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**UPCOMING METRO MEETINGS & EVENTS**

*Award Dinner/General Meeting* –  
**Feb 7, 2009:** A General Meeting will be held, followed by some Agility and Rally Games, a Dinner, the Awards, and a Raffle. The election of officers / board members for the coming year will be held. Linda Savino is coordinating the meeting.

Please email Linda ([savino@verizon.net](mailto:savino@verizon.net)) if you intend to come. A participation of \$10/person is asked for the dinner and can be paid on site. Guests are welcome. Also any donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated, please contact Linda at [savino@verizon.net](mailto:savino@verizon.net).

Please send your accomplishments, by dog to Karen Newquist ([newquick@verizon.net](mailto:newquick@verizon.net)) by 1/17/09. Be sure to include: your name, and for each of your dogs their name and each of their new titles, the registry for their titles and the type of venue (conformation, obedience, rally, herding, agility, etc.).

**Proposed Dates for 2009**

January 18 2009	Group Herding Lesson
July	Club Picnic
October 4	Sheltie Rescue Picnic
TBD 2009	Cheryl Anderson Seminar

**Time for Annual Dues**

**Our membership chair, Linda Savino has sent notice for a request for annual membership dues.**



**Group Herding Lesson**



**Group Herding Lessons**  
with Gene Sheninger  
Wayside Farm Training Field, Boonton, NJ  
Limited to 10 Dogs \$30 Per Dog  
Open to all Levels  
Campfire and Marshmallows!  
Observers/Guests Welcome  
January 18, 2008 12:00 am - 4:00 pm

To sign up please e-mail Cathy Caruso at [peachmor@earthlink.net](mailto:peachmor@earthlink.net) with the following information:

- Your Name, Dog's Call Name & Age
- Your Contact Info in case of inclement weather (cell number)
- Date & Time Slot you Prefer: 12:00 – 2:00 or 2:00 – 4:00 (we will try to accommodate everyone but it is first come-first serve)
- Tell us something about your experience to date with herding! If weather permits there will be arenas available for the experienced dogs to practice on their own.

**Board Candidates for 2009**

The slate has been submitted to the membership for the scheduled elections at the Annual Meeting in February.

Position	Nominee
President	Karen Newquist
Vice President	Bonnie Ovnicek
Corresponding Secretary	Linda Savino
Recording Secretary	Cathy Caruso
Treasurer	Helen Ackley
Board Member	Pat Salvatoriello
Board Member	Laurence Gesquiere
Board Member	Marie Colasanti
Board Member	Fairfax Hutter

## BRAGS & WAGS

### From Eleanor Campbell:

Eleanor would like to share the successes of her furkids:

Ozma finished her RA with a 99 and a first place in Advanced B at the Ramapo KC trial

Ozma and Presto's pals, Sheltie wannabees (also called German Shorthaired Pointers), Price and Soleil also were successful in October. Price finished his UDX in October. He was only the 17<sup>th</sup> GSP to earn a UDX and the first since 2005. Soleil earned her JH title. (That does **not** mean Junior Herding, Sheltie folks, rather it means Junior Hunter! J) Ozma always accompanies Soleil to the hunt tests and field trials and she has offered to run around and bark at the birds, but her "help" has been politely declined!

### From Linda Savino:

Linda is excited to report her blue girl, Maggie, earned her APDT RL1 title and Kobi earned his RLX1 title on the same day!

### From Fran Skwarka:

Fran Skwarka & Buddy earned their MXJ and John Anello and Haley earned their MXT.

### From Helen Ackley:



Helen is thrilled to report that Flirt finished her Excellent Fast title in early October. She then went on to finish her MXJ and got her first Double Q all on the same day.

### Pat Salvatoriello:

Pat is thrilled to share the successes of her shelties and her sheltie "Wannabees":

Lucey earned her AKC RA and RE as well as her APDT RL1X. She has continued her TDI - Tail Waggin' Tutors visits and has added a second school for "special children". Lucey has also been invited to visit another school for a one time demonstration of the program.

Finnegan earned his AKC RN and RA. He also earned his APDT RL1 title with an Award of

Excellence! Finnegan also earned his APDT RL2 as well as 6 legs towards his RL1X. What a guy! To round out his accomplishments, he also earned his CGC and TDI certifications.

Dempsey, a Golden Retriever Sheltie "WANNA-BEE", and quite a special guy earned, his RL1X to keep the shelties company. Guess he didn't want to be shown up by those shelties.

### From Jamie and Stephen McKay:

Stephen McKay and Piper earned their OAC 11/2/08 @ Fast Pawz SI Nadac trial. Stephen and Derby earned their NJC at the same trial.

### From Karen Newquist:

Team Sheltie really had a successful fall run.



Bailey, who turned 11 still, shows no interest in retiring. He earned 5 more legs towards a RL1X legs with scores of 209 out of 210 and multiple placements as well! He might just go out and get that CD yet!

Halo is loving life and it shows in her 'work'. During the fall she earned 4 more legs towards her ARCHEX, earned her RL2X2, earned 3 more RAE legs with placements, earned her AKC CDX and 2 legs towards her ASCA CD. We are grateful to have our wonderful girl with us and never cease to be amazed at what heart she has!



