kennel Club Show, and has several reserves in big classes. Hopefully, he'll have more success at the New England shows in July.

Agility is both of our favorite sport, where we teasingly say Jagger's motto is "Blue or Bust", as he's either 1st place or no place. He is very rarely out of the ribbons when he qualifies. His flashy looks, and enthusiastic barking and growling as he maneuvers the courses make him a crowd favorite. We are only 5 Double-Qs away from getting our MACH, and hope to finish the title in the fall.

Jagger will be 6 years old in September. How that happened is beyond me, but I guess it's true that time flies when you're having fun. I am thankful every day for having this special dog in my life!!

Graphics courtesy of



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