

METRO EXPRESS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE

March 2006
Vol. 2 No. 02



Karen L. Vogt, Editor In Chief
klvogt@warwick.net
Karen Newquist, Assist Editor
newquick@verizon.net

Meeting Notice

Our next meeting will be held March 18th at the Staten Island Dog Training Club training building. It will be held after the grooming seminar (2:30- 6:00). An Italian Buffet Dinner (Cost \$10.00) will begin at approximately 6:00 with a short business meeting and awards presentations following the dinner.

New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs

General Meeting Reminder: All Metro Members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Date: April 3rd, 2006 8:00 PM

Where: Holiday Inn,
195 Davidson Avenue
Somerset, NJ 08873

(732) 356-1700

FMI: <http://njfederationofdogclubs.org/index.htm>

Metro SSC has joined the NJFDC, a statewide organization devoted to the welfare and promotion of dogs. The Federation is composed of over 80 clubs involving all phases of the dog fancy. There is usually an informative speaker along with the Federation Meeting. If you have any questions about the Federation feel free to contact delegate Cathy Caruso at peachmor@earthlink.net

Braggs

From Joanne Stock:

I'm very pleased to share that Scott and Stormie finished their MACH2 at the Youngsville Agility Club Trials in North Carolina under judge Greg Beck, and fellow Sheltie lover. Storm Q'd 5 out of 6 runs for the weekend, and needed 2 QQs to finish. What a super job this team did!!!

Scott also had really nice runs with Jagger, Q'ing 4 out of 6 runs and getting a QQ yesterday. RIP the Border Collie finished both his OA and OAJ titles and is now in Excellent A. RIP isn't even 2 yet!!!

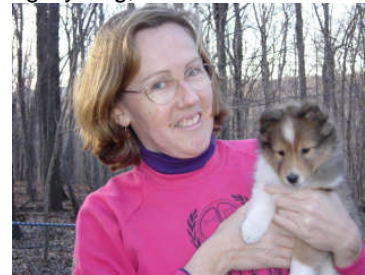
From Karen Newquist:

Mysty made her maiden trip to the cluster trials in Springfield, MA this February. She had a ball, held up well under the pressure and confusion of the environment and brought home those Qs, Novice QQs and special ribbons. While at the trial Mysty earned

herself a nickname: the Blue Blurr. What a happy, enthusiastic team mate she is!

From Eleanor Campbell:

Presto earned his first CD leg with a 194. Not bad for an agility dog, who is a bit bewildered by this obedience stuff.



Ozma, a sable and white Sheltie has recently moved in, or is that taken over Eleanor's household. Ozma was born 12/26/05 and was bred by Tina Bjork of Jermyn PA. Eleanor

reports that Ozma is absolutely the baddest little girl around, although she may also be the cutest!

From Laurence Gesquiere:

Angel recently earned her MX title at the DCKC trial where she qualified in 5 out of 6 of her runs, earned 2 QQs, a 1st place in standard and a 4th place in jumpers.



From Ben Oakley:

Ben and Gemma earned their first Q at the Delaware County Kennel Club show AND earned a 1st place in Novice JWW.

From John & Cathy Caruso:

John and Cathy's Polly (Mainstay Always) had tri girls on



Mardi Gras (2/28/06). Proud father is CH Mainstay Native New Yorker (Timmy). Both Mom and pups are doing great.

Upcoming Matches

The K9 Campus:

Agility match dates have been set for 2/19/06 and 3/19/06. Entries are now being taken.

<http://thek9campus.com/agility/agilitymatch.html>

Golden Rule School for Dogs:

Don't let winter drag your training down! Come to Golden Rule's Obedience and Rally run throughs on Friday evenings. Cost: \$8.00 per run; pre-entry only. Contact Sandi Ver Sprill (traink9@earthlink.net) for schedule and further info.



First Spring RallyO Cluster Trial April 8 - 9, 2006

We are happy to report that all trials have filled for the Spring Rally Cluster. What a potential for success in our first foray in to this arena. To those who have already volunteered, thank you. For those who would still like to help, please contact Sandi Ver Sprill at traink9@earthlink.net.

The April RallyO Cluster will be co-hosted by: Golden Rule School for Dogs, Tri-State DOC and Metro Shetland Sheepdog Club.

The trials will be held outdoors at the Sussex County Fairgrounds in Augusta, NJ.

The judging assignments:

- Level 1: Natalene Lamm and Sue Oakes.
- Level 2: Sue Oakes and Sandi Ver Sprill.
- Level 3: Sue Oakes and Sandi Ver Sprill.



Metro Patches Available

These patches are sew on - dimensions are approximately 1.5" x 4" - just the right size for a hat, bag, or shirt. These patches came out great but we have a limited quantity, so reserve yours soon! Price - \$2.00 each, can be mailed for 50 cents S&H.



FMI - Contact Cathy Caruso - peachmor@earthlink.net



Upcoming Events

- March 18: Grooming seminar with Aneita Frey and Pat Marchello
- March 18: Awards Banquet and Business Meeting
- April 8-9 APDT RallyO Spring Cluster Trials
- TBD Herding Clinic with Gene Sheninger (including the history of herding with shelties)
- June 18 Barbeque and Member meeting following JAG trial at the JAG show site
- July TBD Agility Match and barbeque



Welcome New Members

Jamie and Stephen McKay - Harrison, NY

Their application is pending, and is scheduled to be read at the March 18, 2006 Meeting.



MEET OUR SHELTYE

This is a monthly feature in Metro Express. Please send me stories/photos about your Shelties: newquick@verizon.net.

I will publish them monthly as received. This month's Sheltie is **Angel** owned by Laurence Gesquiere.



My story with Angel started four and half years ago, I had just moved to the suburb of Chicago and decided to adopt an adult dog from a shelter. After the third unsuccessful attempt, I ended up in a pet shop to pick up food for my hamster. The pet shop happen to have puppies for sales, so I just had a look and my eyes immediately got drawn to a cute puppy sheltie. Her name was Angel, and she really looked like an angel with that cute and innocent face! There were a lot of other cute dogs and two other puppy shelties but Angel was the one who got my attention! And without any more reflection, I bought her. As a first time dog owner, I was not too much prepared for a smart puppy, and after a couple of days I was exhausted and overwhelmed by the 'little demon' (I really though of changing her name at that time) who was barking and nipping at me constantly. One of my roommates felt really bad for me and got me a book 'the perfect puppy'. After reading the part on 'leading the pack', I finally understood that Angel was just acting like an alpha dog, so after changing the habits at home, things got better and Angel become the greatest dog!

What I love the most about Angel is her personality, she is confident and she knows what she wants and



is also very good to make you understand what she wants! She loves to learn tricks, her favorite one is 'bang' where she plays dead! Like all shelties she has a lot of energy and loves to go for long walks or to play with her frisbee. We took some obedience classes and she got her CGC but that was not enough fun for her, so we started agility and she loved it right away. We started competing a year and half ago and she just got her MXJ and we're hoping to get the last leg of her MX in the spring, and hopefully one day we'll get her MACH (we just need 16 more double Q!). We've also tried sheep and duck herding, she loves it but is quite rough and she still needs to understand that herding is team work not, a fun chasing game! We'll give it another shot one of these days.

I think sometimes things happen for a reason and while I would never have looked for a dog in a pet shop, I'm so happy that my path crossed Angel's on that day because I don't think I could have found a better companion. Since Angel arrived in my life, I feel so much happier and not as lonely. Thanks to her I also meet a lot of great people!

Graphics courtesy of

