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Editorial note:

In this issue you will find some historical correspondence. Mistakes in spelling are not corrected because we wanted the correspondence as authentic as possible.

Please keep in mind that English is not the native tongue of the majority of the correspondents. Style of writing and grammar may differ from what you are used to. Special thanks to Pat Ferrell for historical correspondence and information.

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My baby is born...at last. For more then 5 years, I have had the idea of starting a truly international Sheltie magazine accessible through the Internet in an electronic form. It is my intention to make the Sheltie world a bit smaller and to try creating greater understanding and respect between breeders from North to South and East and West. It is my hope that access to accurate information will foster greater understanding and mutual respect within the Sheltie fancy.

When I started to approach people about their willingness to contribute to this magazine, I received only positive reactions and support. Without this support, the magazine would never have seen daylight, thus I wish to express my gratitude to all who have been supportive and contributed ideas and articles. **THANK YOU!**

The magazine will be sent out to subscribers 4 times a year in June, September, December, and March. I have chosen A-4 size pages because this is easy to read on a computer screen and to print in a legible hard copy form. I also chose the .PDF format for distribution so that readers may easily access the magazine from whatever kind of computer or whichever program they use. Soon, for a small fee (just enough to cover the costs) you will be able to place a kennel advertisement.

I wish all the readers happy reading and jolly good times.

Charles Feijen, Norway





Familial Canine Dermatomyositis

Whether you are a serious breeder, a hobby breeder, or a pet owner, if you are in dogs for long enough, you may well encounter some of the breeds known problems. I believe that we are lucky in Shelties compared to many other breeds, but occasionally, we get something rare and mysterious thrown at us.

Familial Canine Dermatomyositis is one such condition.

So, what is Dermatomyositis?

(Known as FCD in UK, and DM in America)

The name really only tells us it is inflammation of the skin (derma) and Muscle (myo). It is a **rare** condition that mainly affects Collie breeds and their crosses. Skin lesions consist of hair loss, sometimes with redness of the skin and scaling and crusting. It is not an itchy condition unless there is a secondary infection. Classic clinical signs are hair loss around the eyes, but it can affect any of the body extremities – e.g. nose, ears, feet, legs, tip of tail. Strange twisted toe nails can also occur. Any of these areas may be affected, but not necessarily all.

The clinical signs are not constant, but wax and wane in flair ups.

Muscle wasting is also seen in some cases, giving the dog a ‘tragic’ expression, and maybe difficulty in walking.



Megaesophagus (swollen/inflamed food tube) can sometimes occur, making it difficult for the dog to eat and drink. This could have dire consequences for the dog- like aspiration Pneumonia, as food can pass down the wind pipe.

I have heard of a couple of cases of FCD (DM) dogs where rashes have also occurred on the tummy of the dog, but I am reliably informed that this is **not** a clinical sign of FCD (DM) , but maybe a reaction to the medication the FCD (DM) dog is on, or a tandem problem.

I would say most FCD (DM) cases are seen in young puppies, but late (Adult) onset is also seen.

Confirmation of Dermatomyositis has to be done by biopsy as there are other conditions that look very similar (Demodectic Mange (Demodex), Lupus etc).

What causes Dermatomyositis?

Good question. No one knows for sure at this stage. It's possible that it is not a Genetic disease as such, but that it has a Genetic predisposition (susceptibility).

It is almost certain that the condition is triggered by environmental factors (a virus, something that has over-challenged the immune system, fluctuating hormones, stress, sunrays etc.).

How do we get a diagnosis?

Biopsy is the only sure way. A minimum of three deep tissue samples (skin and muscle) 6mm in size should be submitted to a specialist pathologist.

In U.K, Ewan Ferguson, at the Royal Veterinary Collage would be the best route. In America- Dr. Chris Rees of Texas A&M Uni’.

Alternatively, a vet can send the correctly taken samples to these specialists.

Is there a cure?

No, but treatments to control the condition are Steroids (Prednisone) and antioxidants like Vit E (topically as well as systemically).

Trials with ‘Trental’ have had good results at Texas A&M university (‘Trental’ is the brand name of the best pentoxifylline, as it has a slower release into the blood, causing fewer side affects). There are also new trials with Tacrolimus ointment, protopic.



Where do we go from here?

Dr. Chris Rees at the Texas A&M University has been working with FCD (DM) dogs for a number of years, and early in 2004 an opportunity arose to make a start on DNA research when Dr. Keith Murphy (who runs the Canine Genomics Lab at Texas A&M Uni’) was willing to collaborate with Dr. Chris Rees and use his resources to significantly help out. Dr. Murphy ran some Sheltie DNA samples using a system called Linkage Disequilibrium analysis. Hopefully this information will aid their ability to know what area of the genome to specifically look at for FCD (DM). This is only a start though, and we have just heard that this year (2006) the ASSA have agreed to send \$40,000 to the Texas DM research team. The American Collie people have also agreed to send the same amount, so further research to try to find a marker will continue soon.

What can Breeders/Owners do?

I recently had a discussion with an email friend in America, who suggested actually looking for and collating information on what ‘might’ have triggered the illness in our dogs. If we could get a clearer picture of events that led up to FCD (DM) triggering in our dog, we might be able to avoid some of the possible triggers in the future. In some dogs it might be a vaccination (or part of) in others – having a viral infection, Hormonal, stress – as in kenneling. But without collating this information, we won’t ever have a clear picture.



On the positive side

Remember- it is a **rare** condition, and I have heard of dogs with FCD (DM) that have had their condition controlled with ‘Trental’ etc, and continue to live happy and active lives.

Sherry Lindsey runs a web site with more information and pictures-

<http://www.shalaine.com/dm/dm.html>

Jan Grice (UK)

Jan. 8, 1915 Correspondence - Shetland Sheepdog Pedigrees.
(To the Editor of The Illustrated Kennel News.)



“Sir - There seems to be some unpleasantness in Shetland Sheepdog circles over the question of pedigree, and at one of the Aberdeen shows I regret to hear that several objections were laid on this score, which is a pity.

Pedigrees are all very well when a breed is established, but though we have not yet heard that the Sehtalnd as at present existing was the original dog that accompanied Old Noah on his advennturous voyage, we know there are some of the admirers of this “coming” breed who acredit him with an ancestry which there seems to be but little substantial ground for believing him to possess; but the “Simon pure” as far as I know it, is neither of merit enough, nor certain enough to found a show breed upon without some outside help, such as has been used in the case of the Irish Wolfhound, for instance, to the great and enduring good of the resusciated variety.

By starting trouble of this kind great harm may easliy be done to a variety that at least has a chance of attaining a good position amongst show breeds. SCOLLOWAY

Jan. 15, 1915 Correspondence - Shetland Sheedog Pedigrees
(To the Editor of The Illustrated Kennel News.)

“Sir - The letter by “Scolloway” in your last issue re: the pedigrees of Shetland Sheepdogs is very interesting. These objections, as your correspondent states, can only do the breed a lot of harm.

It is ludicrous for anyone to assert that the Shetland Sheepdog is of pure lineage. One has only to examine the exhibits at the shows to see that they majority have Pomeranian stamped all over them, even those which are supposed to be “pure-bred Shetland Sheepdogs.”

To my knowledge - and I may claim to have followed the breed from its birth - all the Sthletis which could pass muster as Collies in miniature (which they are supposed to be according to the standards of two clubs) one could count on their fingers.

Take one of the Aberdeen shows where there was a very large entry, not half a dozen could be called small Collies. Even three of these were sent by one exhibitor, and they were all different in type.

I think the Fancy ought to thank the introducers of material to put the breed on a sound footing instead of fanciers raising these quibbles, as they are nothing else; but, after all, it is perhaps a case of “sour grapes.” NICKUM



SEARCH FOR THE *PERFECT* SHETLAND SHEEPDOG



(Via health tests)

By Marilyn Marlow (Cameo Shelties)

I, as everyone that loves their Shelties want them to live a good life free of any health defects that affect their quality of life. But exactly what as breeders CAN we really guarantee? PERFECT tests do not equal PERFECT dogs so where is this quest for PERFECT health via tests in our dogs taking us?

Please don't misinterpret this to mean NOT to test -but to only use tests as a "Tool" in our search to breed PERFECT Shelties. We have to guard that we do not get hysterical about an imperfect test for example a dog that comes back with "fair" hips or low thyroid or "carrier" for VWD or a slight eye defect. Discarding these dogs in your breeding program in the erroneous assumption that the next dog is going to have "excellent hips, thyroid good and clear for VWD and eye normal is throwing those babies out with the bath water. We need to educate ourselves to "work through" some of these problems if that sheltie is of the quality to be bred. We also have to guard that we aren't overlooking equally as important attributes such as good temperament in favor of PERFECT health tests.

What you want to look for is a line of dogs that have lived a good "relatively" healthy life. We have all heard and seen some of the horror stories of ones with extreme health problems but have we looked at the ones that have lived a long healthy life even with some of these that had bad test results? Have you questioned maybe that dogs can live a relatively healthy life with a bad test result? It has been proven that true test results by scientists take over 100 years to even know if those results are even correct.

Breeders/new owners say they are not expecting a PERFECT dog and yet the "stigma" of having a dog with fair hips, carrier of VWD, low thyroid and (horrors of horrors - breeding it) -is taking us down this path of discarding some quality dogs.

What worries me even more though, is the losing of our " FUTURE BREEDERS" in this breed as everyone is getting so FEARFUL of maybe producing something and having the wrath of the " Holier than thou Sheltie protectors of the breed " come down upon their head.

In actuality we as breeders have very little control over a lot of the health tests. Two Excellent hips have and do create a dysplastic sheltie. Thyroid /Eyes etc can be clear at 4 years of age and then lo and behold we test again and we have a "problem" and yet most of the dogs continue to function well, some with no symptoms through very old age. Interesting!!

WHAT TO DO?? For one we as sheltie fanciers need to rid ourselves of the "holier than thou" ATTITUDE and realize 99% of our breeders are breeding animals to the best of our abilities with what tests are available to us and by following up on all of our puppies produced. Most reputable long-term breeders know the problems just by symptoms in their lines and discard the ones with the symptoms they cannot deal with.

This is what the breeders of long ago did without testing <G> Nowadays we don't have the numbers of dogs in large kennels to see things happening but you can tell by watching and asking and seeing what lines of shelties lived to a relatively healthy old age (something I hope to do even with a bad heart, arthritis, asthma <G>) and following up on all the puppies you produce.

Another side effect of the above happenings is nowadays, most reputable breeders are not willing to sell their puppies to anyone and prefer to keep or put in pet homes rather than go through the "hassle" of predicting and guaranteeing PERFECT health tests, in addition to PERFECT conformation dogs

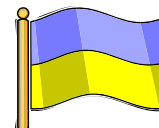
I will dare to predict there will be few Shelties left or very few breeders left in the next 20 years if the prevailing attitude continues of expecting perfect dogs and perfect health tests and trying to "guarantee" it.

Think about it folks –do all your relatives have perfect health? Until then can we presume to expect our beloved shelties to have it? Strive to do so, we must, but realize a lot of this is out of our control until we have PERFECT tests to predict what will happen.



PERFECT ??

International Show in Ukraine.



The 29th of April 2006, was a big day for the sheltie breeders of Ukraine. As usual at this time of the year, we have our International FCI-CACIB dog show with the Championship of British sheepdogs. This is the main show of the year for all British sheepdog breeders in Ukraine. This year a judge was invited from Hungary - Mr Peter Harsanyi, owner of Collie-kennel "Koakoi". As usual this show draws the biggest number of Sheltie entries for any Ukrainian show. This year it was 11 entries, all from Ukraine.

Entered were: 2 puppies, 2 in intermediate classes, 3 in open and 4 in champion class.

The main titles went to the two champions - best bitch, CACIB "Shining Charm LolitaMatchles" (Brilyn Perfect Finish * Shining Charm Little Bell Jermena), sable, bred and owned by Natalia Tuchkova.



Best dog, CACIB and BOB became "Landover Blue Frost" (Faradale Frederick at Bothways * Landover Fenx for Meannmark) imported from GB, owned by Natalia Himich, "Lovely Funny shelties". Deniel (this is his pet name), was the hero of the day - he got the 4th place in the very numerous group 1 ring and became Best in Show of the Championship of Ukraine of the British Sheepdogs! He was already Russian Champion and he got the Ukrainian title that day.

Nathalie Himich ,Ukraine



SHELTTI SHOW 13.5.2006



Shelties of Southern Finland arranged an unofficial show for all registered shelties including those who are not able to attend official shows. The judge was Johnny Andersson, kennel Lundecock's, from Sweden. The show was a big success with 75 entries in the classes. Everyone got a written critique of their dog, and Johnny Anderson was very thorough giving long and well-detailed critics of each dog.

The location was on the grounds of Kiiala mansion and the day was sunny and warm, which made it an ideal day for all. There was a well equipped buffet for the hungry ones, and most people spent the whole day in the show. Everyone got a free catalogue and a breast button with a show logo as a memory. There was also a photographer present, who took pictures of the dogs.

In addition to the normal classes, some extra competition was also arranged: Child and Sheltie, Junior Handler, Best Head, Best Colour and Best Brace.

RESULTS

BOB	Ch Starsong Polar Moon
BOS	Sunsweet Biggest Dream
BOB-puppy	Bridemoor's Grand Slam
BOS-puppy	Misty Dawn's Crystal Rose
BOB-veteran	Ch Sunsweet Jet Black Gold
BOB-breeder	Kennel Sunsweet

HP=prize of Honour BD=Best Dog BB=Best Bitch

DOGS, puppies **5-7 months (5)**

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| 1 HP | Bridemoor's Grand Slam (i. Grandgables A Showy Fellow, e. |
| BD1-puppy | Sunsweet Celine Dion) own. Siw Kalvia ja Marita Axi |
| BOB-puppy | |
| 2 HP | Windcrest Smart Suit (i. Edglonian Strolling Nomad of Locharen, e. |
| | Windcrest Scottish Passion) own. Riitta Vanha-Perttula |
| 3 HP | Moorwood Caribbean Blue At Sunsweet (i. Grandgables Say It |
| | Again Sam, e. Moorwood Caribbean Blue Heather) own. Marita Axi |
| 4 | Homeponds Nero (i. Amethrickeh In Ash, e. Homeponds Felicitas) |
| | own. Virve Nicklén & Jarmo Karvinen |

7-9 months (2)

1 HP **Bridemoor's Celtic Circle** (i. Erjon Gideon, e. Bridemoor's Dream
BD2-puppy Come True) own. Janne Ahokas ja Johanna Siebel

2 **Karvakedon Renesanssi** (i. Faradale Frisbee for Grandgables, e.
Peacehill's Blue Ete) own. Jarkko Kauppinen

BITCHES, puppies

5-7 months (5)

1 HP **Bridemoor's Glowing Fantasy** (i. Grandgables A Showy Fellow, e.
BB2-puppy Sunsweet Celine Dion) own. Tamara Siebel

2 **Sunsweet As You Like It** (i. Grandgables A Showy Fellow, e.
Scandyline Taste of Wine) own. Anu Svensk & Iina Porras

3 **Sunsweet Crazy For You** (i. Grandgables A Showy Fellow, e.
Scandyline Taste of Wine) own. Taru Rekorius & Marita Axi

4. **Kamajakin Uusiutuva Taru** (i. Kamajakin Rähinä Remu, e. White
Coastal Littel Blue Swan) own. Marja Karonen

7-9 months ((6)

1 HP **Misty Dawn's Crystal Rose** (i. Bermarks Pride N Presence, e. Final
BB1-puppy Desire The Power of Dreams) own. Taru Rekorius
BOS-puppy

2 HP **Siniketun Sayonara** (i. Starsong Polar Moon, e. Sefair Pelifita Pirita)
own. Taru Rekorius

3 HP **Moorwood Count On Me** (i. Moorwood Handsome Boss, e.
Moorwood Queen of Hearts) own. Miira & Tony Häggblom

4 **Minitiiimin Strike A Pose** (i. Faradale Frisbee for Grandgables, e.
Susadan Hurvitellen) own. Jaana Illikainen



