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# The Fancy



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## From the President's desk.....

Dear Granite Staters,

Summer arrived full force last weekend – I hope you were prepared! We've enjoyed some nice shows recently with sizable entries. Our specialties are next week also with majors to be had. Please come and join in at the show, even if you don't have an entry. The dinner ringside between shows is a casual and fun event – a great opportunity to relax and socialize!

The agility trial premium is being edited and will be available shortly. Remember that our weekend has changed, and the trial will be on Labor Day weekend this year: Saturday 8/31 and Sunday 9/1. We have a number of dedicated volunteers, but can always use extra hands. If you want to come mid-day to help, please let Madelyn know. She can pencil you in for a job before slots are taken by exhibitors. That way you can get your choice of job.

See you soon at the Topsfield Fairgrounds!

*Sue*

### GSSSC Upcoming Events

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| June 15        | Two GSSSC Specialties & Summer Buffet – same location/same day. Topsfield Fairgrounds, Rt 1, Topsfield, MA.  |
| July 21        | Annual picnic at Jody Abrahamson's ( <a href="mailto:jopavist@surfglobal.net">jopavist@surfglobal.net</a> ) Bring your dogs for a romp in the yard! And bring a dish to share!     |
| Aug 31, Sept 1 | GSSSC Agility Trial <b>NOTE NEW DATE</b> @ Gail Fisher's All Dog Gym Manchester, NH. Premium lists available at <a href="http://www.pawprinttrials.com">www.pawprinttrials.com</a> |

Member's Meeting May 18, 2013



Nine Granite State SSC members, plus equally as many guests, gathered together after breed showing at the Vacationland DC show in Scarborough, ME, for a pot-luck lunch. As always, the variety of food and Sheltie friends was wonderful. The weather was cooperative, if a tad chilly and breezy; the sun was shining, though, a definite plus. There was a large entry so plenty of Shelties to watch before joining for our meal. Someone walked by and commented that "the Sheltie people sure know how to have a good time...maybe I'd better buy a Sheltie!!" This is how dog showing should be: *food, friends, and fun!!* And nobody does it better than GSSSC!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia Webster, Sec.



Next year we may need two tables!!

Lots of good food....



...and good conversation!





## Kick's Kronicles:

Dear Friends,

Here it is Memorial Day holiday, and we shelties celebrated it by having our nails done this morning and baths this afternoon – yuck! My bath was because I'm entered Friday at the Colonial Shetland Sheepdog Specialty show. Chase is doing agility on the weekend, which theoretically does not require a bath, but Mom said she didn't want him to look like something the cat dragged in. I can't see that as a big risk. Chase weighs about 25 pounds. We have 2 average sized cats, and I'm pretty certain that even if they worked together and wore harnesses they couldn't drag him anywhere.

I think Mom may not be "packing a full bag", if you know what I mean. Chase and I have been pulling a fast one on her most mornings. When we are called into the house from the back yard, we usually each get a half of a small biscuit. I come in last. As my half-biscuit is handed to me, I drop it on the ground and Chase grabs it quickly. Then pity is taken on my and I get a full biscuit. So, both Chase and I get full biscuits when the others get half!

Fast forward – the weekend is over and it was a HOT one. I got the worst of it at the Cracker Barrel Fairgrounds where there is no shade. Chase, Stash & Tally went to the 4-H Fairgrounds in Westford on the weekend. There are trees there and plenty of shade. Mom likes it because there are real bathrooms and running water. Thankfully I don't have to use porta-potties, but I understand they really heat up. The weather has broken now and we're enjoying some cooler air. Let's hope it holds for our Granite State shows next weekend! Hope I see you there,

Kicks



# 2013 Eye Clinic Report

Our ninth annual eye clinic was held on Sunday, April 7th at the Oyster River Animal Hospital in Lee. It had been quite a weekend. My computer began to crash and I had the foresight to print out the eye clinic records to date before it finally gave up the ghost...whew!! In addition, I hadn't been feeling well over the weekend and by Sunday early morning was experiencing some shortness of breath in addition to the scratchy throat and mild achiness. I mulled over whether to spend the day at the clinic or go to the local ER. Knowing my own self, I was afraid a delay in seeking care could result in a rush trip late at night so the ER won out. After making early calls to Martha, and then to Sue, my husband delivered the paperwork to Martha and I put everything in the very capable hands of the GSSSC crew.