Mysty was busy as well. She earned her RL1X, her RA, and an ASCA CD with placements in all venues, some blue for the little blue girl.



Both girls, Mysty and Halo, worked together in brace at the ISSC show in the fall and took 1<sup>st</sup> place. They were definitely more comedy than precision.



Kismet made his AKC Rally debut at the ISSC specialty and earned his first RN leg with a 4<sup>th</sup> place.

### From Laurence Gesquire:

Bonnie Ovnicek wanted to report the successes of Laurence and her team:

Congratulations to Laurence Gesquiere and her VERY speedy, VERY enthusiastic BC teammate, Bandit on earning their AXJ on Saturday at the JAG trial with a first place and a VERY impressive 5.76 YPS - Yikes!

With her Sheltie teammate, MACH2 Angel (her Novice A dog) she learned the basics of agility, but it's a VERY different sport with her young boy, Bandit 😊. This team is really coming together and will give the EXC B 24" class some VERY serious competition!

- Bonnie Ovnicek



### **WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING....**

#### **Holiday Party 12/12/08**

Members assemble for an evening of good food and great company to start the Holiday Season.



At the gathering we raised \$125 during the Christmas party raffle. Since so many people at the dinner

wanted to help out Long Island Sheltie rescue because of their current extreme need- we split the money equally between NJ and Long Island Rescue.



### **From the Editor's Desk:**

Several months ago Team Sheltie and I were at an APDT rally trial where we heard the tales of a couple sharing the story of the near death experience they had had with their collie. The collie, by the way, although challenged, was still able to compete at the trial. I listened attentively and learned that these folks had taken their dog to an emergency veterinary clinic for sudden acute symptoms to be addressed immediately. They provided a list of drugs which could not be used for the treatment of their dog, but their requests were ignored and their beloved collie came close to death. What was the problem? Their dog has the MDR1 (Multi-Drug Resistance 1) gene.

It has been well documented that Collies and related breeds (herding and sight) can have reverse reactions to certain drugs. This gene can be found in many of the popular breeds: Collies, Shelties, Aussie, Old English Sheepdogs, German Shepherds, Long-haired Whippets, Silken Windhounds, and a variety of mixed breed dogs. The Veterinary Clinical Laboratory states: "Sensitive dogs have a mutation in the MDR1 gene that produces a protein responsible for keeping these drugs away from the brain. Without this protein, certain drugs accumulate in the brain and cause toxicity".

Almost coincidentally I received an e-mail from Kismet's breeder giving me a heads up that she had just learned that I might want to have Kismet tested for the MDR1 gene since the MDR1 resistance might be in his lines. Now I really had motivation to find out what this was all about.

Off to the Washington State University (<http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/depts-vcpl/>) website I went. I was very glad I had made the trip. The cause of this resistance is documented on the site: "*The problem is due to a mutation in the multi-drug resistance gene (MDR1). This gene encodes a protein, P-glycoprotein, that is responsible for pumping many drugs and other toxins out of the brain. Dogs with the mutant gene can not pump some drugs out of the brain as a normal dog would, which may result in abnormal neurologic signs. The result may be an illness*

requiring an extended hospital stay--or even death".

**Drugs known to cause toxicity in dogs with the MDR1 mutation:**

- Ivermectin (antiparasitic drug)
- Loperamide (antidiarrheal drug)
- Doxorubicin (anticancer drug)
- Vincristine (anticancer drug)
- Vinblastine (anticancer drug)

**Drugs suspected to cause toxicity in dogs with the MDR1 mutation:**

- Cyclosporin (immunosuppressive drug)
- Paclitaxel (anticancer drug)
- Mitoxantrone (anticancer drug)
- Quinidine (cardiac drug)
- Digoxin (cardiac drug)
- Ondansetron (antiemetic drug)
- Domperidone (antiemetic drug)
- Acepromazine (tranquilizer)
- Butorphanol (pain control)

Having learned all this I of course wanted to have all my dogs tested. But of course there is a catch. Most vets don't do the test, but not to be disheartened I learned that a simple swab test can be done at home with a kit provided (for cost) by VCPL. See the web site previously mentioned for further details.

**YAHOO List Updates**

Our Yahoo membership list is not complete. Not all of our current Metro members participate in our Yahoo List. If you are not a member of this list and a member of Metro SSC, please join the list when you receive your invitation.

Please note our Board and Committee members rely on the list to manage club matters such as keep members informed, conduct polls, send out meeting notices, etc.

**New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs**

FMI Contact

<http://www.njfederationofdogclubs.org/meetingnotice.htm> or Cathy Caruso  
[peachmor@earthlink.net](mailto:peachmor@earthlink.net)

**Thank You**

Many thanks to John and Cathy Caruso and Karen and Jim Newquist for donating their time and talents to helping the rescued Rockland County Shelties. We're sure the pups appreciated the one on one time and those cuddle moments. Thank you also to Eleanor Campbell for tying up all those newspapers that Karen and Jim delivered to the Rockland Shelter.

**Metro Officers & Board Members.....  
We want to hear from you!**

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