Sunsweet Biggest Dream : BOS



Bridemoor's Grand Slam: Best Puppy

DOGS

Junior class 9-15 months (11)

- 1 HP** **Bridemoor's Black Nightwish** (i. Japaro Tri To Resist, e. Kuukivi
BD 2 Paike) own. Siw Kalvia ja Marita Axi
- 2 HP** **Blue Meadow's Ferrety Emblem** (i. Bermarks Pride N Presence, e.
BD 4 Bosom Buddy's Emblem of Love) own. Lotta Lehtinen
- 3** **Amarantes L'loir Laminoir** (i. Moorwood Handsome Trouper, e.
Shezadun Daydan Shaydan) own. Marja Hynninen
- 4** **Zaza's Black Impression** (i. Faradale Frisbee for Grandgables, e.
Zaza's Showgirl) own. Petra Sjöholm

Intermediate class 15-24 months (3)

- 1 HP** **Sensusan Koh-I-Mois** (i. Bermarks Pride N Presence, e. Scandyline
Nordic Beauty) own. Taru Roininen
- 2 HP** **Sensusan Koh-I-Han** (i. Bermarks Pride N Presence, e. Scandyline
Nordic Beauty) own. Taru Roininen
- 3 HP** **Taikarannan Aaron** (i. Taikarannan Rocky, e. Taikarannan Fatima)
own. Marjukka Timonen

Open class 2-8 years (10)

- 1 HP** **Starsong Polar Moon** (i. Lundecock's Xit From Hell, e. Lundecock's
BD 1 Rash Line) own. Taru Rekorius
BOB
- 2 HP** **Sheldon Space Joker** (i. Kindergate The Joker, e. Conspiror Space
BD 3 Flower) own. Kristina Lundin ja Marita Axi
- 3** **Golden Rose Last Mohican** (i. Brilyn Leading Ways, e. Golden Rose
Orchidea) own. Eila Pöysä ja Jouko Nurminen
- 4** **Kuningatarkaupungin Blue Shine**
(i. Take One Achillea, e. Kuningatarkaupungin Blue Isabell)
own. Satu Airaksinen

BITCHES

Junior class 9-15 months (12)

- 1 HP** **Sunsweet Biggest Dream** (i. Grandgables A Showy Fellow, e.
BB 1 Sunsweet Morning Glory) own. Marita Axi
BOS
- 2 HP** **Sunsweet Ain't No Saint** (i. Brilyn Leading Ways, e. Lundecock's
Last Dance) own. Satu Tuominen
- 3 HP** **Sunsweet Brown Mary** ((i. Grandgables A Showy Fellow, e.
Sunsweet Morning Glory) own. Satu Matilainen
- 4** **Sunsweet Wildest Dream** (i. Brilyn Leading Ways, e. Lundecock's
Last Dance) own. Sirkka Vasenius

Intermediate class 15-24 months (4)

- 1 HP** **Black Shepard's Finally Fairy** (i. Shelgate Midnight Magic, e.
BB 4 Marian BS Yummy Zara) own. Sirpa Arminen & Hissu Toivonen
- 2** **Sunsweet Viva La Diva** (i. Brilyn Leading Ways, e. Sunsweet Born
To Be Free) own. Jemina & Minna Malin
- 3** **Black Shepard's Finally Fee** (i. Shelgate Midnight Magic, e. Marian
BS Yummy Zara) own. Tanja Kettinen
- 4** **Pirtelön Regina** (i. Pirtelön Benjamin, e. Pirtelön Manuela) own.
Mirette Kuusjärvi

Open class 2-8 years (9)

- 1 HP** **Sunsweet Born To Be Free** (i. Esadale Mr. Sandman, e. Sunsweet By
BB 2 My Joy) own. Jemina ja Minna Malin
- 2 HP** **Marian BS Yammy Zara** (i. Sunsweet Not For Sale, e. Black
Shepard's Anastasia) own. Hissu Toivonen
- 3** **Sunsweet Blues Baby** (i. Japaro Tri To Resist, e. Meu Amor's Dulcet
Duet) own. Hissu Toivonen
- 4** **Dalimatta's Lilla Monna** (i. Brilyn Leading Ways, e. Dalimatta's
Lilla Lotta) own. Satu Tuominen

Veteran class over 8 years (4)

- 1 HP** **Sunsweet Jet Black Gold** (i. Bermarks William, e. Sunsweet Wild
BB 3 Cats) own. Mia Niinikoski
ROP-vet
- 2 HP** **Sunsweet Tip Top Tiffany** (i. Take One Achillea, e. Lundecock's
Rash Line) own. Mia Niinikoski
- 3** **Karion Blue Jaztime** (i. Pirtelön Musta-Pekka, e. Karion Up To The
Top) own. Eija Pöysä ja Jouko Nurminen
- 4** **Marian Musta Maija** (i. Shezadun Delech Hamelech, e. Anseliitti
Granita) own. Tytti Grönqvist & Hissu Toivonen

BREEDER'S CLASS (2)

- 1** • **Kennel Sunsweet.**
BOB- Marita Axi
breeder
- 2** **Kennel Black Shepard's**
Hissu Toivonen

Hilppa Järvinen, Finland



Ch.Starsong Polar Moon : BOB

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Jan. 15, 1915. Sir - I quite agree with your correspondent "Scolloway" that "great harm may easily be done to a variety that at least has a chance of attaining a good position amongst show breeds." But making objections will do no harm to the breed. On the contrary, making objections should help in defining what is wanted.

At this moment great harm will be done to the breed unless this question of pedigree is settled. Is the Shetland Sheepdog-Collie cross to be allowed or not? Here is a good piece of work for the three clubs to do. Could they not put a questionnaire before their members and collect some information? I would suggest that the following questions be asked of each member, but these could be altered or added to :-

(1) Is an undersized pure Collie as hardy as a Shetland or not? Is an undersized Collie as strong and healthy as his full-sized brothers?

(2) How many generations does it take before 15-inch or the "ideal" 12-inch dogs can be produced with certainty? In the meantime, how many breeders have the time, space and money to spend on rearing the dogs that are too big for Shetlands and too small for Collies?

(3) Is it advisable to allow on the show bench the Shetland Sheepdog-Collie cross without some indication to the breeders of their ancestry? (Separate classes are provided for the Shetland ponies with thoroughbred blood, and a different standard of size is set for each, so that a breeder knows whether the stud animal will produce his like or throw back to an ancestor.)

(4) Has or has not the Shetland breed progressed well enough in a short time to justify progress on similar lines - viz., careful selection of the best Shetlands approximating to Collie type?

(5) Granted that a Collie cross would bring improvements, will not the clubs have to raise the whole question of size over again, and also give up their claim that the Shetland is a separate breed and not merely a bantam Collie?

Personally I have no objections to make against individual dogs one way or the other, but I do feel that unless the question is settled, and settled soon, there will be chaos and disaster. M GREY

Jan. 15, 1915 Correspondence - Shetland Sheepdog Pedigrees.
(To the Editor of The Illustrated Kennel News.)

"Sir - I observe that "M. Grey" talks about the Shetland Sheepdog-Collie "cross". This is incorrect. There can be no cross when two varieties of the same breed are bred together.

One might as well say that the result of breeding Pomeranians and Pomeranians Miniature, or Fox Terriers (wire) and Fox Terriers (smooth) together would be a "cross".

Designate them Shetland Sheepdogs, or any other name you like, but let it be thoroughly understood that they must be Collies in miniature, otherwise alter the standards to read: "The general appearance of the Shetland Sheepdog to be that of the Pomeranian, but to have drooping tips of ears and downward carriage of tail."

There is no denying the fact that the majority, if not all, of the Shelties that are anything like little Collies have been bred from dogs that show distinct traces of the ordinary Collie.



The breed is only in its infancy, and it will be time enough some years after this to talk of its being pure, when we can hope to see a class all of one type.

The perpetrators of such a heinous crime as that of improving a breed and wasting time and hard-earned cash, must be "gey lads."

NICKUM



Irish News & Views



Hi folks,

A quick introduction for those to whom I am unfamiliar...my name is AJ, or more formally Dr. Amy Jayne McKnight. Dad's first Sheltie was a daughter of Riverhill Roquefort and I've been surrounded by Shelties all my life – almost forty years later our Shelties are registered under the 'Cinbaramy' Affix.

The Sheltie show scene in Ireland has changed considerably over the last few years. While the method of making up an Irish Champion remains the same, many shows are now hosted under the auspices of both the Irish Kennel Club (our usual governing body) and the FCI where International CACIBs are on offer. As far as I'm aware, the first Shetland Sheepdog to gain the title of Irish Champion was **Ch Sofafi** in 1943, with **Ch Cregagh Tarfin Blue Melody** being the first to gain the title of Annual Champion in 1976. There are slightly less than one hundred and thirty (130) Shetland Sheepdogs currently holding the title of Irish Champion with an average of two Shelties gaining this award each year.

So how is an **Irish Champion** usually 'made-up'?

At present, all breeds are divided into Hound, Gundog, Terrier, Utility, Working, Pastoral or Toy groups; Shetland Sheepdogs are members of the Pastoral group. The Irish Kennel Club operates under a Green Star system whereby points are accumulated for each win, leading to the title of "Champion" being conferred upon a dog. In general, each dog needs a minimum of forty (40) green star points, at least four of which must be 'majors', to gain the title of Irish Champion. For Shetland Sheepdogs, Green Stars are available for the best Sheltie of each sex at most Championship shows in Ireland. The number of points obtained for the dog and bitch Green Star is calculated from the number of dogs / bitches correctly registered and respectively present. The index figures for 2006 are six (6) dogs and nine (9) bitches with the number of green star points available ranging from a minimum of one (1) to a maximum of ten (10) points depending on the number of dogs on the ground. If the number of dogs present equals the index figure, then five (5) green star points are obtained. For every 20% of dogs present above this figure the value is increased by one point. Similarly for every 20% below this figure, the value is decreased by one point. 'Majors' are any Green Star worth five or more points and at least four majors are required before the title of Irish Champion is awarded. These can be achieved by winning any of the following:

- Four five point Green Stars under four different judges
- Two five point Green Stars and one ten point Green Star under three different judges
- Three five point Green Stars and one group win under four different judges

At least two of the Green Stars must be won after the age of twelve months and each dog may only count one group win towards the title of Champion...however all group wins in a specific year may be counted for the award of Annual Champion. The dog winning Best in Group is automatically awarded the highest number of points obtained by any other dog competing in that group.

Green Star tickets and Reserve Green Star tickets are physically awarded by the judge on the day of the show and rosettes are generally obtained from the secretary at most Championship shows. Following the award of the Green Star ticket, the Irish Kennel Club will post a certificate with the dog's registered name together with the name and date of the show at which the award was achieved, and the confirmed number of points awarded. *[Examples of the Green Star ticket awarded at a show and the authorised certificate later forwarded by the Irish Kennel Club, also a Reserve Green Star ticket are shown here. Incidentally, I don't have blank forms (!) so have used those from the first pup of our first litter (1993) as examples].*

The title of **Annual Champion** was introduced approximately thirty years ago. This is awarded to the top green star winning dog or bitch in each breed who has won a minimum of thirty green star points in the current year. Somewhat confusingly, a dog carrying the title of Annual Champion is not necessarily an Irish Champion. For example, although Ch Cregagh

Tarfin Blue Melody gained the title of Annual Champion in 1976, the title of Irish champion was not awarded until 1977. To aid numerically small breeds where it may be difficult to gain the required number of majors, a dog winning two consecutive Annual Champion titles is awarded the title of Irish Champion.

A cautionary note to those hoping to exhibit in Ireland...The Irish Kennel Club are very strict on the correct registration of dogs and they issue a rapid fine for those exhibiting dogs that are only 'Registration Applied For' on the day of the show. If you plan to show, but have not yet received your official documentation, I would suggest telephoning the Irish Kennel Club to ensure you have your Irish registration number prior to exhibiting...quite a few well-known exhibitors have been caught out by this relatively new development!

At the latest **All Ireland Shetland Sheepdog Club** 58th Breed Championship Show (IKC, 13th May 2006) Sheltie Specialist Mrs Kay Hateley [Mohnesee] found her Best in Show winner, from 121 entries, in Finnan's **Winmar Rock Solid**. This American bred dog (X14257, Br. Mrs J Cooper, 19/06/02, Am Ch Skywards As Good As It Gets x Larentas Ivanlee Cherubim) came home with the Finnans on their recent return to Ireland. Kyle's **Colroy Crystal Girl** (U64153, Br. Mr H McGucken, 13/06/00, Colroy Classical Gold x Colroy Country Lass) took home the bitch Green Star and Reserve BIS.

<p style="text-align: center;">THE IRISH KENNEL CLUB LTD. DUNDALK</p> <p style="text-align: right;">..... SHOW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RESERVE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GREEN STAR</p> <p>I award this card being of the opinion that the dog is of sufficient merit to be a champion of its breed.</p> <p>Breed:..... <u>SHEPHERD SHEEPDOG</u></p> <p>Exhibit No.: <u>CHURAMY TAKE A CHANCE ON ME</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signed: <u>[Signature]</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Judge</p>	
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On a topical note, **microchipping** has been raised as a concern of many breeders lately. From 1st January 2006 it is a requirement of the Irish Kennel Club that all pups must be microchipped before an application for litter registration will be considered (<http://alfa.ikc.ie/>). Likewise, all dogs imported from outside the UK must be identified by either permanent tattoo or microchip number with all accompanying official documentation prior to registration. To facilitate this development, the Irish Kennel Club have participated in a joint venture with IKC-Animark, the largest pet microchip database in Ireland.

As always, visitors to our shores are assured of a warm welcome and traditional Irish hospitality. Please let me know if you would like any particular topics covered & feel free to contact me (a.j.mcknight@lineone.net) with Irish ideas, news or results that you would like included in these pages.

Best Wishes,
AJ

THE IRISH KENNEL CLUB LTD.
Bray & Dist. Canine Society Br. Ch. Show
..... SHOW
The holder of this card has been awarded a Green Star the value of which will be determined by The Irish Kennel Club Ltd., and the show regulations, a certificate for the appropriate value will be forwarded to the holder by The Irish Kennel Club Ltd. in conformity with the rules. I have awarded this Card being of the opinion that the dog is of sufficient merit to be a champion of its breed.

<h2 style="text-align: center;">Gadharchumann na hÉireann</h2>	
<p>The Irish Kennel Club</p> <h3>Green Star Certificate</h3>	
<p>This is to Certify that the <u>Shetland Sheepdog</u> -----</p> <p>named <u>CINBARAMY TAKE A CHANCE ON ME</u> ----- WAS AWARDED</p> <p>this Green Star Certificate Value <u>7</u> Points</p>	
<p>AT <u>Bray & Dist. Canine Society Br. Ch. Show</u> -----</p>	
	<p>Mr. T. Tobin -----</p> <p>Officiating as Judge.</p>
	<p><i>P. O'Connell</i> -----</p> <p>Secretary.</p>



For the first issue of this magazine we would like to introduce ourselves.

We are Janice and Marian (mother and daughter) of Highgate Shetland Sheepdogs in Cape Town, South Africa. We have owned many different breeds, Border collie, Rough Collies, Bouvier des Flanders, Afghan, German Shepherds, French Poodle and a Rottweiler but Shelties will always be our first love.

The kennel was started about 19 years ago by Janice when we were showing Rough Collies and we wanted to start breeding.

Janice's first experience of shelties was as a child. One of her school friends who had emigrated to South Africa from the UK had brought two with her. She fell in love with the breed and made a decision to have one some day. It was to be a long wait of about 15 years before she got her first puppy, Sherry from a sheep farmer in the Karoo. Unfortunately the breeder died before sending on the papers. Our next sheltie was a tricolour, Gypsy, was also not registered but Marian adored her.