*I can't thank you all enough...  
anyone and everyone who was involved in the clinic.*

I know you all stepped up and that things went as smoothly as always. I did think of you numerous times during the day, but was very glad that I had made the decision that I did. I ended up being kept until Tuesday afternoon for observation and medications to treat asthma and very early congestive heart failure.

This year, the clinic processed 84 dogs for eye exams and microchipped 7, slightly less than in previous years. Several of our old friends let me know that they couldn't make it this year but to please keep them on our mailing list.

Our club should be very proud of the continuing service we provide to the canine community. Thanks to the efforts of all of you, our treasury was the beneficiary of \$766.99, which enables us to fund not only our financial obligations, but other educational and entertaining programs.

Gratefully,  
Cynthia Webster, Coordinator



## **Dog-o-nomics** Karen Peak

“Dog events don’t benefit me, why should I care about them?”

If you own or manage a business, you should care. According to American Kennel Club surveys, a larger weekend dog event can contribute over \$1,000,000.00 to the local economy, a small event, over \$350,000. Annually, there are approximately one hundred AKC sanctioned events in Virginia. Now, this data is only AKC events. We also have events by numerous other organizations such as the United Kennel Club, North American Dog Agility Council, United States Dog Agility Association, and American Rare Breed Association, Canine Performance Events or events for other species.

Hosting events means renting facilities: Oatlands Plantation, Prince William County Fairgrounds, Clarke County Fairgrounds, Dude Ranch Pet Resort, Fredericksburg Field House and Fairgrounds, Keepstone Farm, Richmond Raceway Complex are a few of the regional places events are held. Awards are purchased. Equipment from chairs to linens rented. Local veterinarians are on call. Meals catered. Security and police details hired for larger events. Premium lists, judging programs, catalogs outlining entries, paperwork for judges and stewards are printed. Judges are hired, transported, housed and fed. Raffle items are acquired. This is just to host an event. What about the exhibitors?

Gas, airline tickets, road tolls, coffee, food, clothing, and items needed to prepare for competition would not be purchased if not for the event. Then things we realize we forgot creating a mad dash to a local store! There is a huge event slated to be held in Fredericksburg, VA in 2015 and will draw competitors from worldwide. This means host hotels, sites for five different events (Conformation, Obedience, Herding, Rally, Agility), campgrounds, local eateries, local stores, airlines, veterinarians, etc, all will benefit. This event runs for a full week and will bring in well over the AKC figure above for a large weekend event. Are you a local business owner in that area or know one? You could benefit!

At many shows there are vendors offering food, clothing, supplies, massages for dogs and humans, antiques, canine tapestries, antiques, books, jewelry and other items. Some vendors travel hundreds of miles for a large event. Not only are vendors benefitting from the attendees but the vendors are contributing to the economy when they rent hotel rooms, eat meals, buy coffee, gas, purchase stock or supplies to make their wares. One fancy dog lead takes cording, beads and clasps to create. A dog bed: fleece, polar-fleece, thread, sewing machine. Training jumps for Agility: PVC pipe, glue, screws. Supplies to make items have to be purchased and manufactured somewhere. Events have a trickle down effect.

Long before a competitor enters a show there is training and preparation. This means local trainers benefit as do businesses the trainer uses for supplies.

Do not forget: we also pay sales and food taxes. A larger dog event can draw over 2,000 competitors with multiple dogs. Do the math. Look at how much the venues cost to rent, hotel rooms, gas, food, etc. Look at your local sale and meal taxes. Come visit these events. Learn how we benefit your community!

It is becoming increasingly difficult in many areas to exhibit and compete with animals. Ask yourself: if they cannot compete, how will this affect my community? Support your local dog event – support your local economy!

