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Please enjoy the pics of Kobi (who was loved by Linda Savino) and Brady (who keeps Bonnie Ovnicek focused on that next agility title).

Shelties in the Park - Pot-Luck Picnic!

Sunday July 26th, 2009

10AM - 4 PM

Duke Island Park, Bridgewater, NJ

Large Pavilion - Covered Picnic Tables
Walking Trails



11 AM - Metro SSC general meeting

12 PM - Lunch

2 PM - Seminar by The Seeing Eye

Agility and Rally Courses

Raffle

Please RSVP by July 20th, 2008 - (No.
Attending, Pot-Luck Dish)

(\$10.00 Donation for non-club members)

To Linda Savino

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All donations for the raffle would be
greatly appreciated

Please contact Pat Salvatoriello at
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Directions to Duke Island Park

From Route 287

Southbound: Follow Route 287 South to Exit 17 (Somerville/Routes 202/206 South). When the highways split, take Route 202 South. Approximately two miles down Route 202, you will travel under a train overpass. Make a right at the next u-turn, which is Milltown Road. Take the u-turn and cross back over Route 202 onto Milltown Road, and follow to the end. Make a left onto Old York Road. Travel a quarter of a mile, and the entrance to Duke Island Park will be on the right.

Northbound: Follow Route 287 North to Route 22 West. Follow the Route 22 directions below.

From Route 22

Westbound: Follow Route 22 to Routes 202/206 South. When the highways split, take Route 202 South. Approximately two miles down Route 202, you will travel under a train overpass. Make a right at the next u-turn, which is Milltown Road. Take the u-turn and cross back over Route 202 onto Milltown Road, and follow to the end. Make a left onto Old York Road. Travel a quarter of a mile, and the entrance to Duke Island Park will be on the right.

Eastbound: Follow Route 22 East through Branchburg. Make a right turn onto Milltown Road. Follow Milltown Road for one mile and bear right under the railroad trestle. You will pass North Branch Park on the right. Continue on Milltown Road. You will cross Route 202. Follow Milltown Road to the end. Make a left onto Old York Road. Travel a quarter of a mile, and the entrance to Duke Island Park will be on the right.

From Route 206 (Northbound)

Follow Route 206 North into Somerville. Make a left turn at the traffic light onto Somerset Street (Landmarks – the the right: Walgreens; and on the left: Granetz Shopping Plaza). Continue on Somerset Street for approximately two miles (road name will change to Old York Road). Duke Island Park will be on the left.

From Route 78

Westbound: Follow Route 78 to Exit 29, which is Route 287 South. Then follow the above directions for Route 287 South.
Eastbound: Follow Route 78 East to Route 22 East. Then follow the above directions for Route 22 East.

Duke Island Park (908) 722-7779

UPCOMING METRO MEETINGS & EVENTS

July 26 (10am - 4pm)	Club Picnic @ Duke Island Park
October 4	Sheltie Rescue Picnic
TBD 2009	Group Herding
TBD 2009	Obedience/Rally Match with MDR 1 Clinic
December 2009	Holiday Party

BRAGS & WAGS

As always our shelties have been busy doing what they do best.... being shelties. Several of our members have more 2009 brags to report:

Eleanor Campbell: Ozma finished her AKC CDX at the First Dog DTC trial in March. In April, she traveled to Montreal, where she earned her Canadian CDX in one weekend.

Ozma was also invited to compete in the Novice division at the UKC Premier's All Stars Invitational in Kalamazoo, Michigan on Friday, June 12. Dogs are invited based on their 2008 rankings. It is a one-day, one class event. She gave it her all, scoring a 199.5 and was part of a three way runoff for first place. She had a fabulous runoff, but did not get the nod and finished in 2nd place. Eleanor could not have been more proud.

After the invitational, Ozma competed in the regular weekend trials at the Premier. On Saturday, June 13, she won Open B with a 196.5 and finished her UCDX! On Sunday, June 14, she earned a 196 and a bumper leg. The drive is long, but this is Eleanor's second year going to the UKC Premier and she highly recommends it! Now, they get to spend the summer training in Utility!

Bonnie Ovincek reports only one BradyBrag, but a really joyous one! Brady finally earned that last, elusive leg in Open STD agility and is finally competing in Excellent! Bonnie was beginning to believe that she and Brady were going for an AKC record for the longest time in Open, but happily the curse was finally broken :-)

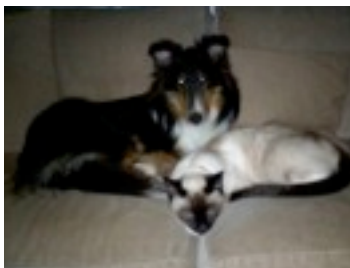
And Mariah, her young Cocker who thinks she's a Sheltie, debuted and earned her Novice Jumpers and Rally Advanced titles this spring. She's finished in the breed ring, and is no longer a show girl - she's a working girl now!

Karen Newquist is happy to share the varied successes of Team Sheltie. Mysty started and finished her UKC CD (in one week-end) to complete a trifecta of novice obedience titles. She also completed her CPE agility CL1 title and almost completed all the CL2 titles (all with first place finishes). To make sure she stayed somewhat versatile, Mysty earned her first AKC RE leg with a third place. Quite the busy little girl.