Our first registered Sheltie, Ch Shemaur Waltzing M'Tilda of Highgate (Shandy), was sent to us by Maurice Baker in Johannesburg. Shandy is bred by Leslie Tanks of Shelbrae Kennels in Australia. Our next sheltie, Ch Terevanco Holly of Shemaur (Holly), also sent to us by Maurice Baker was to become our foundation bitch. Holly was put to Ch Tresta Taing, owned by our dear friend Elaine Tozer to produce our first litter. This litter produced three champions. Ch Highgate Mr Jinji Pie of Shemaur (Benson) who we sent back to Mr Baker. Also, Ch Highgate Dream Come True (Tammy) and Ch Highgate Precious Gift (Donna) who we have kept. Holly was put to UK import Exbury Kestrel to produce her second litter which gave us Ch Highgate Mr Paddington (Paddington). Tammy and Paddington have produced Ch Highgate Hold the Dream (Tinkerbelle) and two new hopefuls, Highgate Beautifuldreams (Jessica) and Highgate My Africandream (Amber) who are now eight months old. We are looking forward to showing these two in the up-coming October championship shows.

Our proudest show moment was when Donna, Champion Highgate Precious Gift, won the title of Western Cape Top Dog 2002.

We do not travel around the country exhibiting our dogs and are limited to seven championship shows a year and a few non-championship shows. To qualify for the Top Dog competition a dog must obtain a group placing at a championship show. Donna has also won Reserve best in show at an all breeds championship show and best in show at the Sheltie club



championship show 2001. Mr Paddington qualified for Top Dog 2004. Tammy and Paddington have each won best in show at non-championship shows and Tammy has won best veteran in show at an all breeds championship show. Tinkerbelle won best in show on our local cyber show and the title of Face of 2002.

Donna was also employed for two days on a film shoot. She was one of the main characters in a Siemens cell phone advert. She took to this like a star and never had to have a retake.

We rarely travel around the country showing our dogs due to the distances being too far and work commitments. We both enjoy showing in breed competitions but are also involved with obedience. We are both qualified to judge obedience up to Class B and have a small obedience school. We are on the committee of the Kennel Association which is an all breeds club. The club is 101 years old and will be celebrating it's 100th championship show in March 2007 which we are very much looking forward to.

Shelties are not common in South Africa and the gene pool here is very small due to there being very few breeders. There are two breeders in Cape Town and one in Durban and a few more in Gauteng. Some of the sheltie breeders here include Mr and Mrs

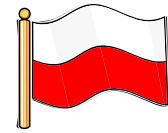
Ventress, Mr and Mrs Baker and Mrs Gail Morrison who are all highly respected all breeds international judges. It was a loss to the South Africa when Guy Jeavons left for Canada taking his dogs with him but we feel that the dogs that are left here are of a high quality and that goes for most of the breeds here in South Africa.

For the next issue we hope to interview Mrs Doreen Powell who is the secretary of the Kennel Association and an international judge. Mrs Powell has just returned from judging in India and Canada and has also judged at the Melbourne Royal twice including Best in Show.

Janice and Marian, South Africa

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My name is Helena Kabała and I live in Lublin (Poland). My husband Robert and I have our own Sheltie Website in Poland, and quite recently we have also started breeding these lovely dogs. I am really happy that we can reveal on the international forum what is going on in our country. For a start I would like to present the history of Shelties in Poland which was written by a Sheltie breeder of long standing who is also a judge, Ms Joanna Adamowska:

HISTORY

SHELTIES IN POLAND

According to ESSC Handbook (1949) the first shelties were imported to Poland before World War II and they were bred in England in Mr. Taylor's Wyndora kennel. Nothing is known, however, about numbers, sex etc. Yet dogs of this prefix were bred from during the war years in Germany.

It was not before the 70's when shelties were imported again and the first registered import was a male, namely Heylen's Carousel. He was quite tall, prick-eared and possibly with incorrect bite. Later the owner, namely Prof. Dyakowska, a well known judge and trainer, bought also a female from the former Czechoslovakia, namely Hezka ze Dvoracek. Both dogs were sable. Hezka was bred only once and produced only males.



HEYLEN'S Carousel GB
LILLIPUT SQUAW a.d.
Hexenhaus WBD



ASTED, ARIETTA Czubinka

The second kennel to come was Czubinka owned by Mr. Czubicki, who imported three females from Ze Dvoracek kennel – Janet, Tosca and Sally. Sally, mated to a German male Flipper vom Lauchstadter Brunnen produced in 1972 sable bitch Arietta Czubinka. She was to become a foundation bitch for Polly z M-3 kennel of Mr. Slusarek, which is still in existence today. In 1974 Arietta had a litter to a German male Lilliput Own a.d. Hexenhaus and then in 1975 to Heylen's Carousel. Her daughter (by Lilliput Own) – Coca Polly z M-3 founded Mr. Witkowski's Stanica Marwita kennel that is still active (first litter bred in 1976). In the same year



HEKTOR Stanica Marwita
Pl. CH BEPT Stanica Marwita
Pl. CH GALA Stanica Marwita

Prof. Dyakowska bred a litter out of Lilliput Squaw q.d. Hexenhaus and Cali Polly z M-3 (Złoto Ofiru). Prof. Dyakowska bred all together 8 sheltie litters in 20 years before her death.

She also imported a male from Belgium (1974) Ajax van den Horenbilck. Full of quality, he was distinctly oversized and therefore almost unshown, yet had some influence in breeding. The next kennel with some impact was founded in 1978 Z Nowoczesnej and used Czechoslovakian and German stock.

The beginnings were not easy. There was no demand for puppies and it was quite difficult to import any good stock or to arrange matings abroad. So some of the first breeders became disappointed and subsequently gave up breeding, as happened with Mr. Czaicki.

There were some other to come, most of them based on one, perhaps two females. Several bigger kennels were established in the 80's, to name : Epikryza, Psi Miraz (second name Szczesliwy Los), Ze Sztolni Czarnego Pstraga, Od Janosika i Maryni, Kudlate Zwierzatko, Z Psiej Planety, Kropelka Oceanu, Male Jest Piekne, Z Niedzwiedzkiej Gawry.

In 1984 the first import from Danish Poulsgaard kennel arrived – Poulsgaard's Up To The Sky. Soon made up, he was widely used in breeding some other imports came from Czechoslovakia females: Iris Slapska Alej, Iriss Jaguar and dogs: Zeus z Litomerickych Strani, Beryk z Karlaspur, Argo Cerna Beruska, Han od Macky, Axin Jemnicka Dolina, and former east Germany females: Lady v. Romani and Fionella v. Stadt Bevensen.

More recent imports into Poland came from USA and they have been widely used in Ukraine, Russia and Sweden.

The first specialty show for shelties took place in 1985 with Prof. Dyakowaka judging the breed. Her BOB was sable bitch Cora z Nowoczesnej.

In 30 years there have been 30 Polish-breed champions and one has to remember that in those years it was more difficult to get this title than it is nowadays. The first Polish champion was Prof. Dyakowska's Pawana Polly z M-3.

Some 100 prefixes were registered within 30 year time yet, as it was already stated, most of them produced one litter only. In the same time 23 males and 23 females were imported from abroad and most of them were used in breeding with different results.

As you may have read elsewhere, I purchased my first sheltie bitch in 1987. The tricolour Lancia Stratos Bieszczadzki Pasterz was a daughter of Poulsgaard's Up To The Sky. Not only did she produce nice pups, but she was also good at agility and obedience. In 1990 I imported sable male Smedjenaes Origo from Sweden, yet he turned out to be infertile. Then I bought a blue merle male from Denmark. Zarvo's Jingle Jewel in Blue was the first blue merle stud in Poland. Later followed Int. Ch. Zarvo's Magic Stardust and Ch. Smedjenaes Marika. In 1997 I imported a male from UK – Peblu Burnished Gold from Ileyda. This dog has not been used for breeding until just recently, when he is 8 years old. My last import was a blue merle bitch Scandyline Reeky Starlight (2003 from Estonia).

At present dogs residing in Poland are International Champions:

1. Cindahope Kylene Show Off (imp. USA)
2. Zarvo's Jingle Jewel In Blue (imp. DK)
3. Zarvo's Magic Stardust (imp. DK)
4. Cataway Born To Be Wild (imp. USA)
5. Cataway's Most Happy Fella (imp. USA)
6. Gussi Asketila (PL)
7. Golden Girl Vesca Montana (PL)
8. Golden Star Vesca Montana (PL)
9. Cataway's Rising Sun (imp. USA)
10. Charlene Night ze Shetlandu (imp. CS)
11. Bella Kropelka Oceanu (PL)
12. Show On Casidi (PL)
13. Golden Princess Vesca Montana (PL)
14. Golden Queen Vesca Montana (PL)
15. Our Little Boy ze Shetlandu (imp. CS)
16. Golden Moonlight Vesca Montana (PL)
17. Beautiful Bonnie Asketila (PL)
18. Jantar Polly z M-3 (PL)
19. Quest King Asketila (PL)



Cindahope Kylene Show Off



Jantar Polly z M-3

Recently shelties have been steadily growing in popularity and are coming in similar numbers to rough collies. Breeding regulations do not require either HD or eye testing.

Joanna Adamowska

Kennel Alkantara

(January 2005)

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Translation: Mirosław Redlicki



Smedjenaes ORIGO, LANCIA STRATOS Bieszcz. Pasterz, Zarvo's JINGLE JEWEL IN BLUE



***Int. Ch. OUR LITTLE BOY ze
Shetlandu (imp.CS)***

owner Bozena Czempas
photo Robert Kabala

I would like to add something to the above history. Ms Joanna Adamowska mentioned only those International Champions which live in Poland. I suppose two other dogs are worth mentioning that come from Polish breeders but live abroad and they both are winners of International Champion titles, namely:

- Daphne Icy Illusion Alkantara (bitch) – Hungary, Malomvolgyi-Parkerdosi kennel
- Fair Play Alkantara (dog) - Hungary, Silver Dream kennel



***CHARLENE NIGHT ze Shetlandu
(imp.CS)***

photo&owner Anna Haratyk

My compliments and love from Poland to all admirers and breeders of Shelties

Helena Kabala, Poland





Jan. 29, 1915, Correspondence - Shetland Sheepdog Pedigrees.
(To the Editor of The Illustrated Kennel News.)

"Sir - As a breeder and exhibitor of Shetland Sheepdogs I have watched with some interest the correspondence in your columns, and have been particularly impressed by the extraordinary statement made by "nickum" concerning the Shetland Sheepdog-Collie cross - i.e. "That there can be no cross when two varieties of the same breed are bred together." That the modern Collie and the Shetland Sheepdog possess in the little old hill Collie a common ancestry is more than a possibility, but, at the same time I maintain that environment, cross-breeding and conditions have so far removed each from their common forbears that to assert they are two varieties of the same breed is a quibble, and claims a relationship as strongly repudiated by Sheltie as by Collie breeders.

Should, however, this cross receive conditional sanction, how far is it likely to improve the breed? Excessive size - i.e., anything over 12-15 in. at the shoulder - is a serious fault, practically a disqualification. Where a Collie cross is used this fault is deliberately bred in, and will take at least six generations to eradicate, and at the same time the point for which it is mainly used - the fine head - will have disappeared also. We have to daub a type sufficiently numerous and well defined to permit, with care and patience, of the evolution of our ideal without outside help, and any attempt to cross-breed the Shetland Sheepdog and Collie must inevitably give rise to the evils that attend such short cuts to a desired end.

Moreover, the recent recognition given by the Kennel Club entails certain obligations that may not lightly be ignored. E.
DAWSON



Sir - I have noticed in the correspondence in this paper concerning Shetland Sheepdogs some very misleading statements made by "Nickum". I have been able to compare, with much interest, the standards of the Pomeranian Club and that of the English Shetland Sheepdog Club, and also of the Scottish Shetland Sheepdog Club, and in both the main points, such as ears, head, eye, tail, coat and bone of the Shetland are exactly those which would condemn a Pomeranian as useless. Had "Nickum" carefully watched the benches at shows, he would be quite unable to find, at any rate in the English shows, a single exhibit with any Pomeranian tendency.

If "Nickum" is really anxious to know what the points of a Shetland Sheepdog are, I have no doubt the secretary of the En.S.S.D. Club would have much pleasure in sending a club standard. J. WILKINSON

Sir - I noticed at the Birmingham Show at the judging of the Shelties, how the splendid Collie type were totally ignored. They hadn't even a look in. Why has the old fashioned PoM-Sheltie come to the front again? I know several of the members have done a great deal in improving the breed. It seems so much time wasted to go back again. A most enthusiastic young lady worked hard to get the challenge certificate for the breed, and it was given for the first time at Birmingham to a Pom-Sheltie. It is a great pity not to have secured a judge who thoroughly understands the breed. I quite agree with "Nickum" in his letter of last week.

E. EALES





NEWS from RUSSIA

On May, 27, 2006 in Moscow has taken place the anniversary tenth National Sheltie Show. 142 dogs have been declared, there were 129 dogs. There arrived participants from all Russia, even from the Far East, having done a way to 7 days by rail! Judge was mister Hans Iver Staugaard, kennel "Shellove", Denmark.

The Show has passed in extreme weather conditions! The torrential rain and a strong wind became test for all. Tents have been established not only above a judicial table, but also is direct in a ring that the participants expecting examination, could be covered from a bad weather.



Best Veteran, BOB and BIS-1 became ten years' IntCh **Scandyline Little Xclusion**, ow. Marina Tsariouk, s-Petersburg)

«**Best kennel in Show**»: 1. **Marvitholl**, ow. **M. Tsariouk, S-Petersburg**; 2. Iz Grafskogo Pomestja, ow. **G. Grafshina, Mosk.reg.**; 3. **Astra Nortika**, ow. **M. Kudiasheva, Izhevsk**; 4. **Barbari's Skay**, ow. **G. Boltacheva, Kirov**

«**Best couple**»: **Marvitholl Maximus+ Marvitholl Charity**, ow. **I. Zamyatina, SPetersburg**

«**Best brood bitsh**»: 1. **Number One**, ow. **M. Kudiasheva, Izhevsk** 2. **Lynaire Sapphire Blue**, ow. **G. Grafshina, Mosk.reg.**

«**Hope of the Breeders**» (for dogs till two years belonging to breeders): **Barbari's Skay Dancing Shadow**, ow. **G. Boltacheva, Kirov**

«**Pride of Russia**» (for the dogs who have been given birth in Russia which both parents also are given birth in Russia): **Marvitholl Maximus**, ow. **I. Zamyatina, S-Petersburg**



BOB : IntCh Scandyline Little Xclusion

Results.

Baby – males (all – 4; 2 - very promising, 2 - promising)

1 vp, **TIP TOP iz GRAFSKOGO POMESTYA**, tric, b.20.02.06, (Lovelas iz Grafskogo Pomestya – Idea Fix iz Grafskogo Pomestya), br&ow. G.Grafshina, Mosk. Reg.

2 vp, **ZHUK**, tric., b.19.01.06 (Art Felicity Preferans – Businka), ow. Kulagina E., Tver.reg.

Baby – females (all - 5, 4 - vp, 1 - promising)

1 vp, Best Baby, **BIS-V JULIA'S STYLE MY LEADING IMAGE**, sw, (Imagemaker iz Grafskogo Pomestya – Vot Kakaya Ya Krasotka), br&ow. Y.Sidorova, Samara

2 vp **ART FELICITY AFINA**, sw, 11.01.06 (Art Felicity Day By Day – Art Felicity Kleopatra), br&ow. T.Poplavskeya, Mosk.reg.



3 vp **ONLY YOU iz GRAFSKOGO**

POMESTYA, sw, 07.01.06 (Imagemaker iz Grafskogo Pomestya – Corall iz Grafskogo Pomestya), ow. Zajkina, Moscow

4 vp **RED ROSE**, sw, (Cheryldene Cerenova – Victress Viola), ow.Dvukhzhilnaya, Minsk, Belarus

Best Baby,

BIS-V JULIA'S STYLE MY LEADING IMAGE

Puppies – males (all – 9, 6 – vp, 3 – promising)

1 vp **NEBESNY ANGEL iz TVERSKOY SKAZKI**, blm, 05.09.05, (Landover Blue Frost – Frutella iz Tverskoy Skazki), ow.Romashkina, Mosk.reg.