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## Plants can be hazardous to your dog's health



**Did you know that eating certain plants could make your dog sick or worse? Be aware of plants that are within reach of your dog. Listed below are some plants that can be harmful to your dog.**

May cause vomiting and diarrhea:

Castor bean  
Soap berry  
Ground Cherry  
Skunk Cabbage  
Daffodil  
Delphinium  
Foxglove  
Larkspur  
Indian Tobacco  
Indian Turnip  
Poke weed  
Bittersweet woody  
Wisteria

May cause vomiting, abdominal pain  
and/or diarrhea:

Almond  
Apricot  
Wild Cherry  
Balsam Pear  
Japanese Plum  
Bird of Paradise bush  
Horse Chestnut (Buckeye)  
English Holly  
Black Locust  
Mock Orange  
Privet  
Rain Tree (Monkey Pod)  
American Yew  
English Yew  
Western Yew

May cause varied reactions:

Azalea  
Philodendron

Hydrangea  
Kalanchoe  
Lilies  
Mescal bean  
Mushrooms (if also toxic to humans)  
Sunburned potatoes  
Rhubarb  
Spinach  
Tomato vine  
Buttercup  
Dolomiten  
Poison Hemlock  
Water Hemlock  
Jasmine  
Loco weed  
Lupine  
Matrimony Vine  
May Apple  
Moonseed  
Nightshade  
Angel's Trumpet

May act as hallucinogens:

Marijuana  
Morning Glory  
Nutmeg  
Periwinkle  
Peyote

May cause convulsions:

China berry  
Cortaria  
Moonweed  
Nux vomica  
Water Hemlock

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# A little Sheltie History.....



Note the signature at the top: "John Honig" - noted Collie breeder and AKC judge.

Judge: Mr. Louis J. Murr

The Manchester Kennel Club offers a Sterling Silver Ash Tray for Best of Breed.

**SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS. American-bred, dogs.**

- 12 Beryl Tibbits. *Ber Ada's Little Jon Silver*, W805896. August 15, 1956. Breeder, owner. By Kappie's Phantom Nicki—Kappie's Dixie Joy.  
19 Barbara F. Kennedy (Barbara Partridge, handler). *Cricket Corner's My L'll Restus*, W802904. November 9, 1955. Breeders, Marcia Jean and Eugene Lawrence Durham. By Highland Piper of Marla—Cricket Corner Heidi of Marla.

**SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS. Open, dogs.**

- 13 Sea Isle Kennels. *Notable Lad of Sea Isle*, listed. Breeder, Mrs. Blanche P. Poole. By Ch. Nashcrest Golden Note—Ch. Bonnie Lass of Hatfield.

**WINNERS, DOGS. First..... Reserve.....**

Points ..... Dogs

**SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS. Puppy, bitches.**

First Prize, \$3. Second Prize, \$1.

- 5 Collinette Kennels. *Collinette Sea Isle Cadanza*, W837534. May 29, 1957. Breeders, Sea Isle Kennels. By Ch. Sea Isle Cadanza—Sea Isle Easter-  
tide.  
14 Bob and Dan Harris (John S. Warren, handler). *Wee-Bit O'Yankee*, W833335. July 19, 1957. Breeders, Harold and Evelyn Roberts. By Log-  
wood's Mr. Blue—Logwood's Tidy Tap Toes.  
17 Ruth M. Merrill. *Goldenledge Rhythm in Blue*, W849465. April 29, 1957. Breeder, owner. By Kappie's Phantom Nicki—Goldenledge Lady in Blue.  
20 Mrs. Blanche Poole. *Stylish Miss of Hatfield*, listed. January 10, 1957. Breeder, owner. By Ch. Nashcrest Golden Note—Ch. Bonnie Lass of Hat-  
field.  
21 Earl S. and J. Helen Davidson. *Lucky Chance Booster's Fancy*, W859427. June 21, 1957. Breeder, James R. Cox. By Ch. Brandell's Booster—Lucky  
Chance Society Trinket.

**SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS. American-bred, bitches.**

- 6 Percy W. and Alice L. York. *Sea Isle Adorable of Cocheo*, W804077. De-  
cember 25, 1956. Breeders, Sea Isle Kennels. By E-Danha Babala—Sea  
Isle Autumn Reversie.  
11 Katherine H. Downs. *Kappie's Bonnie Blue Lady*, listed. October 14,  
1956. Breeder, Loelia C. Radway. By Kappie's Phantom Nicki—Button  
Box Little Pixie Lady.

**SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS. Open, bitches.**

First Prize, \$2.

- 7 Mr. and Mrs. Edgar L. Reed (John Warren, handler). *Reedbrooke String of  
Pearls*, listed. May 18, 1957. Breeders, owners. By Ch. Dark Stream  
o'Page's Hill—Ch. Little Blue Pearl of Paccano.  
8 Karol A. O'Connell (Nate Levine, handler). *Apple Valley's Gleaming Star*,  
listed. July 7, 1957. Breeder, owner. By Ch. Brandell's Break-A-Way, II  
—Easy Rhythm O'Page's Hill.  
16 Dona E. Hausman (John S. Warren, handler). *Meadow Ridge Hello Edith*,  
W730054. April 8, 1956. Breeders, Meadow Ridge Kennels. By Ch.  
Meadow Ridge Busy Night—Wee Toorie of Bagaduce.  
18 Goldenledge Kennel. *Mac Adair's Fancy*, W815980. May 10, 1955. Breed-  
ers, MacAdair Kennel. By Golden Cove Dony Bristleson—Sea Isle Toy-  
nette.

**WINNERS, BITCHES. First..... Reserve..... Best of Winners, No.....**

Points ..... Bitches

**SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS. Specials Only.**

- 9 Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Miller (Nate Levine, handler). *Ch. Pixie Deil Bright  
Beacon*, W728817. July 20, 1956. Breeder, owners. By Ch. Magnet o'Page's  
Hill—Ch. Va-Gore's Bright Promise. Dog.  
15 Evelyn and Harold R. Roberts (John S. Warren, handler). *Ch. Logwood's  
Blue Award to Yankee*, W497431. April 15, 1954. Breeders, owners. By  
Marsh's Smokey Blue Boy—Shetland Black Mist. Dog.

Best Shetland Sheepdog, No ..... Best of Opposite Sex, No .....



Food for thought.....

## Who Killed These Dogs? Cindy Bruckart

A picture and the subsequent conversation on Facebook has compelled me to write this blog post. The conversation is about a picture making the internet rounds. It is a picture of four dead dogs lying on the floor of a shelter truck. At the top right of the picture are the words, "If you breed or buy, you are responsible for this."

I cannot express how offended I feel about this message. I also feel embarrassed because not long ago I was on the "Don't breed or buy while shelter animals die," bandwagon. Why? Because it's easy to blame breeders and non-shelter-adopting dog owners for the problem of pet homelessness and euthanasia. It's easy to imagine that pet homelessness would be solved if there were simply more homes for pets. It isn't true, but it's easy. Just as easy as it to pretend that human homelessness is about not having a home.

The victim in this kind of campaign is the innocent, perhaps ignorant, average person who loves dogs. The person who has done nothing wrong but is suddenly saddled with the challenge of solving a problem that they didn't cause, don't understand and really cannot fix.

The relinquishment of pets has several causes, but none of them are a mystery. First and foremost is the failure of dog owners to educate themselves **BEFORE they get a puppy** (ring any bells?). If potential dog owners would do this one thing it would literally wipe out all of the other causes of pet homelessness as we know it and save thousands of lives. It is seriously, truly, honestly that simple.

If this happened the puppy mills would go out of business quickly because the now savvy, educated market would no longer be interested in their product. If this happened veterinarians who suggested keeping puppies at home until they are 16 weeks of age would go out of business for giving out-dated advice. If this happened even those dogs who might become homeless would be quickly snatched up because they would be house trained, well-mannered, friendly and have good bite inhibition. If this happened dog trainers would be busier than they've ever been conducting puppy classes and teaching students how to participate in all the sports and activities they wanted to do with their friendly, well-behaved dogs.

But this isn't happening. So those of us working in rescue are faced with a constant barrage of untrained, ill-mannered and sometimes downright dangerous dogs who are unwanted and unadoptable. We know they didn't start out this way and we know they didn't have to end this way. On a daily basis we are faced with punishing the innocent dog with death while the guilty parties who created this mess walk away. We can't help but think that someone, besides this dog, must pay.