Bailey continues to excel in APDT Rally with many first place finishes and perfect scores. Not bad for a 12 year old 'young' man.

Halo returned to the competitive agility world for the first time since her bout with cancer. She had 6 runs which resulted in 4 first, 1 second and 1 third place finishes. She also completed 2 of her ASCA CDX legs... one more to go for a CDX trifecta. The multi-venued Halo also completed her AKC RAE title with 3rd and 4th place finishes. Halo also managed to complete 4 QQs toward her APDT ARCHEX all with placements. One more QQ to go and Halo can *almost* retire from rally. What a gal! What a joy of life! It's so great to have her feeling like her sassy, confident self once again!

Helen Ackley is a happy that for one weekend, Flirt gave up cat sitting to go out and finally complete her MX!



Jamie and Stephen Mckay are happy to share that Stephen and Piper earned their TG-N (NADAC Novice touch n go title) at finished the requirements for Piper's Novice Versatility Award. Stephen and Piper also finished their AKC MX title in May. Derby, also on the 'run' earned the NAC (NADAC Novice STD title) at the Skyline as well.

Piper and Stephen continued their successful ways at an USDAA trial in June. Piper earned

the SSA (standard starters agility) and SJ (starters jumpers) titles. In four runs Piper Q'd and took first place. Nice going on her birthday!

On the 4th of July, Stephen and Piper celebrated by bringing home a nice new OA title!

Laurence Gesquire and her team have been having fun and success at agility trials. Angel, earned her MACH3 at the SOJAC trial in June.



Laurence was happy to accomplish this on her first try this time. Angel's smooth coat brother Bandit also did a very well on that same week-end earning 2QQ's!

Marie Potts: After taking last agility season off for an injury, Twister and Marie are competing again in agility. Twister moved to the Preferred class and has completed his NJP, NAP and OJP. The time off was hard but it seems to have paid off in that Twister is enjoying himself, running faster and Marie is having more fun as well!

Pat Salvatoriello is happy to report that Finnegan earned his APDT RL1X title & Lucey earned her APDT RL2 title.

Finnegan has become a star in agility and earned his AKC NAJ

Linda Savino has been experiencing a roller coaster ride of emotions this spring. experienced highs and lows in a matter of weeks.

First the highs:

Maggie was in her first agility show in Freehold. She earned 2 jumpers legs (first place in Nov B) and 1 standard (2nd place) – the only reason she didn't get the second leg in standard was that she decided to leave Linda to take another ride on the seesaw. Maggie also earned her CGC on the same weekend.

Kobi earned a leg in novice preferred jumpers at the end of May.

And the lows:

Just two weeks after earning a novice NPJ leg, Kobi passed suddenly and unexpectedly over the Rainbow Bridge. A constant reminder to us all to remember to enjoy our team mates.... we never know when we're going to have the last run with them.



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Aneita Frey is thrilled to share news that at this year's national RWD, Homespun Casual Blues "Calvin" (under Dorothy Christianson) earned his first 3 point major. Calvin is out of Aneita's major pointed Tiger Rag Granddaughter bred by Aneita and owned by Julie Iverson Homespun Allspice Silverlicious NAJ, "Christy". Aneita is a very proud grandma.

Fun in the Sun

I always seem to get motivated to get caught up my reading during the summer. I think the attraction of sitting poolside and relaxing with a good book after swimming laps is the impetuous for this literary endeavor, that and the fact that my shelties aren't fans of summer time activities (they love the cold of winter and hate what the summer does to their coats).

So this year, instead of taking the escape route to literature, I thought it would be a good spend of time and brain cells to broaden horizons...canine and human. To that end I've picked a few choice books to read, that I hope, in the coming months, to share with you all. What's on the list?

For the canine partition of my life:

Animals in Translation (Temple Grandin & Catherine Johnson)

Animals Make Us Human (Temple Grandin & Catherine Johnson)

Why Does My Dog Act That Way (Stanley Coren)

Competition Obedience: A Balancing Act (Judy Byron & Adele Yunck)

For the other 'hobbies' in my life:

The Yankee Years (Joe Torre)

Favorite Mittens (Robin Hansen)

And just to keep a little balance in the literacy effort I wouldn't want to miss a James Patterson book or two or Clive Cussler or Janet Evanovich either for the that matter.

If anyone has a good book that you think we'd enjoy, please feel free to share your review and we'll publish it in the newsletter.

My Tick Experiment

We, like so many other households in NJ, are battling the many varieties of ticks. Halo, having had many rounds of Lyme disease as well as cancer, has sent me on the mission to find a non-chemical, non-invasive approach to the problem. This quest has taken me down the road to **shoo!tag**. The write-ups on this product have described it as "uses no harmful chemicals, odor-free, safe for pets, people and the planet." It is supposed to create a barrier leveraging the natural electrical field/energy of the animal.

Well, we have only begun the test. To date, after a month, we haven't seen a tick on Halo. Being the conservative person that I am, I'm not ready to jump on the "hallelujah" band wagon. Will let you all now how goes the experiment.

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