2 vp **CHELSEY ZOLOTOTY ELF**, sw, (Landover Big Brother – Otdyhlaf Totty), ow.Lapshina, Yaroslavl

3 vp **DANILO MASTER s EGERSKOY SLOBODY**, sw, 19.09.05 (Edglonian Devil's Advocate – Aphroditha s Egerskoy Slobody), ow.Kalugina S., S-Petersburg

4 vp **LUSTROUS MEMFIS**, blm, 12.09.05 (Magic Black Diamond iz Grafskogo Pomestya – Lustrouz Bliss) ow.Ievleva, Mosk.reg.



**NEBESNY ANGEL iz TVERSKOY
SKAZKI**

Puppies – females (all – 9, 6 – vp, 3 – promising)

1 vp **BEST PUPPIE, BIS-IV BLEK FOKS COLOUR BE MY PRETTY**, bimerle, 27.09.05 (Blek Foks Glamorous Man – Apricot Fraganse), ow.Kolchanova S., Tyumen

2 vp **YASIKA BIS GOLDEN KEY**, sw, 06.10.05, (Laknest Limonadny Jo - Useful Girl of Golden Key)

ow.Milanovitch, Minsk, Belarus

3 vp **LADY MY DREAM iz GRAFSKOGO**

POMESTYA, sw, 07.09.05

(Aristocrat iz Grafskogo Pomestya – Valerina Ross Lambrignia), ow.

G.Grafshina, Mosk.reg.

4 vp **CHUDESNAYA ZHEMCHUZHINA**

YAROSLAVLYA, sw, 23.10.05 (Landover Big Brother – Otdyhla Totty),

ow. Il'ina



BEST PUPPIE, BIS-IV BLEK FOKS COLOUR BE MY PRETTY

Juniors – males (all – 9, 6-excellent, 3 – very good)

1. JunNatClCh **OTDYHLAF**

ELEGANTNAYA PULYA, sw, 19.05.05

(Jefsfire Just William – Otdyhla Bonita Princess), ow.Semyonova, Mosk.reg.

2. **SHAFRAN iz GRAFSKOGO**

POMESTYA, sw, 01.07.2005 (Lovelas iz Grafskogo Pomestya – Valerina Ross Dolores), br&ow. G.Grafshina, Mosk.reg.

3. **SMOLENSKIY SUVENIR VINNY PUH**,

sw,17.07.2005 (Lundecock's Double Up – Ballada s Holmov) ow. V. Antonova, Smolensk

4 **DIXI I'M STAR of ASTRA NORTIKA**, sw, 23.07.2005 (Landover Big Brother – Number One) ow.Kudrina, Izhevsk



Juniors – females (all – 16, 10-excellent, 6 – very good)

1. JunNatClCh **BIS-III MARVITHOLL ESENIYA**, blm, 08.06.2005 (Marvitholl Don Juan – Marvitholl Margarita), ow. Golovlyeva, Leningrad. Reg



2. JCC **ZHEMCHUZHINA ZHELANIY**

ZHENEVYEVA, sw, 15.06.2005 (Rododen – Andel os Sun), br&ow. Sleptsova, Yaroslavl. Reg.

3. **IMPERIA iz TVERSKOY SKAZKI**, bimerle, 01.07.2005 (Galliani – Valerina Ross Ontario) ow.

L.Shknyrova, Tver

4. **PRIMADONNA iz GRAFSKOGO POMESTYA**, blm, (Lovelas iz Grafskogo Pomestya – Lynaire Sapphire Blue)

br&ow. G.Grafshina. Mosk.reg

**JunNatClCh BIS-III
MARVITHOLL ESENIYA**

Veterans – males (all – 3 excellent)

1. RusCh **YUSUF HOULIN GALAXY**, sw, 28.10.1994 (Arcot Inquisitive – Dizzy Little Daring), ow. Y.Gerasimova, Yaroslavl
2. Rus.CH **SCANDYLINE AMONG THE STARS**, tric., 10.08.1997 (Lucky Star Little Gentleman - Ultra Gold z Dablovy Studanky) Ow.Saykina O., Saratov
3. **JEFSFIRE JUST WILLIAM**, sw, 13.12.95 (Jefsfire Blaze Away - Jefsfire Dark Honey), ow. Semyonova, Mosk.reg.

Veterans – females (all – 5 excellent)

1. NatClCh, Best Veteran, BOB, BIS-I Int.Ch. **SCANDYLINE LITTLE XCLUSION** tric, 8.05.96, (Lundecock's Touch My Soul - Ultra Gold z Dablovy Studanky), ow.Tsariouk M., S-Petersburg
2. **LYNAIRE SAPPHIRE BLUE**, blm, 21.07.97, (Herds the Hornpiper – Lynaire Blue Savannah)
ow.G.Grafshina. Mosk.reg
3. **ORIENTAL VIZDAM SHEGGY CHARM of SILVER FLEECE**, sw (Bridemoor's Guest of Honour – I'm Sheggy Charm of Silver Fleece) ow.Kuzicheva, Leningrad.reg
4. RusCh, «Best veteran-2005» **ZHESVIT DELINA**, tric, 06.04.95 (Scandyline Little Pepper – Zhesvit Blue Unica) br&ow.Krivaleva S., Moscow



**NatClCh, Best Veteran, BOB, BIS-I Int.Ch.
SCANDYLINE LITTLE XCLUSION**

Intermedia – males (all – 5, 4 - excellent, 1 – very good)

1. NatClCandidate, ResBD **ART FELICITY DAY BY DAY**, sw, (Arcot Just a Moment – Valerina Ross Extazy), ow.Poplavskaya, Mosk.reg
2. CC **VACHERIN CHANTILLY DES ROMARINS DE MAYERLING**, sw, 30.10.04 (Navarino of Silver Shadow – Tres Bloody Mary) Ow. Elena Gordeeva, Moscow reg.
3. CC **ART FELICITY POLONAIZE**, tric, 18.07.04 (Faradale Frisbee for Grandgables – Valerina Ross Exotic Rose) ow.Poplavskaya, Mosk.reg
4. **OTDYHLAF SLADKIY PRINCE**, sw, 12.07.04 ow.Linevich, Cheboksary



NatClCandidate BABY SILVER

Open – males (all – 12, 5 - excellent, 6 – very good, 1- disqualification)

1. NatClCandidate **BABY SILVER**, blm04.05.04 (Landover B. Frost – Jenny Blue Jewel), ow. Cherevichenko, Borisoglebsk
2. **ART FELISITY PREFERENCE**, tric, 18.07.04 (Faradale Frisbee for Grandgables – Valerina Ross Exotic Rose), ow. T. Poplavskaya, Mosk.reg.
3. **VALECHOL VIKONT DE LA TUR**, sw, 28.05.03 (Roudzhek Brendon Walsh – Niksand Whitle Viktory), ow. Balalykina M, S-Petersburg
4. **MOHNESSEE RUSSIAN DREAM**, sw, 06.09.03 (Mohnesse Mr. Palmer - Mohnessee Summer Dream) ow. Semyonova-Fedotova

Working – males (all – 2, 1 - excellent, 1 – very good)

1. NatClCandidate Rus.CH, 2xCACIB **BLEK FOKS GRIZZLED GARNET**, blm, 8.10.2003 (Valerina Ross Marsel – Apricot Fragrance) ow. I. E. Fokina, Tyumen



Winner – males (all – 6, 5 - excellent, 1 – very good)

1. NatClCandidate **BLEK FOX DOMOVENOK**, 25.10.2003 tric, (Rockaround Night Ranger – Blek Foks Valeria My Dream`s) Ow: Olga Superova. Narva, Eesti
2. **ART FELICITY DISNEY LAND**, sw, (Arcot Just a Moment – Valerina Ross Extazy), ow. T. Poplavskaya, Mosk.reg
3. **MARVITHOLL PICASSO**, tric, 10.03.03 (Rockaround Night Ranger – Marvitholl Peppilota) ow. S. Pasekova, S.Petersburg,
4. **STONE GAIL NAF_NAF**, sw, 06.03.04 (Stone Gail Kris's Finell Chance – Stone Gail Queenkrown), ow. Fedotova&Peshkov, Usman



Champions – males (all – 5, 4 - excellent, 1 – very good)

1. NatClCh, BD - Rus.CH, Nat.ClubCH **MARVIYHOLL MAXIMUS** tric. 7.03.02 (Marvitholl Starlet – Marvitholl Lady Catty) Ow.: I. Zamyatina St. Petersburg
2. Rus CH, CACIB **MAGIC BLACK DIAMOND IZ GRAFSKOGO POMESTIJA**, tric, 25.05.2004 (Japaro Tri To Resist – Lynaire Sapphire Blue) Ow. O.V. Kosarskaya, Mosk.reg

3. **MERTSAYUTSIY INEY iz GRAFSKOGO POMESTYA**, blm, 25.05.04 (Japaro Tri To Resist - Lynaire Sapphire Blue), ow. Boltacheva G., Kirov
4. Rus&BelCh **GALLIANI** tric 06.04.2001 (Kamajakin Asparagus – Black Bumblebee of Goat Valley) ow. E. Klyuchnik, Minsk, Belarus

National Club Champions – males (all – 6, 3 - excellent, 3 – very good)

1. NatClCandidate Rus&NatClCh **FLAFI SNOU INVISIBLE BOY** blm 13.11.2003 (Lynaire Boy Blue - Eyeful) Ow. Yu.Gunn, Novosibirsk
- 2 Rus&NatClCh **LANDYSH SEREBRISTY IZ GRAFSKOGO POMESTIJA** blm, 12.09.2003 (Faradale Frisbee for Grandgables – Lynaire Sapphire Blue) Ow: Yu. Romashova, St.Petersburg
3. Rus&Bel&Mold&Fin&NatClCh **MARVITHOLL KASPER** blm, 3.03.02 (Lynaire Boy Blue – Scandyline Little Xclusion) ow. Uliya Sergeeva, St.Petersburg



*NatClCandidate
Rus&NatClCh **FLAFI
SNOU INVISIBLE BOY***

Intermedia – females (all – 7, 6 - excellent, 1 – very good)

1. NatClCandidate, ResBB **APHRODITHA s EGBERSKOY SLOBODY**, sw, 29.05.2004 (Valerina Ross London – Shwarzen Wald Zarina), br&ow. Zaytseva E., Leningrad.
2. CC **KETRIN'S PERSONA GRATA** blm 21.12.04 (Landover Black Ash – Marvitholl Smile)
ow. E. Novakovskaya, St.Petersburg



3. **BARBARI'S SKAY DANCING SHADOW**, sw, 26.07.04, (Arcot Just a Moment – Barbari's Skay Wind Rose), ow. Boltacheva G., Kirov
4. **ROMASHEV'S GALATEA DLYA GRAFSKOGO POMESTYA** tri 15.02.2005 (Blenmerrow Barnaby – Lapochka Dochka iz Frafskogo Pomestija) Ow.G.P. Grafshina, Mosk.reg

*NatClCandidate, ResBB **APHRODITHA s
EGBERSKOY SLOBODY***

Open – females (all – 8, 4 - excellent, 4 – very good)

1. NatClCandidate **IN STYLE**

MELANGE, blm, 16.03.04 (In Style Merlot – Amansi Majolika), br&ow. Smirnova G., Moscow

2. **BLEK FOKS GLASHENKA**, tric, 9.10.03 (Valerina Ross Marcel – Apricot Fragrance), br&ow. Kolchanova S., Tyumen

3. **NO COMMENT**, tric, 01.12.03 (Kamajakin Asparagus – Pery Aik Alkiona), ow. Pelevina, Kiev, Ukraine

4. **MARVIYHOLL CHARITY** tric.

8.04.2004 (Landover Blue Frost – Marvitholl Isabella)

Ow. Orlova & Zamyatina, St. Petersburg,



Working – females (all – 3 excellent)

1. NatClCandidate OKD-I RusCh **NUMBER ONE** tric. 1.12.2003, (Kamajakin Asparagus – Pery-Aik Alkiona) ow. M. Kudiasheva, Udmurtia, Izhevsk,

2. CC. Agility S A-1 **MARVITHOLL JULIANA**, tric, 29.07.04, (Marvitholl Starlet – Marvitholl Lillith), ow. Timotsenko M., S-Petersburg

3 Agility 1 **VASILISA PREKRASNAYA**, sw, 03.02.03 (Arcot Just a Moment – Angel fo Sun), ow. Ternovaya, Rybinsk

Winner – females (all – 5, 4 - excellent, 1 – very good)

1. NatClCandidate Rus Ch **IN STYLE RING DOVE**, blm, 03.04.2003 (Sherry Little Pride – In Style Roc Crystal), ow. Sergeeva, Mosk.reg

2. CC JunRusCh, YunNatClCh **SWEENLEIK OCEAN SUNRISE**, blm, 01.07.05 (Valerina Ross Multi-Pulti – Zhesvit Charming), ow. Pronina, Moscow

3 **KAPELLA WINTER**, sw, 07.08.02 (Arcot Just a Moment – Dizzy Little Daring), ow. Kudelina, Vladimir

4. **IN STYLE MARTIN FLY**, blm, 16.03.04 (In Style Merlot – Amansi Majolika), br&ow. Smirnova, Moscow



Champions – females (all – 4, 3 - excellent, 1 – very good)

1. NatClCandidate RusCH **KETRIN'S ORIGAMI**, blm.07.07.2003, (Marvitholl Vals – Marvitholl Smiley), ow. Korneeva V., S-Petersburg

2. RusCh **SWEENLEIK MOONLIGHT QUEEN** blm 25.07.03 (Stone Gail Ferdinand – Joconda's Smile Quicksilver) Ow. N.Samko, p.Vrangel, Primorskiy krai

3. Rus Ch **OTDIHLAF DIADEMA GOLD** sw, 01.01.2003, (Otdihlaf Chempion iz Chempionov – Stone Gail Willow) Ow.V.V.Loginova, Cheboksary,

National Club Champions – females (all – 5, 4 - excellent, 1 – very good)

- 1 NatCl Ch, BB, BIS-II **BARBARI'S SKY WIND ROSE**, sw, 19.12.02 (Valerina Ross Versallies – Putevodnaya Zvezda iz Grafskogo Pomestya), br&ow. Boltacheva G.
2. Rus&Ukr&Lv&NatCl Ch **BLACKBERRY BABE**, tric, 13.10.01 (Lynaire Boy Blue – Annushka) ow.Gordeeva E., Mosk.reg
3. **CHARMING MELODY iz GRAFSKOGO POMESTYA**, sw, 11.11.02, (Arcot Just a Moment – Valerina Ross Grenlandiya, br&ow. Grafshina G., Mosk.reg
4. **ZHESVIT DIANA ROSS**, tric, 24.03.2004, (Zhesvit Pepper – Zhesvit Delina), ow. Krivaleva, Moscow



*NatClCandidate RusCH
KETRIN'S ORIGAMI*



NatCl Ch, BB, BIS-II BARBARI'S SKY WIND ROSE

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PS: working class means that dogs have an obedience or agility qualification.

AN INTERVIEW WITH A BREEDER
By Victor H. Rios, Brazil



Jocelyne Cormier is Canadian and lives in Paraguay, South America.

1) How did you come up with your kennel name?

The breed is small and regal looking so “Wee” means small in Scottish English and Royal followed just naturally. Shetlanders coming last to indicate the place of origin hence the name: Wee Royal Shetlanders.

2) Where did you get your foundation stock?

I got all my foundation stock from Lyn Wolanski of Talar Shelties in Alberta, Canada. She was generous enough to part with her best dogs to allow me to start the breed in Paraguay.

3) Tell us about Shakespeare and Stacey.

Shakespeare (Talar Nataraj Too) is a pure for sable male born on March 27th, 2004. His third time in the ring was at the World Dog Show in Buenos Aires, Argentina where he became Argentine Champion, Argentine Grand Champion, Champion of the Americas and the Carrabians, and World Champion 2005. His attitude both at home and in the ring is: “Come on! Let ‘s go play!” Barely two, he has sired pups who will make their mark in Argentina and Brazil.