We think, and rightly so, that it is unfair that this dog was created only to be destroyed by no fault of his own. We blame the breeder. It's not a wrongful placing of blame. That is until we stretch it out to include all breeders. We lump them all together. The professional breeder, the backyard breeder, the accidental breeder, the puppy mills and the pet stores that sell their wares. Once that group is rounded up we can put all the people who buy from them in one category, too. All the same, all to blame.

With each newly relinquished, returned or euthanized dog our anger and resentment grows. We start to resent dog owners in general and tell ourselves that this whole problem exists because people are just stupid. They don't know what they're doing. They don't care. They cannot be trusted. They are not like us. It is us against them, except that they are the only ones who can save us. Now there's a recipe for resentment.

And this is when our rescue minds really bend the wrong way. Faced with yet another dog who will probably die due to circumstances beyond his control we decide to twist, mangle and distort reality. We decide that since we can't see a way to educate the public, we will find a way to throw their mistakes back at them. The dog is the victim here, so we advocate for him. The more damaged he is, the harder we fight for him. We sugar-coat his behavioral problems and minimize the danger. We prey on the emotions of the public, sell them a bill of goods and convince ourselves that if anything bad happens it is because people are so stupid. After all, there are no bad dogs, just bad owners, right?

So here we are. We're angry, hurt, helpless and have resorted to less than honest tactics in order to save every dog we can. We hate the public for causing this mess and we're posting pictures of dead dogs on Facebook to let them know just how angry we are.

Meanwhile, a dog-loving person who knows nothing about any of this walks into the shelter...what now?

How about some honesty? Here's what I want the dog owning public to know.

If you are at the shelter to drop off your untrained, ill-mannered, people biting, dog aggressive dog because you can't or don't want to deal with him anymore, I want you to know that you are responsible for what your dog is now and everything that happens to him from here on out. I am saying that as a matter of fact, not as an accusation.

Ignorance does not relieve you of responsibility. We do not hold people unaccountable if they shake a baby simply because they claim they didn't know it would cause damage or death. It is your responsibility to know these things.

At some point we have to stop allowing people off the hook for not knowing that keeping their puppy inside for four months could cause serious behavioral problems. Dog owners who are surprised that their dog grew bigger and failed to train himself must be held accountable for not preparing themselves.

If you're going to get a dog it is your responsibility to know how to care for it and to call on professionals when you need help. If you find that you didn't prepare properly and therefore things are turning out badly, you shouldn't be allowed to dump your mistakes on the community, shrug your shoulders and say, "Well, I didn't know."

If you are at the shelter looking to adopt a dog, I want you to know that you are not responsible for the fearful, reactive, hard to deal with but heartbreaking dog who is up for adoption. If that dog ends up being euthanized it is not on your hands. Nor is it on the hands of the shelter that euthanized it. It is the original owner, whoever they acquired the dog from that is responsible for where that dog is now.

If you adopt an aggressive, fearful or otherwise damaged dog without understanding what that means for your future as a dog owner, you have been duped by the rescue/shelter because you walked in there uneducated and not knowing what you wanted. No different than what happens every day on used car lots. Buyer beware and be educated! Many people have a mechanic look over a car before they buy it. More people should have a trainer look over dog before they adopt it.

Speaking of which, let's not leave the training profession out of all of this. We are also guilty of placing blame on the average pet dog owners. We complain about their lack of education without remembering that it is our job to educate them. We concern ourselves more with dog friendliness than with people friendliness while lamenting the fact that owners don't seek us out.

If you are a trainer who is so focused on animals that you haven't bothered to develop fantastic communication skills with people, because after all you don't really like people that much anyway and you believe that dogs are suffering because people are just stupid and don't want to learn, then you have a hand in all this.

EVERY person who comes to a trainer is an opportunity to save dogs' lives. The macho jerk who thinks it's stupid to give the dog a treat for peeing outside is your opportunity to make a difference. He is going to tell all of his macho jerk friends about it. The woman who is taking advice from both you and the neighborhood pseudo-trainer is an opportunity to make a difference. Show them both why your information is better.