Stacey (Talar’s Ecstasy) is a blue merle female born on October 1st,1999. She is Canadian, Argentine, Brazilian Champion, Latin American Champion, International Champion and World Champion 2004 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

She produced the Best Sheltie pup at the World Dog Show in Buenos Aires.

After one last litter in September of this year she will retire as reigning queen of the kennel. Her daughter Wee Royal Shetlanders Black Pearl will carry on her mom’s fame into the ring.

4) What is your best advice to someone who wants to start in Shelties?

Don’t buy a “bargain pup” and hope to upgrade him or her. Buy the best and if you can, start with a tricolour female since you will be able to breed her to any of the three colors of shelties.

Talar’s Ecstasy





Feb. 5, 1915 Shetland Sheepdogs (To the Editor of "Our Dogs.")

"Sir - As a Shetland breeder and exhibitor os some years standing, I beg to thank Miss Gray for the able way she has opened up a subject which ahs, I agree with her, caused gret dissatisfaction among breeders of this most fascinating breed. Talking of the cros introduced on to the benches, and which has made such a sensation lately, it will be remembered that one of the rules of the Scottish Shetland Sheepdog club until recently read that "the Shetland Sheepdog should represent the Coll of twenty years ago, rahter than the present-day show Collie" but as soon as this cros was introduced the said rule was promptly altered to meet it, and now reads that the Shetland should represent the show Collie of the present day, rather than the Collie of the older type. This was all very well, if they had insisted on the ideal height of twelve inches, which is the standard of the Club; but now it is very confusing to breeders who adhere to the true Shetland type, having imported dogs direct from the island. This new type may be all very well as Miniature Collies, but they certainly are not the original type of the true Shetland Collie, being, as Miss Grey points out, too big for Shetlands, and too small for Collies. And now that the subject has been broached, I trust it will be thoroughly thrashed out in the interests of all concerned - Yours faithfully A SHETLAND SHEEPDOG BREEDER.



Feb. 5, 1915 Shetland Sheepdogs (To the Editor of the Illustrated Kennel News)

"Sir, I quite agree with E. Eales that it would have been a great pity to award at Birmingham the first challenge certificate to a Pon-Shleite, after the hard work of several Sheltie fanciers to secure separate clasification for the breed. It is therefore most satisfactory to know the certificate was awarded to the exhibit which, though not perfect yet in all points conformed nearest to the recognised standard of the breed, and is known by experienced fanciers to be bred from the purest Sheltie blood obtainable.

It appears to bhe that much of this talk of Collie type areises from the unfortunate use of the word "Follie" in the standard; had the general appearance been described as "a lilth, active dog, showing speed, enduracne and intelligence" with "ideal height 12 inches at the shoulder at maturity," much of this diversity of opinion would never have arisen. Sureley what we want is a Shetland Sheepdog, not a miniature present-day show Collie, which some exhibitors appear to want.

As to the Pom-sheltie, that has already been ably dealt with in T. Wilkinson's letter. A.H.Shove Hon. Sec. English Shetland Sheepdog Club

(To the Editor of The Illustrated Kennel News.)

"Sir, - your correspondent E. Dawson admits there is a common ancestry between the Collie and Sheltie, then, why say it is a quibble to assert that they are two varieties of the same breed?

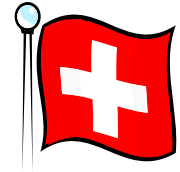
It is nonsense, to say that this so-called "cross" will introduce excessive size into the breed. She overlooks the fact, like some others, that the breed is not yet established, and if only she will exercise a little patience, size will come all right in time.

Rome was not built in a day, neither shall we get "collies in miniature" from the Pom-headed specimens so predominant to-day.

I should advise your correspondent and the others who think the Shetland Sheepdog to be of pur lineage to take a trip to Shetland and find out, as I have done, what a "Shetland Collie" really is. "NICKUM"



Hello Sheltie breeders and Fans all around the world!



My name is Pierre Coro and I'm breeding Shelties in Switzerland under the Kennel name "des Dunes de Platon". I'm breeding together with an other person, Pascale Uva with the Kennel "du Clos des Eperviers". We have together 10 Shelties. www.leclousedseperviers.ch

The Swiss breeders are managed by the SSSC (Swiss Shetland Sheepdog Club), which was created in 1954.

Our breed system is Swiss specific with many controls and a particular selection system for the future breed dogs. Mrs Ursula Gerber is managing the Swiss breeders for the SSSC:

INTERVIEW with Mrs Ursula Gerber, Breed controller:

1) Can you describe your work as Breed controller?

The breed controller has the entire responsibility for the Breed system in Switzerland. We have a reglementation with hard rules which every breeder has to follow. I have to check that all breeders are working with this reglementation.



2) What kind of work do you have to do?

My job contains:

- a) Control of the Mating declaration
- b) Controlling the Litter declaration that it comes on time to get the pedigrees as soon as possible.
- c) Breed control. Every Breeder has to be controlled once a year, usually together with a litter control.
- D) Organisation of the breed selection. Every dog that's designated for breed has to follow our selection. The List of the selected dogs will be sent to the SKG because in Switzerland no dog will be accepted in the breed before he has been presented during a breed selection. It's my job to organize the breed selection and to send the list of the accepted dogs to the SKG..
- e) I have to make statistics about the annual breed report.
- f) And last but not least it's very important to have a good contact to the breeders and to help them in a professional manner when they encounter problems.

3) How long did you take this responsibility by the Swiss Shetland Sheepdog Club?

I started 6 years ago and I have to say that I'm doing this job with much pleasure.

4) Why do you think that it's important to control the breeders?

Personally, and as the animal protection say: our dogs have to get respect and a good quality of life. That's why I find those controls very important.

5) Can you tell us in a few words about the Breed selection in Switzerland?

Like I mentioned in question 2 in Switzerland you can only breed with a dog that has passed the breed selection. It will be judged by a judge who knows perfectly the standards of the Sheltie. The character will be as much important as the exterior.

6) What are your goals for the future?

My goal for the future is that all the Swiss breeders could better work together cause many people together can reach more as each one alone.

Our goal is also breeding typical Shelties, healthy with a good character, which are so near as possible to the FCI Standard. But this goal is not really easy to reach, because there is much jealousy between breeders and unfortunately it's not possible to work together under those conditions. I really regret this fact.

7) You are also breeding Shelties, how do both tasks complement each other?

Yes, I breed Shelties and it's very important and normal for me to respect the reglementation and I want to be controlled like every other breeder. There is no advantage for my breed, even being the breed controller.

8) What is your opinion about the Selections system in Switzerland?

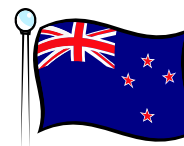
I find our system very good because without this system the Sheltie Type, the Health and the character will not receive enough attention. Other way the danger could be that every Sheltie would be used for breeding.

Thank you Mrs Ursula Gerber taking time for us.

Our next report will be concerning the International Show Animalia Lausanne.

Best wishes from Switzerland!





NEW ZEALAND

Visiting shelties recently took top honours at the Upper Hutt Kennel Association championship shows held in Wellington. Under Mrs D Brown, Auckland (Group) and Mrs S Burnside of Hawke's Bay (General Specials), NZ Ch Hillswick Storm Cloud (imp Aust) owned by Ray and Lee Greer of Auckland went through to Reserve Best in Show.

The junior bitch Nigma Melliodora (imp Aust) won the bitch CC and with it her championship title for owners Barrie and Phillipa Keetley visiting from Christchurch. Of interest is that both these Australian imports are sired by Aust Ch Milesand Storm-in Norman (imp UK); and it is noteworthy that NZ breeders have brought over four dogs and two bitches sired by this dog. Local dog Ch Edenmist Logan's Run owned by Jeanine Bishop and handled by B Keetley won NZ Bred of Group.

The second day of competition saw NZ Ch Hillswick Storm Cloud (imp Aust) go one step better under Mrs K Hardwick of Auckland, who judged both Group and General Specials, when he took Best in Show. Ch Edenmist Logan's Run again won NZ Bred of Group, with the Greer's puppy Shelton Sumafansea winning the bitch CC and Puppy in Show. Best Junior of Group was Nigma Melliodora (imp Aust). NZ Ch Hillswick Storm Cloud's success follows his Best in Group win at the Northern Classic held earlier in May.

There are few shows on now that winter has the country in its grip, so the attention of NZKC members is turning to the upcoming Annual Conference of Delegates at the end of June. Several sheltie folk will be in attendance as delegates representing various All Breed clubs. There will be a vote for the NZKC Presidency with nominations received from Mrs L Chalmers of Christchurch and Mr J Perfect from Nelson; and also for the four North Island executive councillors with there being five nominations. The South Island places on Executive have been automatically filled with only four names having been received.

Micro chipping of all first time registrations with territorial authorities commences in New Zealand on 1 July 2006 – but not without some belated protesting. This Government legislation was passed in 2003 along with other measures relating to breeds perceived to be “dangerous”. The NZKC under former President Ray Greer supported micro chipping in 2003. However, two and a half years later the viewpoint is that the measure will not stop dogs biting, and the NZKC is supporting the Federated Farmers in their bid to have the legislation repealed. Sheltie breeders have varying attitudes to this new requirement, but what has to be remembered is that before too long, chipping will be a requirement ahead of some mandatory testing required by the NZKC for inherited diseases.

In conclusion, congratulations to Charles on his vision in launching the United Sheltie magazine, and we shall all look with interest at contributions from around the world on sheltie happenings.

Barbara Hearn
Dunedin, NZ



Feb. 5, 1915 The Shetland Sheepdog (to the Editor of "Our Dogs".)

Sir, - May I, as one very much interested in the Shetland Sheepdog add a few more words to those already published by other breeders. To my mind, the more we are able to breed the Shetland Sheepdog up to the standard of the present-day Collie, the more popular it will become and after carefully reading Mr. Packwood's little book "Show Collies" I see no reason why we should not succeed in time, without the aid of any cross-breeding. Already I have seen two or three dogs with very nice flat heads of true Collie type.

But the question of height does not seem to me to be generally understood. Mr. Packwood distinctly says that the height of a Collie should be about 22 in. at the shoulder. Therefore as we take the Collie standard of points for the Sheltie, the Sheltie should measure 12 in. at the should, too. Several dogs in the show ring stand higher than that, and many more are under that average. To have Shelties under the average of 12 in is to bring them down to the level of Toy dogs, which is not quite what we are aiming for, as I understand it. NOVICE

(To the Editor of "Our Dogs")

"Sir - a Shetland Sheepdog Breeder" quite unintentionally pays a decided compliment to the introducer of the miscalled Collie Sheltie "cross" when he states "that as soon as this cross was introduced the rule was promptly altered to meet it," which, of course showed that the majority of the members of the Scottish Shetland Sheepdog Club desired this type, and of which majority I gather from his letter he is one.



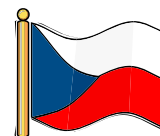
I am not aware of any alteration of the size or departure therefrom. The standard still states "Ideal height 12 in., etc." and surely you would not want to disqualify a dog if he is a few inches over this height or you must disqualify them for being as much under. I quite agree that they should be penalised, but that is a question for the judge.

There has been far too much bunkum written and said about size. Wait until they can be seen at one show all one type before you say anything more about size.

He also says: "This new type may be all very well as Miniature Collies." Well, what do all the club standards ask for but Collies in Miniature?

My advice to "Shetland Sheepdog Breeder" is to mate his bitches to the "new type" and breed Miniature Collies, or, as they are now names, Shetland Sheepdogs, and not waste time trying to convince anyone there is an original type of "Shetland Collie," or he will be decidedly left in the lurch - Yours, etc., "NICKUM"





The breeding of Shelties in the Czech Republic began in 1960, when the first litter after the Austrian bitch “Astrid v. Langbathal” and German dog “Golden Boy v. Haus Marwei” was recorded. Soon, more litters followed, mainly by Shelties imported from the eastern part of Germany, it was the only option for the Czech breeders in those days.



Int. Ch. Nike z Litomerickych strain-1970

Back then, the political situation in our country did not allow travelling outside the Eastern Bloc so it was very difficult to import dogs or realise abroad matings. The situation was also complicated by financial problems. For the Czech breeders importing a dog was very expensive. Most of the imports or matings could be accomplished only with help of family members or friends abroad.

The situation changed after 1989, after the regime changed. That meant a big development for Czech breeding. Several dogs were imported to the Czech Republic – from the UK, Germany, Italy, Finland, Estonia etc... Some breeders soon took advantage from the travelling possibilities and mated their bitches with good quality dogs from other countries. That enlarged our basis and the Sheltie breeding got onto a higher level.



Int. Ch. Gary z Cerninske tvrže-1978

Great influence on popularity of the Shelties have certainly agility competitions, in which the Shelties are very successful which makes people interested in this nice and intelligent breed. Even though our country is small, every year more than 300 Sheltie puppies are registered. At special or club dog shows usually about 70 Shelties are entered. Present Czech breeding has

very good quality and our Shelties are successful, even on many prestigious dog shows in other European countries.

Mlada Svobodova

J. Ch. Petite Caline Moravia Classic-2005



CONGRATULATIONS to Bob Miller !!

We received news from Canada which we wish to share with you. We invite you to read the letter which Bob Miller received from the Canadian Shetland Sheepdog Association.

As Secretary of the Canadian Shetland Sheepdog Association, I am pleased to announce that Dr. Robert (Bob) Miller has been voted into Honourary Membership in the Canadian Shetland Sheepdog Association by it's members (our first ever Honourary Member). As all of you know, Bob does a tremendous amount of work with Sheltie pedigrees and titles. It is apparent to our Club and our membership that it would be impossible for us to verify our titles, pedigrees and statistics without Bob Miller's help, which has always been most generously offered.

We started with this process in February of 2006 and our entire membership voted by secret ballot. There was an overwhelming, positive response, the likes of which we have not received in any other vote. Bob Miller's Honourary Membership was announced at our Annual General Meeting on June 1, 2006 to the deafening, prolonged applause of those present.

From our constitution:

"Honourary members shall have been elected by the voting members of the Corporation in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Corporation and/or its predecessor, the Canadian Shetland Sheepdog Association. The award of an honourary membership shall be made following receipt by the Corporation of a nomination from a minimum of five regular members of the Corporation, and approval of 75% of the regular members, with such approval to be held by secret ballot. An honourary member is entitled to all privileges of membership but shall have no right to vote or hold office, and shall continue their membership without payment of annual fees to the Corporation."

I'm also happy to say that this did not leak out, I informed Bob by phone this morning of his new status in our Club.

Congratulations Bob!!

Jo Ann Pavey, Secretary

Canadian Shetland Sheepdog Association



Bob and his Peg



September 26, 1924, Critique of show in Dundee, September 24, judge Mr. Sam Crabtree

“A. Wendy, black and tan, good head, eyes, and ears, capital body, nice coat, legs and feet. C. Lassie, a fawn and white, good head, ears and coat, but shown too fat. F. Elma, a black and tan, nice head, ears, body and coat. F. Victrix neat head, but failed in ear carriage, nice quality head, good body and coat. Puppies: Lady Clash, good head and coat, but on the big side. S. Kaffir does not resemble his names, as he is a light sable and white, fair head, prick ears, nice body and coat.

October 3, 1924, Critique of show, Alexandra Palace, judge Mr. Chris Houlker

Shetland Sheepdogs were the best and biggest entry seen for years. Wistonian Pixie won in puppies and he is a youngster that will have to be reckoned with in the future because his anatomy is all right; he moves with freedom, has plenty of bone, only his ears are just a bit high at present. Walesby Species is attractive in head and ears, is well set up in body, losing in coat. Purley Aim is still another good puppy, with a sweet head and ears, good body, but light in eye. Larkbeare Cracknell is a typical little dog, with a good head, handicapped by being out of coat. Juniors were prepeats and in limit class Primus, a black and tan was premier on account of his short back, good head and ears, and general quality. Holly of Greyhill came close up to her conqueror; a sable and white, she has a lovely head, well-carried ears, a very nice body, and was in fairly good coat. The open class was a hot one, led by Ch. Specks of Mountford, who got the challenge certificate; his intense qualities are known to all, so it is enough to say he was in grand trim. There were eight in junior bitches, where the 2nd was Janie Marie of Mountford, whose contour is A1; she has plenty of bone, has a good head, and she got her ears up; she was not in coat. Queen of Mountford was one of the best movers in the show, and she shines in head and ears, and is short in body, which wants furnishing. Lady Park was the champion bitch; a dark sable, there was nothing to approach her in coat, whilst she is well set up in body and has a good head she might set herself better.



The Shetland Sheepdog in Portugal Past, Present & Future



After I saw my first Shetland I fall in love with the breed immediately. It was during an agility trial. That fast, happy and beautiful dog doing a clean and fast agility trial caught my attention and my hearth. The bug stayed inside and it was clear to me that one day a sheltie would join my family. The time came faster than expected, after the sudden death of my agility toy poodle. The day before this tragic event we went to an agility seminar where 4 shelties from Spain were present, they belong to the Balager family, an agility judge and also an agility handler. Each family member had his one sheltie and all from the same kennel De Casa Ferma. I asked their help to find a sheltie and within a week Kaiba de Casa Ferma was in Portugal, named Isa, after my daughter Isabela, her true owner.



The love for this great breed grows and grows and of course also the interest in the breed situation in Portugal. After some research at the Portuguese Kennel Club I found some very surprising facts about this breed. Apparently in Portugal the sheltie is not well known at all, taking into consideration the registration number of the past years. But let's start from the beginning.

The first Sheltie registered in Portugal was a tricolour male named Kim-Rose v.d. Rosenschulen born on 22/2/1965 that was imported from Germany. He was registered in Portugal with the LOP nr. 12689 in 1966. The parents of Kim-Rose were Assy v. d. Monchsburg and Liemet vom Tierfreund. His breeder was Mr Bernhard Stehmann and was imported by a Portuguese lady, Mrs Silvia Ferreira.

In the same year two other dogs were imported by Mrs Margaret Haner. A sable male named Laddie of Irving and a sable female called Lassie of Irving. Together they produced the first litter to be born in Portugal. A litter of one sable female named Lady registered with the LOP nr. 14103, who was sold to Mr Mario Guia.

Since that time until now 118 Shelties were registered in Portugal. From these 18 were imported and the others were born in Portugal.

The imported dogs came mainly from Spain and England. Of these the ones that contributed for the breed divulgation in shows, agility or has producers were: Kelgrove Cordelia, Ruscombe Starlit Night, Limargar's Blue Cascade over Ruscombe and Valjon Light Up the Sky owned by Mr. Belarmino Martins from the Belaju Kennels and Damisel de la Casa Ferma owned by Mrs Jandira Pereira who was very successful in the show ring.

Regarding the most recent years the sheltie overview is not the best for the breed. Since 2000 only 7 dogs were imported and registered at the Portuguese kennel club and a litter of 5 pups was born in Portugal. A total of 12 dogs were registered at the Portuguese stud book in the past 6 years.

Nowadays there are 3 shelties that are doing their best to promote the breed either on the show ring or in the agility ring. Competing in agility and twice a representative of Portugal at the Agility World Dog show Spot Zippy de Mafalda's a sable male owned by Mr. Gonalo Amorin and giving their first steps in the agility world Clarion de Casa Ferma a sable female

owned by Mrs Sara Luis and Kayla de Casa Ferma a sable female owned by Mr. Rui Alves Monteiro from the Casa Mont'Alves Kennel.

For the future the breed can count with the help of 3 Portuguese enthusiasts. Rui Alves Monteiro from the Casa Mont'Alves Kennel, Sara Luis a true crazy sheltie lover and also Mrs Ana Sousa who recently imported a sable female from Belgium.



These 3 people are devoted to bring the sheltie to the show ring, the agility ring and the Press to let the public get in touch with this fascinating breed. More Shelties can be expected in Portugal. A new import will arrive from the Green Paradise Kennel in Germany and this year the Casa Mont'Alves Kennel is planning its second litter by Faradale Frisbee for Grandbables and Kayla de Casa Ferma.

At the show ring the shelties that appear in shows come mostly from France and south of Spain and occasionally the Skeldale Kennel from Holland presents its dogs.

I strongly believe that the future for the shelties in Portugal will be of great success, the breed has what it takes to be adorable and conquer the Portuguese families, with the support of all that own shelties in Portugal and from the friendly kennels abroad who help us. Specially to the Skeldale, Green Paradise, Dawnville and Wijnmeer kennels a big thank you from the Portuguese sheltie lovers.

Rui Alves Monteiro
Casa Mont'Alves
Laekenois & Shelties



Hello all of you !



My name is Inna and I am from Estonia.

At our British Sheepdogs speciality were 75 dogs entered but only 11 Shelties.

My bred dog WCL Miller was BOS and BIS Junior and White Coastal-BIS2 breeder.

BOB was Dinaa female “Scandyline Wisp of Sun”(she was at first BOS junior and Miller was BOB junior, best dog)Female was BOB and at last she was with Miller again and judge changes places and the the female was BOB.



White Coastal Miller



Kennel White Coastal

It was a little weird, that after 30 minutes the female was better than the male!?

I has one female in open class, she is 37cm,but Stella (the judge)told that she is big. Dina(a fellow breeder) told me the day before, that Stella likes small sable Shelties.

Miller’s sister was BOB4.BOB3 was “Sommerville Fast Arrow”. Mayday is also 36cm,Miller 37.But Stella liked Miller very much. He is a very good, typical Sheltie with very good head, sweet expression, very nice size, a very good mover and he has a very good temper. I think that at the age of 1 year and 4 months, he is a very nice dog. His father is “Lundecoocks Give Me Hope” The BOB female has the same father. Miller is now an Estonian junior champion and can take CC’s next year after the age of 2 .

I include some photos.

Best wishes from Inna



***Sommerville
Fast Arrow***



Miller Mayday

SHELTIES IN CANADA



Hi you all! A bit of a regional update for those overseas. Bear with me please. Canada has a population less than one-tenth of the United States even though we do have a big area to cover. From the West Coast of British Columbia (the Pacific Ocean) to the Atlantic Provinces is roughly 3500 miles. YES! I did say MILES. We have ten Provinces with approximately five breeders in any one given Province. Ontario is well above THAT number.

In the main the Shetland Sheepdog in Canada takes its roots from imports from The United States. e.g. ALL of my Shelties can be traced back to Peter (Sea Isle) or Pocono lines...We did have a few Eastern Breeders such as Malcolm Stevens/Hjalti Shelties who bred from English imports but they are long since gone.

As you can see it would be a Herculean task to outline all of the breeders in Canada.

If this is wanted I can attempt it in my next post. In Canada we are caught betwixt and between. Everything I learned was from the United Kingdom. Everything I saw was from the United States.

When I began in 1962 or thereabouts I could wash a Sheltie and take him or her in the ring. We had three day clusters in those days as well as benched shows. As the week-end progressed so did the grooming :-). Judges looked for structure and perhaps stops plus expression. A good coat didn't hurt but really you could win without a profuse one.

Breeders in Canada are for the most part 'isolated'. It is quite a distance to the next recognized kennel and most of us meet at the U.S. Nationals lol! Perhaps the worst part of all of this is that judges no longer look for the basics as they have been programmed by the Beauty Parlour Grooming :-(We can finish almost anything given the time/money and effort lol!

We have some really good Shelties and some equally good breeders but for the most part handlers do the showing and anything can get a title. If I seem to be belittling Canadian Shelties it is just being written as I see it now. For those of you interested it might prove enlightening to peruse the winners at the ASSA Specialties for the past ten or so years. We line breed for the most part and concentrate on eliminating the unwanted and enhancing what the standard calls for.

Joseph C. Brant
Satelier Shetland Sheepdogs
Estb'd 1964 - Perm Reg'd
judge of 5 groups in Canada
Judges # 01603

Hilmar's Bubblin' Over-1957





October 3, 1924 Shetland Sheepdog Type (To the Editor of "Our Dogs")

"Sir, - Under "Shetland Sheepdogs Shearings" Miss Grey says that one club only (and luckily for the Sheltie fancy, only one club), the English Shetland Sheepdog Club, accepted the show Collie standard approximately. Surely any standard must be clear and well defined, and Miss Grey must realize that the word "approximately" allows great elasticity to the standard, in fact, sufficient to result in reductio ad absurdum. The Collie standard has stood the test of all these years, and has been found good enough for all the other Sheltie clubs, and I am sure that Sheltie breeders cannot do better than follow the advice given by the Editor in his book "Show Dogs" and Mr. W. Hally in Our Dogs of September 12, two sound, practical breeders.

Miss Grey also speaks of the Borzoi head of the modern show Collie. Miss Grey should confine her writings to Shelties, for she evidently does not know a great deal about either the modern or the show Collie of twenty years ago. Collies to-day are as near the standard as they were twenty years ago, and are certainly more uniform in type, as of course they should be. The outcry of Borzoi type in Collies simply shows that these squealers know nothing either of the Borzoi or Collie, and to say you can judge brains by width of skull is as ridiculous as to judge a runner by the size he wears in boots.



Come along, you Shetland Sheepdog breeders; profit by the advice of men who have helped to produce the modern show dog. You have made great progress in getting more uniform type, and, to my mind, you have made more progress in the last twelve months than in the previous ten years. Take it from me, one of the greatest difficulties in Collies is to get the "standard" eye and ear. Concentrate on these points for the next five years, and you go a long way towards getting "character".

When a show is on, don't sit alongside your dog as though he is what so many think - a Toy. Go to study the Collies and watch the judging; keep your ears open, and seek advice. At any rate, study the best points of the Collies shown, and get them fixed. Apologising for the space taken up, but my only plea is that I am at least a Sheltie well-wisher. Yours, etc. M.T. Kenny.



(To the Editor of "Our Dogs")

"Sir - There have been 10 challenge certificates offered in England and Scotland so far in 1924 for Shetland Sheepdogs, and eight of these have been won by Collie-bred Shelties. That ought to be enough for anyone - Yours, etc. "Scotch Lassie"





A working dog ...

We all know from the standard that the sheltie is a working dog. – But what sort of jobs do shelties then perform? Here comes one with a very special and untraditional job!

Swedish bred and owned 2½ year bitch Geena (Wild-east Miss Secret Service, by DKCH Rambye's Bodyguard, after SAgCH, FINAgCH, INTAgCH Maribell's Yambalaya, lives in Helsingborg on the rocky Swedish west coast. There she is being trained as a member of the National Swedish Sea Rescue Dog Service. All of them the size of an Alsatian or Retriever. Geena is the first sheltie – and the first smaller sized dog – to undergo this special training. (She is seen with her owner to the far left).

The training of Swedish dogs for sea rescue is very new. So far only three dogs have been certified for this totally voluntary service. But the number will shortly increase substantially.



A sea rescue dog is basically trained as a "land" rescue dog as we know them from the TV, searching and rescuing victims after earthquakes, volcano eruptions, hurricanes, tsunamis or terrorist attacks, whatever disasters modern life brings to us in our daily life. And then in addition to this training the sea rescue dog is trained to do the same search and rescue job at the water, in the water and under the water. Searching for and rescuing missing persons, alive or dead. It is all done in close collaboration with Coast Guard and Police. In the rescue team the dogs have "jours" where dog and owner are ready for operation within 15 minutes.

There is an official scheme for the training, and the dogs have to pass an examination quarterly. It is a frightening scheme. For example the dogs shall be able to find a person in water in depths up to 25 m. and within an area of 1 km. times 1 km. (There are methods for searching a given area). And from a boat the dog shall be able to mark direction to missing persons, dead or alive, in and under water. Further the dogs shall be able to work effectively without pausing until at least three missing persons are found.

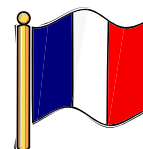
This is no game, this is serious and lifesaving work! And still in the training giving the sheltie (and other breeds, what do we know?) and its owner a lot of fun and closeness to each other.

Apart from being trained as a sea rescue dog Geena runs a little agility but has never been at show. And most possibly never will as her owner is not interested. Alas, for she would surely do well in the ring. Her litter sister has been shown twice, both times got a RCC.

Mogens Friis Andersen, Denmark
Owner to Geenas' father



Geena and training mates.



Hi all, here some news from France.

On April 15th and 16th, 2006 held our national club show at CHECY (centre of France).

Big entries as 212 shelties were present from all over France.

During those two days, everybody could find what he likes as we had the conformation show, agility, herding tests and character tests . The character test is the reason why we needed two national club shows every year.

This year, for conformation, we had 3 judges: Mr Boris CAVILLAC for female puppies and junior bitches.

Mr THEBAULT judged all the males and Mr LARIVE judged intermediate class bitches, open class bitches and champion bitch class.

Here are the main winners :

CACS bitches from open class were :

SHELTIE FAUVE DU CEDRE ENCHANTE owner
Mme MOREAU BONDU Valérie
She was also BOS



RCACS was **VALTZ LA BLEUE DE L'ESTERAZUR DU LAC** owner Mme DUCHESNE Mireille

CACS males from open class were:



USHI BI OF WIND RIVER owner M.
GILLET Serge

RCACS was
VARENNE DES BORDES ROUGES
owner M. et Mme
DIOS Catherine(no
photo)

BOB male was **PHLOX BLEU DU GRAND PRE D'ORTIGNAC** owner Mme LUBINEAU Cécile. He came from champion class.

Best wishes from Gianni Brancatisano, France





A memorable happy birthday

Most people would only write about their “golden oldies” when the sadness for their loss fades, letting them think with nostalgia about the old good days.

Instead, I thought to write this article about my beautiful Emma in the day of her 15th birthday, to share with all my friends the joy and the pleasure to have her here, still healthy and unbelievably charming at such a great age.

Her registered name is “Sonymer Seductress to Mohnesee”. She was born on June 6th 1991 and bred by Mrs A.Latimer. She was from one of the last litters by GB Ch.”Crisanbee Goldsmith at Myriehewe”, out of a grand daughter of GB “Ch. Sonymer Sheena”.

A really wonderful pedigree with the most interesting lines of those days little Emma brought to Kay Hateley of kennel Mohnesee, joining her full older sister Trudie, better known as GB Ch. Sonymer Sorcureess to Mohnesee”, mother of the famous GB Ch. “Mohnesee the Sorcerer. Emma and Richie (so the Sorcerer was called at home) grew up together, although she was his (younger) aunt.

Kay tells me she was a naughty puppy, with a true passion for football, which she used to play in every possible occasion with Kay’s son Jonathan, but then somehow she became the well mannered gentle lady we have had the pleasure to live with for more than 10 years.

While I was living in England for my job, I met Kay for the first time at a summer show, can’t remember which one it was, and later on I went to visit her at home with my friend Anna Albrigo of kennel di Selvaspina. Kay had very few dogs at that time, all sparkling golden boys and girls, but our eyes were only for Emma whose expression was the sweetest we had ever seen.



Aged 5 years

It was not much later when Kay had to go to live abroad for family circumstances, therefore she offered us to have Emma.

What a wonderful surprise was that telephone call. Everything was arranged to have her mated at her next season to the famous GB Ch.” Herds the Helmsman” and to come to live with Anna about 6 months later, just a couple of weeks before whelping a lovely litter of four, two boys and two girls, who were delivered on Valentine’s day in 1996.

From that litter of four, three were quite successful in the show ring, in fact the little male “Scotch Whisky di Selvaspina” became an Italian Champion, the bitch” Singing in the Rain di Selvaspina” became also an Italian Champion and her sister “She’s Like the Wind di Selvaspina” became junior warrant as well as Italian and international Champion.

This last one, came to live with me when she was 6 months and two years later gave me the greatest gift of my life, my multi champion “True Love di Selvaspina” who was awarded 10 championship titles and 43 CACIB’s in 6 different countries at the time of writing.