And every person you see or talk to who either has a puppy or knows someone who has a puppy is literally a dying body in front of you waiting for CPR. If you don't know how to use your charm, wit and expertise to chat up those people and make them want to listen to you then you have more dog trainer training to do! The dog training profession is absolutely, positively a people business.

And when we see propaganda like the picture that started this thread, we have an obligation to every one of those dogs who have died to speak up and tell the truth. It was hard for me. Not here, but elsewhere. I felt like a bitch stirring up trouble. But you know what? Tomorrow I go back to work at the shelter and dogs will be dropped off by uneducated owners, dogs will die, dogs will be adopted, dogs will be assessed, and dogs will be trained. The people who landed those dogs in a shelter will not feel responsible, while the people who didn't will cry.

Am I angry? You bet. Do I think the anger is justified? Absolutely. But if we want solutions we have to channel that anger and attack the problem where it will make a difference. I love it when a great dog finds a great home, but I'm not naïve enough to believe that an adoption, or even a thousand adoptions, is going to stop dogs from dying. Puppy classes will. Educating kids will. Educating the puppy buying market will. Pictures of dead dogs won't.



## **Meet Our Members – Cynthia Webster, Will O’Wisp**

### **How did you decide on your kennel name?**

“Will O’Wisp” is in honor of one of my early Shelties, Scottfree Summer ‘n’ Smoke, whose call name was Willow. In case you didn’t notice, that’s Madelyn Cirinna’s kennel name. Willow was the second Sheltie I had bought from Madelyn and was an important part in forging my friendship with her beginning nearly 30 years ago.

### **How long have you been in Shelties?**

Oh, my goodness...I bought my first Sheltie in the summer of 1968, so that’s nearly 45 years. My first Sheltie was what we now often refer to as a “backyard breeding” and she cost \$50.00. She was as homely as they come, but I didn’t know it at the time. She was a fabulous obedience dog and she is the reason that I’m totally hooked on this breed.

### **How many dogs do you currently have?**

For now, two Shelties are gracing our home. I’ve had as many as 7 at once, but I was much younger and had more energy!!!

### **Photo of kennel?**

I don’t have a kennel as such. We do have two 6x12 foot runs in our backyard that we use during the NH Mud Season or when we need to separate dogs for some reason. My dogs are house dogs who have free range of our fenced-in yard. How else are they supposed to protect us from that silly Lab who lives next door?

### **What aspect of purebred dogs interests you the most?**

Although I started out in obedience, I-o-n-g before agility came onto the scene, my favorite activity is conformation showing, especially when I’ve had a hand in the breeding of that dog. Although I’ve had to use handlers in the past 2 years since my heart surgery (thank you, Beth & Sue), there’s nothing much more satisfying to me than finishing a championship as a breeder/owner/handler. But that can only come after the fun and challenge of deciding the sire and dam of the future puppies, and waiting and anticipating the results of your choice. Sharing the fun of planning and raising litters with my daughters is very exciting!

### **If a breeder, how do you choose a puppy to keep?**

I sort of use the Pat Hastings method, but we have proven wrong her adage: what you have at 8 weeks is what you’ll have as an adult! So after using her puppy exam as a guide, I tend to go with my heart. If the puppy has what appears to be good structure and temperament, then I choose the puppy that is beautiful and just “speaks to me”.

**Describe your favorite moment in Shelties:**

I can't have just one! The first that comes to mind is finishing a C.D. on Jenny (my first Sheltie). Getting that first title was fun because she nearly always earned close to 200 points. We were going for the Dog World award, but she hated wet grass and it had rained for days before the trial, making the long sit and down a real challenge. She qualified but didn't earn a high enough score for Dog World. I didn't care...we had done it!! While waiting for the last exercises, or maybe waiting for the scores to be tallied, the ring steward came up to me and asked if I was eligible for the best junior handler award? I laughed and told her that I didn't think so; I was 23 years old and pregnant (with daughter Karen), but thanks for the compliment!!!! Finishing the AKC championships on Will O'Wisp The Storm Front (Cody) and Will O'Wisp Winter Frost (Jack), plus helping daughter Beth finish her Will O'Wisp Touch of Frost (Ben) were certainly red-letter days. I also put a Canadian Championship on Cody. How can I top showing 15 ½-year-old Cody in our specialty show's Veteran Sweeps? Now, I take great joy in watching my daughters and my grandchildren take part in dog activities, including Connor and Sarah's putting a UKC Grand Championship on Aidan (with a little help from their mom Karen), and Meghan's making her Junior Showmanship debut with Jack at the end of the lead.