But that is going far too fast, let's go Through Emma's story first.

She wasn't shown a lot, as our priority was to have some litters from her, and with hindsight that was a wise decision, as we now have a lovely bloodline which started from her. Nevertheless she became an Italian Champion, with 6 consecutive tickets, and 4 placements in the group.

She has always loved her puppies, being a prolific wonderful mother in every litter she had. In her second litter in Italy, by multi champion "Fall River of Blue Tails", she produced the Italian Ch. "Sound of Silence di Selvaspina", and in her last litter by Ch. "Never Say Never of Blue Tails", she produced the lovely brood bitch "Supernatural Gold di Selvaspina", who produced herself two champions, the dog Ch. "Caribbean Holiday di Selvaspina" and the bitch Ch. "Cristal Chanel di Selvaspina".

It was December 2001 when I asked Anna permission to let me take Emma at home, just to take my Christmas card's photo. I wanted to feature the four generations of bitches, from Seductress to her daughter She's Like the Wind, to her daughter True Love, to her daughter Tinker Bell, who was born the year before from True Love to Emma's son Sound of Silence.



The photo was taken and it is always so nice to look at it, but it was just impossible to let Emma go back to Anna, and although I knew she was one of the favourites at Selvaspina's, Anna's was very generous and let me keep Emma at home. She steals hearts, nobody can resist to this charming girl, and all my family didn't make an exception to that rule.

It was in the late summer 2003 when one day, out of the blue, she had a stroke, and in less than a half an hour she fell into a deep neurological coma. What a shock it was for us, but all the family, spontaneously, were immediately and totally committed to do everything possible for her. Our vet was fantastic, but he said later that, although we couldn't have done anything more than we did, he wasn't building any hope to see again Emma fit and healthy.

We didn't know that, so every single moment of the day and of the night, for a full month, was only for Emma. Maybe it was for the medical cares, maybe it was for the enthusiasm we put for her recovery, that one day she woke up from the coma. I remember, when I phoned my vet, he couldn't believe his ears.

The bad luck didn't want to leave us in those days, and in fact about one month later, while I was giving her a bath, I felt a little lump in her breast. That was soon diagnosed as a malignant cancer. A decision had to be made, but what a difficult time. I am glad we decided to take the risk to have her on the surgery table, as the cancer was successfully removed and since then, Emma had one of the most brilliant periods of her life.

Not only she was healthy and happy again, but her beauty seemed to increase as time was going on. No hesitation I had to enter her at our main national spring club show, where for three consecutive years she was best veteran in show under breed specialists: Mr G.Sambucco (I), Mrs Doreen Greenhill (GB), Miss M.Gatheral (GB).



Aged 15 years

We are all grateful for every moment we have been blessed to have her. I now realize, after writing this article, that if we hadn't had Emma, the breed in Italy wouldn't have been the same, and I wouldn't certainly have the pleasure to be welcomed with such an enthusiastic barking every time I come back from work.



Aged 15 years



Aged 15 years

Happy Birthday my beautiful Emma!

Alfredo Gili, Italy



The European Winner –show 2006 was held in Finland, in Helsinki Messukeskus 9th -11th of June 2006. There were 67 Shetland Sheepdogs entered from Finland, Hungary, Russia, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Latvia. The judge was the Spanish Poodle-breeder Carlos Fernandez Renau from kennel Delzarzoso. He judged the dogs fast, giving a critic with a few lines of each dog and finished his job in three hours.

Renau chose European Winner 2006 CAN CH PMV-05 “Grandgables A Showy Fellow”, (breeder Guy Jeavons & Mark McMillan, Canada own. Marita Axi). Fella got both the certificate and CACIB and became also FIN & EST CH. Open class dog “Ha-Dar Winning Edge”, bred by Nevadan Robin Sawn and owned by Norwegian Laila Lauritzen, got the reserve-CC and res-CACIB.



Grandgables A Showy Fellow



Ha-Dar Winning Edge

Best bitch was a champion bitch, FIN & S CH

“St.Kilda’s Norwegian

Pride”, (breeder Laila Lauritzen, Norway, own. Marguerite Nyman) who got CACIB. Res-CACIB went to the Finnish “Smart Move Wild Cherrey”, bred by Kati Kouvalainen and owned by Minna Saarelainen.



St.Kilda’s Norwegian Pride

RES-CC went to the Russian “Lady My Dream Iz Grafskogo Pomestija”, owned by Galina Grafshina from Russia. There were no veteran males entered so the European Veteran Winner and BOB-veteran was a veteran bitch, FIN CH “Peltsun Rami-Disbaby” bred & owned by Tuulikki & Kirsi Peltoniemi.



Smart Move Wild Cherrey

Peltsun Rami-Disbaby



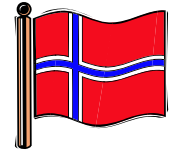
The European Juniorwinner titles went to the Finnish “Bridemoor’s Black Nightwish”, bred & own Siw Kalvia and Marita Axi and to” Sunsweet Biggest Dream”, bred & own Marita Axi. There were three bitch puppies entered in the puppy class and the tricolour bitch” Dawnville All In Over The Top”, was the best of the puppies. She is bred by the Dutch breeder Marcella Koenen and owned by the Finns Aki & Pauliina Järvelä.

There were shown two breeder classes, Marcithall & Sunsweet who both got honour prize. The judge chose kennel Sunsweet, owned by Marita Axi, to the BOB-breeder. The results can be found at

[http://www.shetlanninlammaskoirat.fi/index.php?action\[\]=IArticleShow::showArticle\(7549\)](http://www.shetlanninlammaskoirat.fi/index.php?action[]=IArticleShow::showArticle(7549))

ERI means excellent, EH means very good and H means good.

Pauliina Järvelä, Finland (© photos : Noora Suurnäkki)



The Shetland Sheepdog-one gene-pool and one breed!

Recently a serious matter has come up for discussion in our breed. During the winter of 2005/6, certain individuals in Norway began a campaign to split the Shetland Sheepdog breed into two different breeds, one American and one United Kingdom. The following article was submitted for publication in the Norwegian Sheltie Club's magazine's summer 2006-issue. The article was rejected by the Board, although it answered many of the questions arising out of this issue. The article was originally addressed to the Scandinavian Sheltie-fancy. However, since this is a world-wide concern, it should be of interest to all Sheltie owners/breeders.

At the English Shetland Sheepdog Club's Annual General Meeting in March 2006, the following proposal was made:

"Given the potential impact of the introduction to Europe of the American Type of Shetland Sheepdog, the Committee proposes that representations should be made to the Kennel Club with a view to identifying a method of protecting the true breed type."

This proposal will probably be presented to the Breed-Council later this year and to the other English clubs as a result of the decision by the ESSC at this meeting.

During the discussion at the meeting, it was made clear that there was no wish to split the breed. Suggestions focused on ways of maintaining the type of Sheltie described in the UK Breed Standard. These included the instruction and training of judges, the selection of dogs used in breeding, and returning to the UK Breed Standard wording which had been previously removed.

In Norway, certain individuals started a campaign and collected signatures to petition the Norwegian Shetland Sheepdog Club to bring before the Norwegian Kennel Club a request to split the breed. Although, this was a Norwegian initiative, it impacts breeders world-wide. Consequently foreign breeders brought the subject up in their own clubs for discussion. A leader of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) stated to one of these clubs that a split was not at all what they wanted. A comment which was very comforting for most of breeders world-wide who wish one breed and one common gene-pool preserved for the future.

Sadly, those who sought to split the breed in Norway used biased information and carefully selected pictures in their campaign. In the Norwegian club magazine of November 2006, there was an article written by a breeder/judge in support of splitting the breed. The biased information in this article could easily mislead new and inexperienced breeders. In its opposition to American Shelties, it distorted the rules for club membership, breeding, colors, and health issues.

The proper way to approach such an important question would be to include all clubs and breeders worldwide, in discussing the issue, researching the facts and the impact, and determining what is best for the future of the breed. To contrive such important issues in secret causes dissension and great bitterness, and will ultimately damage the breed.

When the Norwegian Clubs board and editor printed the article, without any remarks, it appeared they supported splitting the breed. The club's name was even used in the campaign

of those who seek to split the breed. Later, the club commented upon some of the statements in the article, and offered to allow an article to be printed in the next issue explaining the subject more and offering more points of view, but this article was rejected at the last minute.

Our common breed base.

We have a breed originally from the Shetland Islands. Around 1900 some animals were imported to Scotland. Of approximately 46 stud-registered dogs, half were tri colour. There were 11 sables, with or without white markings, 8 black and white, 3 black and tan and 1 blue (not merled, but blue with white and tan). The breed had a very mixed development for hundreds of years; with exciting genetic contributions going all the way back to the time of the Vikings. Because of this varied list of ancestors, the breed provides us with huge challenges in breeding to the correct type according to our Standard. We suppose that Collies were used up until the time between the two World Wars. However, there are only a few of the first registered dogs behind the present day Sheltie.

An important dog in the early breeding was UK Ch. Walesby Select. He became champion in his home-country, England, after the First World-War and was later exported to the USA. Select is behind many pedigrees today. Lerwick Jarl was another important dog and definitely behind the European lines. He was also much used in Canada. His lines dominated the first champions in UK. The first US Champion, Jarl's brother, is the only import to the USA before the Second World War to have living descendants today.

Butcher Boy from 1915 was the start of the BB line, and is behind most modern UK lines. The First World War set breeding back. After the war, Teena, a Collie, was crossed with Wallace, a son of Butcher Boy. The offspring, War Baby, was never registered, but together with 4 bitches, had great influence on our breed. This is less so in America, because the American Kennel Club refused to register some of these off-spring of Collie-crosses. The UK continued to register them.

Between the World Wars, new lines were developed, including most of the Chestnut descendants. The CHE (Chestnut) line is almost gone in UK, only the BB line survives. The USA has mostly the CHE line. This is one of the very good reasons not to split the breed; thereby depriving all breeders of the availability of both lines. The modern American Sheltie is built on imports from the UK made to the USA between the two World Wars. The most important of these was US CH Wee Laird O'Downfield . Another important import was CH Peabody Pan.



Fanciers in England bred hard on the Houghton Hill and Exford-lines, on Nut of Houghton Hill in particular. Even today, almost all shelties can be traced back to War Baby and matings to Chestnut bitches. The further development in England is familiar to most of us.

This is only the briefest outline of the breed history and includes only a few dogs and lines. However it shows that we have one breed in common. Just as dogs were exported from UK to USA, English dogs were exported to Scandinavia, Europe and Australia with breeders continuing on from these exports.

Different countries - different types.

First row: Puppyheads 3 tricolour $\frac{1}{4}$ American $\frac{1}{2}$ UK. Right $\frac{1}{2}$ American $\frac{1}{2}$ UK lines.



Second row: Puppyheads $\frac{1}{2}$ German $\frac{1}{2}$ UK lines.



Third row: Puppyheads $\frac{1}{2}$ Australian $\frac{1}{2}$ UK lines.



Fourth row: Puppyheads pure UK lines.



The further development....

If we are honest and look at the breed with an open mind, we will find specific types within most countries and parts of the world; this despite the common base. I am tempted to say that some of the Australian dogs differ more from our FCI-Standard than many of the American dogs do. This is especially true for heads and expression, and they are often higher on their legs.

Germany, for instance, often has specific types, and the same can be said for France. In our kennel, we produced closer to the FCI-Standard using a half-American dog, than we did crossing the same UK bitch-line to an Australian import. The UK also has their sub-types, some with shorter two-piece heads and short bodies and poor angulation. They also have another type which is longer in body and head, has a coarser muzzle and eyes rather too small. Some dogs in UK are also lighter boned than we are accustomed to here in Scandinavia.

The Sheltie in Scandinavia has developed toward a more Standard-directed body type, with balance, length and good construction. But, this has often resulted in not so good heads lacking the correct eye-shape, and thus also lacking the extremely sweet and alert expression.

One reason for these differences is that each country has tended to breed within its own lines. Lately we have had much improved opportunities to combine lines from all over the world. We can travel to kennels far away and export and import because of the more open borders and better vaccination-programs. We are able to shop abroad for matings and correspond easily and instantaneously with distant breeders. We are able to examine pictures of dogs and study pedigrees on the internet. Because of all these changes, it is possible we will see a more consistent type in the future worldwide. The following tables shed important light upon the present situation, and highlight our interdependence and the need to work together.

Number of registered Shetland Sheepdogs in approximate figures, given by Mogens Friis Andersen, Denmark:

North-America

USA	32.000 (AKC & APR)	
Canada	2.800 (together)	34.800

<u>Australia</u>	900	900
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Europe excl. Scandinavia

UK	1.600	
France	850	
Holland	450	
Germany	500 (aprox.)	3.400

Scandinavia

Denmark	250	
Norway	400	
Sveeden	850	
Finland	700	2.200

<u>Total</u>		41.300
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We find small populations in Italy, East-Europe, South-Africa, Singapore, New-Zealand and Brazil.

If we calculate a dog living for around 12 years of age, it is supposed to be around 500.000 living shelties. 420.000 Or 84% in North-America alone, and only 16% in other parts of the world.

Import/exports to/from England in 2004/2005, given by Robert L.Miller, Barlo Shelties, USA:

Imports to England from other countries in 2004/2005:

Belgium	1	0
Germany	0	1
Ireland	3	16
Holland	0	1
Norway	1	0
USA	0	1

Exports from England to other countries in 2004/2005:

Austria	1	0
Australia	1	0
Belgium	1	0
Canada	1	3
Denmark	0	3
Finland	2	2
France	0	10
Germany	2	1
Italy	1	2
Latvia	0	1
Holland	5	2
Norway	2	3
Poland	1	0
Russia	1	2
Sveeden	8	7
Svitzerland	2	6
Ukrain	0	2
USA	4	3

The first rule in breeding is to use as broad a gene-pool as possible. We are now free to pick the pedigrees we want to work with to contribute to our own breeding stock. When we look at the past, we see that our Shelties in UK and Europe have been crossed to each other for more 50 years.

All purebred breeds are vulnerable to a constriction of the gene pool. Therefore our main task must be to preserve as much genetic diversity as possible. Each of us must make our personal choices when it comes to our breeding programs. Of course, we must follow the rules laid down by our governing organisations, but we must also make sure that when these rules are made they are intelligent and will contribute to the long term soundness, beauty, and charm of the Shetland Sheepdog now and in the future.



extreme "American type"?
CH. Grand Gables Dancing Major Tom pictures left on top.
 This the same dog groomed for show, and in daily life. American registered, ¼ UK, 1/4 Australian and ½ American pedigree. Picture under shows another dog groomed for show and in daily environment.



FIN Ch American Express of Swansea (over) American import to Finland. 3rd. Best Stud Dog in Finland in 2004/ nr. 4th. in 2005 with only 24 off-springs, where only 9 are entered at shows.



Poto:Timo Tuominen

Bumtsi Bum Flashy Bluebell,
 Half-American offspring from
FIN Ch American Express of Swansea, Finland.



FIN MVA Grandgables She Steals My Heart
 Canadian import to Finland (picture over).
 CC and placed at show under judges Lillian Hanniste, Soile Bister, Donna Saltau, Lena Eskills, Joyce Crawford Manton, Gunnel Holm, Svein Helgesen, Ritva Raita, Hans Lethinen, Jackie Perrie, Tamas Jakkell, Paivi Eerola, Elina and more.

Stabilizing the breed.....

Breeding both cats and dogs for 20 years, (100 litters in total, and nearly 300 off-spring), importing breeding-animals from many different countries, using new blood-lines and types and doing both line breeding and out crossing have revealed certain basic truths. The keys to achieving breeding goals are to always have in mind a clear picture of those goals and to possess a great deal of knowledge of your own breeding stock. Buying and constantly changing animals without knowing what you have around your feet will not achieve goals worthy of a dedicated breeder.

Our experience in out crossing to the different types and qualities of imports has demonstrated that you very rarely lose what you have created if the type you created is stable. Correct type will not be destroyed as long as you work intelligently and knowledgeably toward the Breed Standard. You may lose something for a generation or two, but you will be able to pick up again.