Your most memorable dogs? Photos?

Of course they have all been special in one way or another, but Cody and Jack certainly rank right at the top. Working on their championships forged a wonderful relationship with each of them, and in each case they were breeder/owner/handled to their CH titles.

**Anything else that you might like to share?**

Showing the dogs has made possible travels to some interesting places: Florida, Missouri, Georgia, New Jersey, Oregon, Michigan, Virginia, Canada as well as all over New England. My fun (and tribulations) with my dogs hasn't been in a vacuum! The dogs are special, but more so are the people that have come into my life because of them. The friends that I have made because of the Shelties are some of the most extraordinary people in my life. And of course my family shares my love of this breed which makes it all so rewarding.



### In The Whelping Box

Four very nice 10 week old female pups. Excellent temperaments. The father is Grand Ch. Rabbit Run Cindahope Fair Trade. The mother is sired by Ch. Macdega Ben Lomand out of Ch. Fair Isle's American Idol. They are all sable with lots of white and have their health certificates and first vaccinations. Contact Bronwyn Asplund Walsh at 603-934-3375.

### Bits and Pieces

**Homemade Doggie Ice Cream Recipe:** (This is much cheaper than the store-bought kind.) Use three 6 oz containers of plain, low-fat yogurt, ½ cup peanut butter (low sodium), one 4 oz jar of banana baby food, and 1 tablespoon of hone. Mix well and pour into Dixie cups. Place dog biscuit on top of mixture to serve as the handle. Place cups in freezer and once frozen, peel off the cup.

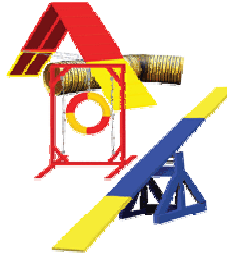


**In light of recent weather emergencies, this tip seems like a good idea:** If you find yourself and your dogs in the path of some horrible weather, grab a Sharpie and write your cell phone number on your dogs' bellies!! Collars are easily lost and micro chip scanners are not readily available in a disaster.



**Words to live by:** There is no snooze button on a pet that wants breakfast!!





## **Brag and Bitches**

**From Ventura - Martha Heckman and Con Brio - Jennifer Moore:** Con Brio Ventura Celebration, aka "Dynah" was awarded a 5 point major reserve at the York County KC show on May 19. Sooooo close! This is her second weekend out with co-owner/handler Jennifer!

**From Will 'O Wisp North and Cynthia Webster:** We are thrilled to announce new Grand Champion Will O'Wisp Winter Frost. Jack was Best Opposite Sex at the Western MA Shetland Sheepdog specialty show on May 11, 2013 under judge Jean Simmonds for his final points and 4th major GCh win. My sincerest thanks to Sue St. Louis, who beautifully handled Jack to this exciting win. Jack is co-owned by me and daughter Beth Krause, DVM.

**From Will 'O Wisp South and Beth Krause, DVM:** My Belgian Tervuren River Run StarBright Edinburgh was WD under judge Stephanie Hedgepath for a 3 point major on 5/18/13 at the Mattaponi Kennel Club Show in Manassas, VA. On 5/19/13, he was WD/BOW for 2 more points under judge Janet Sinclair. Phantom has 11 points with one major.



## GSSSC Business Cards

Yours could be here – contact Martha at [venturaknl@comcast.net](mailto:venturaknl@comcast.net) for more info



Business Card charges are due in March - \$6.00/year! Send your check to Jody Abrahamson, Treasurer, 30 Clark Rd., Brookfield, NH 03872



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