Selectively using new breeding-material from other parts of the world or other countries does not destroy a breed type. Used wisely, importations contribute improvements, add to the available diversity, and widen breeder choices. If importers follow the breed Standard of their own country, they will not create some new variety of Shetland Sheepdog. However, breeders who do not follow the Standard may well create a new variety without ever importing a single animal. Wise and prudent breeders import in order to achieve precise qualities of the Breed Standard which their breeding program is failing to produce. To believe otherwise is to question the breeder's knowledge, experience, and integrity. Over time, breeding disasters will occur. They will occur with or without imports. When they occur, breeders will overcome them, because this is what breeders do.

In every country, breeders strive to stabilize the breed. This can be achieved more readily if we work in concert rather than in isolation. Working more closely and sharing breeding information will help us better plan our breeding and achieve our expectations without as many shocks and surprises at whelping time. Breed clubs should be making a significant effort to bring us together internationally, to pool breed information, and more widely educate the membership. Better interchange of information would do much to remedy the panic over unsubstantiated rumours. For new breeders, wrong information is devastating. If we fail to adequately educate the next generation of breeders, they, in turn, will fail in their efforts to achieve the Standard of Perfection for The Shetland Sheepdog.

Colours and breeding....

Incorrect and incomplete information about colours and health-problems in breeding are very harmful, especially for inexperienced breeders. Other breeders have done excellent studies. How foolish not to share and cooperatively add to this information. The Breed Standard in each country addresses the issue of white or white-patched shelties. If one chooses to use a white sheltie in breeding, is this any different than using a standard coloured sheltie carrying the white-factor? If this white sheltie is mated to a non-carrying white-factored individual, you will only get standard colours on the offspring, without more white than the Standard allows. Of course, then we have to think of the carrier-gene in next generation. We get carriers of the white factor in ordinary matings, so this we are able to handle. The white-factored appear in all countries and lines. Miss-marks are not an American only problem. Unfortunately, it has been the practice to hide the mis-marked in some countries in Europe. America allows them to be shown, but they are penalized. Double merles are controlled by

our breeding-restriction and are not a problem. In Europe, we have to follow the FCI-Standard which does not allow doubling up on the merle gene.

Health-problems.....

The Sheltie is generally a healthy and sound breed. It is extremely important to provide correct and timely information about health problems that show up from time to time. Dermatomyositis appears in all lines (ref. Article Nutshell nr.93 in 1998 UK), and the problem is seen in most countries, UK, Norway, and Holland among others. Some studies indicate that climate and sun exposure may affect the development of this illness. There is a great deal of research going on around the world on this disease. We should be making an effort to share findings and cooperate in this research. Von Willebrand (bleeder-disease) is registered in Europe in single cases, just like in America. Now there is available a DNA-test for this, and it is no longer considered as a problem. America has worked with this problem in the same way using the DNA-test. Norway now has started research for PRA-DNA. This is considered by many to be a Scandinavian problem. American Shelties are almost always hip-scored. It is less commonly done in the northern part of Europe. In America, there is much less CEA compared to Europe. UK has a different way of eye-checking, compared to many other countries. We all are working to keep the breed healthy. If it becomes easier for breeders and researchers to work together, we will achieve solutions to health problems much sooner. Breeders in every part of the world have advantages and disadvantages, but all strive for a healthy and as perfect a Sheltie as possible. That is the main goal of every breeder, wherever they live in the world.

Dog shows' influence on breed-type.....

Shows are arranged to measure the quality of the breeders' work against our Standards. We are in the hands of our judges, and the results can vary significantly from show to show. We know judges read the Standard differently, just as breeders do. There is always room for interpretation. However, if we are not satisfied with the quality of judging, we must insist upon better training for judges.

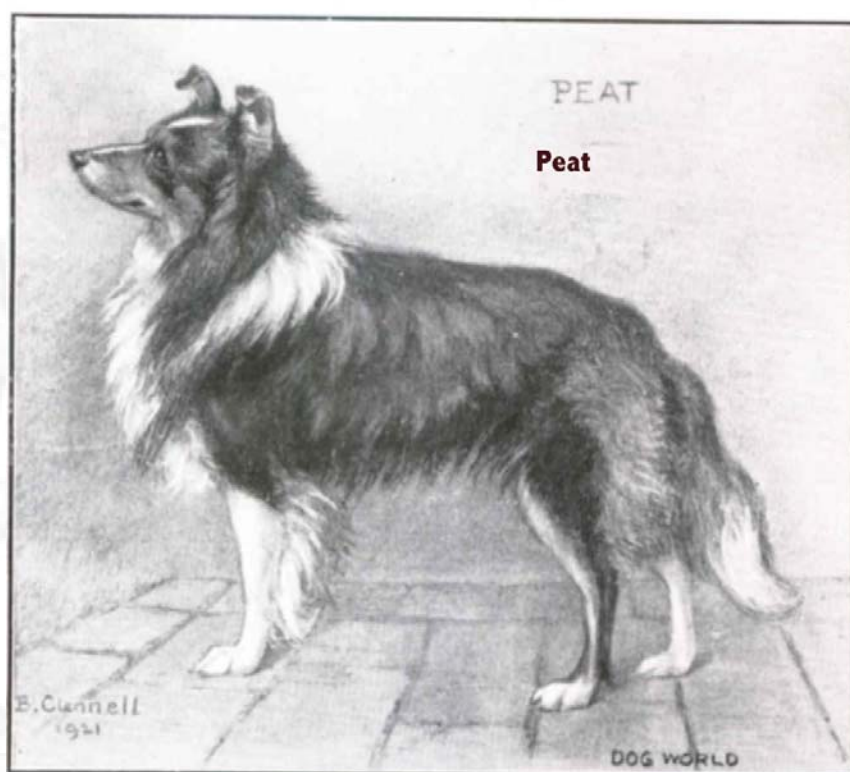
Qualities which judges emphasize may change slightly from time to time in response to developments in the breed. This can sometimes cause frustration and confusion among the exhibitors. It is important that the breeders and the judges understand each other. A judge who judges according to personal opinions and preferences and not according to the Breed Standard should not be given judging assignments. Judges should be selected for the quality of their judging, not for their prestige or charming personality. Breeders in Europe very often show under all-round-judges, who may interpret the Standard differently than UK Sheltie judges. However, poor or mediocre judging is not a valid argument for splitting the breed. Breed clubs must improve their selection of judges and demand judges who strictly interpret the Breed Standard.

Breeders have to take the time to know their own breeding-stock, make wise selections, and realize that great contributions are sometimes made to the breed by animals that are not show-champions. Breeders need to make optimum use of pedigrees and the most current genetic research if they hope to improve the breed and to stabilize those improvements. Breeding progress is generally made in small increments. One import is not going to provide instant perfection. If, for example, we choose to bring in an American or Australian Sheltie, we do well to pick an individual which closely fits our Standard. And, if we choose an individual of pure UK lines, we should pick that individual which most closely matches our Standard.

Our goals should be to cooperate internationally to improve the breed, to preserve a wide range of breeder's choices, and to improve the dissemination of information, and increase the knowledge level of our breeders and judges. We should correct misinformation, squelch rumours and scare tactics, and look to the best Shelties, no matter the country or region of origin. We should always pursue the dream of perfection which the Standard holds out to us.

Arnhold Carlsen, Norway

SHETLAND SHEEPDOG.



PEAT—a blue with tan-and-white Collie Markings, 12 inches.

For further particulars of this fascinating breed see article by s Grey at the beginning of the Christmas Number.

OWNER :
MISS GREY,
BOWSEY HILL, HENLEY:

A pick of Am/Can. imports to Norway ,Holland and Finland



- 1. Ha-Dar Winning Edge** CC, BIR, 2 BIG/ CC, CACIB, BOB(Sweden) Seamus Oates, CAC Lux, CC Normann Deschuymere,Belgium. 2nd.Best Dog at European Winnersshow 2006!
- 2. CAN CH,NORD-V 05 Grandgables A Showy Fellow** CC/CACIB/BIR at European Winnersshow 2006!13 CC /12 BIR/ 7 BIG/ 1 BIS/ 2 BIS 3/ 4 CACIB.For Jaana Hartus,Leif Ragnar Hiorth,Knut Andersen,Leena Eskils, Paivii Eerola,Dina Korna,Bo Skalin,Soile Bister,Wenche Eikeseth,G.Kostopoulos,Y. Meintjes,Paul Stanton, Kari Engh, Kurt Nilsson, BIS Nils Molin, Marja Talvitie, Liliane de Ridder -Onghena
- 3. Ltu W-06 Carmylie Triumph At MeiDan** Best in Show judge FCI leder Hans Muller. CC, Cacib, BOB Vilmos Kardos Hungary, CC Cacib Monika Mattfolk, CC Mark James, GB, Res-CC Rainer Vuorinen & Joao Vieira Lisboa, Exc Knut Andersen,Norway
- 4. FIN Ch American Express of Swansea**, Champion placed by judges: Stephanie S. Hedgepath,Gunilla Fristedt, Patrick Ormos, Anne Indergaard, Rita van Mechelen, Erwin Deutscher, August de Wilde, Margaret Long, Evert Wieldraajier, Tamas Jakkell, Soile Bister
- 5. ERI Fin & Est & Lv Mva EstV-05 Grandgables Baby Blue**
- 6. Dutch, Belg., Germ.Club, Germ.VDH & Int.Ch. Grandgables Triapose** CACIB and placements for L.Eskills SF,Ulla.B.Persson,D.Kuzelj, M.v.d.Weijer,A.Marshak IL,Carlos Seavich,Birte Scheel,Alice Christensen,Mrs. M.Spavin UK.

Offsprings from American/ Canadian imports to Europe



Half-American
offsprings.
On top two
St.Kildas pup-
pies, one from
North Sheltie,
Norway
Two sable
littermates from
Secret
Mystery,
one blue from
Dawnville,Holland
&
one sable from
St.Kilda,Norway



Under: A few examples that pure UK-lined shelties not always turn out to fit the FCI standard!!



(To the Editor of "Our Dogs")

"Sir, - I did not intend to take any further part in the Collie-cross discussion, but there were one or two remarks made by Miss Grey last week that I cannot pass in that silence which might be taken as consent. Not for the first time Miss Grey has inferred that "deformities and sterility and weakness" result from the "breeding and inbreeding" of the Sheltie-Collie cross. All experienced livestock producers know that no type can be fixed without a certain amount of inbreeding; it is necessary to the establishment of any feature - the establishment, as distinct from the merely occasional occurrence - and, properly conducted, it does not produce either sterility, deformity, or weakness. Like every other system, its abuse can lead to disaster, but if inbreeding is practiced as it ought to be practiced, and as practical fanciers (as apart from faddists) do practice it, the essential points of strength, fertility, and physical perfect can be, and are, inbred as well as other characteristics. But Miss Grey (again not for the first time) infers that the mere breeding together of a Sheltie and a Collie leads to 'deformities, sterility, and weakness' and she further infers that that result is one of Dame Nature's laws. As a matter of fact, such inter-breeding, or crossing, has the very opposite effect; it is well known that when two indifferently prolific breeds of poultry are interbred, the progeny are usually very prolific as the crossing awakens the dormant prolificacy or brings its latency to activity. If Miss Grey were even remotely right, Dame Nature, would quickly extinguish all mongrel canines, which would be a very good thing, only it happens that Dame Nature does not work in that way.



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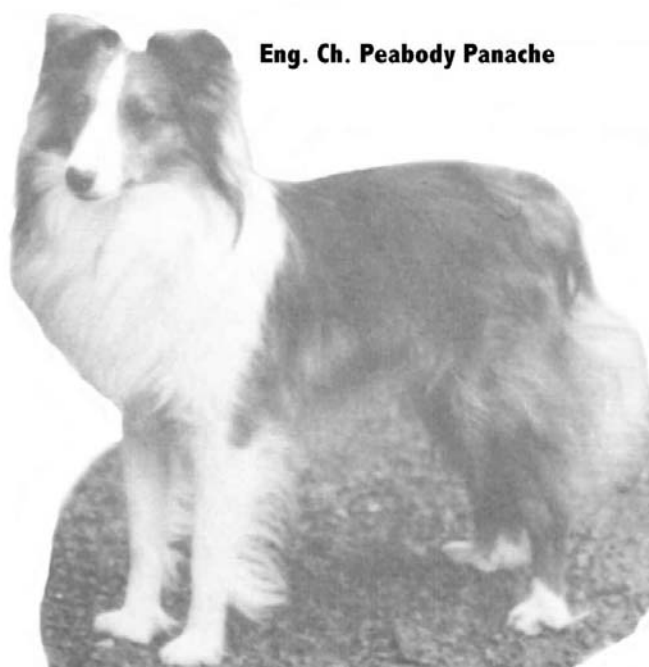
I do not pretend to follow Miss Grey where she tells us that if the Shetland Sheepdog is doomed, so is the Sheltie-Collie cross. I simply do not know what she means, and I cannot see that this sentence has anything to do with the discussion; "You cannot keep a crossbreed going without the use of the original varieties". It seems to me that Miss Grey is unnecessarily ignorant of what the Collie cross in Shelties really is. When one has no material, or not sufficient material, in a breed itself to bring about a certain desired improvement in that breed, one has to get that improvement by the use of an outcross; but by no stretch of imagination does a dip in alien blood make a cross-breed of the breed which is improved by that method. Long years ago, a well-known fancier of Deerhounds and Borzois mated together one or two members of these breeds for very definite ends, which he accomplished. But the Deerhounds with a dash of Borzoi blood did not become cross-breeds; they remained Deerhounds, as the Borzois remained Borzois, though they had a dip of Deerhound blood in them. In many fancies, such outcrossing has been necessary for the revival of a decadent breed or the perfecting of another. It is the ultimate result that counts in all such breeding - not the half finished task.

I was at the meeting at Birmingham show in January 1914 when the English Shetland Sheepdog Club was inaugurated, so I know all about the discussion then on the "Borzoi head." The "Borzoi head" was always more of a bogey than a reality in show Collies, and the phrase was causing much more commotion twenty years ago than it is today, yet one correspondent want the Sheltie to be like "those beautiful show Collies of twenty years ago!" If Sheltie fanciers can breed exhibits of the same perfection as the best of the modern show Collies,



Eng. Ch. Jasmine Of
Janetstown

they won't need to sit up and beg for red tickets, even in variety classes. Miss Grey tells us that the English Shetland Sheepdog Club is much wiser than its fellows because its standard says that the "The Shetland Sheepdog is approximatley a show Collie in miniature". The said-to-be all-saiving clause is in the word I have italicised but I fail to see its supposed salvation. The English Club standard says; "Skull flat, tapering towards the eyes. Muzzle long, tapering towards the nose, stop slight, cheeks flat." What is that description but a word picture of the ideal show Collie head? You can't have it both ways; you can't have the club ideals giving us the show Collie head as the head to aim at in our breeding, and at the same time condemn the show Collie head and assert that the ideal is the head of the working Sheepdog! What is being condemned to-day by the antagonists of the Collie-cross are the very animals which the club standards tell us we are to take as our ideal. That is the prime fattened absurdity of this whole discussion. I apologise to the Editor for taking up so much space, but at a time when the Sheltie is catching on in america, and when its home fancy is progressing amazingly, it is fatal to condemn the exhibits which are those of the official standards. Yours, etc., Will Hally. [This correspondence is now closed. -Ed.]



Eng. Ch. Peabody Panache



CH. BLAEBERRY OF CLERWOOD.

We hope you have enjoyed reading this first issue of the United Shelties Magazine. The next issue is scheduled for September 2006 and I hope you will find it interesting enough to continue downloading this magazine.

The United Shelties team, wishes you a nice summer or a not so hard winter depending on which hemisphere you live.

Oh yes, don't forget to enter your dogs at the World Winner Show 2006 in Poland. This is a good opportunity to meet and greet and enjoy wonderful dogs.

Full information at : http://www.worlddogshow2006.pl/index_en.php

Charles Feijen

