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REMINDERS:

- Chili Ticket Sales during the Month of March for the SSCH annual chili fund raiser
- Next GM meeting on April 23, 2010 at Thomas Square at 10 am
- Pet Expo volunteers needed 5/9—5/10 from 0830—1630. Please contact H. Yamashita or S. Katahira to sign up

SSCH FUND RAISERS FOR 2010

This year's SSCH fund raiser begins with the Zippy's Chili sales with tickets distributed at the HKC All-Breed show the first weekend of March 2010.

Remember, each set of 10 chili tickets sold will go toward a \$10 abatement on your 2011 SSCH dues. It's a win-win situation as both the Club and participants benefit from the sale of chili tickets. If you're a go-getter, the entire \$40 of abatement available toward 2011 dues will be met with

sales of 40 chili tickets.

Other fund raisers planned for 2010 include two OTCH grounds preparation and break down in May and in November, 2010. Participation in each fund raiser will be credited to the abatement procedure.

Further information on the OTCH set-up and breakdown as well as sign up sheets will be shared as the dates for the fund raisers loom closer.

INVESTIGATION OF GALLBLADDER DISEASE & HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA IN SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS

News Flash!

Genetic Mutation Found!

Dr. Katrina Mealey, primary investigator of the study, reported to the ASSA Research Advisory Committee in September, 2009 that her group has identified a genetic mutation in Shelties that is strongly associated with gallbladder mucoceles. It is important that the data be reviewed by scientists and veterinarians prior to offering a test for the mutation to Sheltie owners.

The work will be submitted for publication soon. Once the work has been validated, a DNA test should be made available. Dr. Mealey's group is the same one that developed the DNA test for the MDR-1 gene.

Dr. Mealey said, "We sincerely appreciate the cooperation we have received from the American Shetland Sheepdog Association and we will keep you apprised of developments."

WEST OAHU KENNEL CLUB RESULTS

Cool trade winds and a sunny day assisted in the success of the WOKC All-Breed show. Congratulations to the winners of record.

Saturday, 1/23/10 – Judge: M. Purkhiser

BOB/ GP 1 – CH Shelgrande's Juan Heluva Nite,
Breeders: R & C Rainsforth, Owner: D. Sawamura

BOS – CH Gentry's the Restless Wind, Breeders:
S & G Katahira, Owners: S & G Katahira

BOW, WD – Pacific Blue's My Way, Breeders: S
& M Kaneshiro, Owners: S & M Kaneshiro

WB – Gentry's Heavenly Wind, Breeders: S & K
Katahira, Owners: S & K Katahira

RWD – Winterset Hy-Verta High Country,
Breeders: S. Ferroni-Keleher & P. Strametz,
Owners: S. Ferroni-Keleher & P. Strametz

RWB – Barwood GorDon Adrianna, Breeders: B.
Thompson & D. Crabtree, Owners: S & D.
Ancheta

Sunday, 1/24/10 – Judge: Col. J. Purkhiser

BOB / GP 4 – CH Shelgrande's Juan Heluva Nite,
Breeders: R & C Rainsforth, Owner: D. Sawamura

BOS, BOW, WB – Barwood GorDon Adrianna,
Breeders: B. Thompson & D. Crabtree, Owners: S
& D. Ancheta

WD – Winterset Hy-Verta High Country,
Breeders: S. Ferroni-Keleher & P. Strametz,
Owners: S. Ferroni-Keleher & P. Strametz

RWD – Pacific Blue's My Way, Breeders: S & M
Kaneshiro, Owners: S & M Kaneshiro

RWB – Fortune's Trick or Treat, Breeders: K & D
Young, Owners: K & D Young

HAWAII KENNEL CLUB RESULTS

Congratulations to the winners of record.

Saturday, 3/06/10 – Judge: Chris Walkowics

BOB – CH Miquelon Mosaic, Breeders: J&R
Cruthers & D. Cornelssen, Owners: G&C
Nishimoto & EH Chang

BOS – CH Lynroc Paint the Sky Akirene,
Breeders: N. Takenoshita, J. Thuener & R. Oishi,
Owners: J. Thener, N. Takenoshita & R. Oishi

**BOW, WD, Best Bred by, BBE Gp 1 – Pacific
Blue My Way,** Breeders: S. Kaneshiro & S. James,
Owners: S&M Kaneshiro

WB – Barwoods GorDon Adrianna, Breeders: B.
Thompson & D. Crabtree, Owners: S&D Ancheta

RWD – Conestoga Summerwynn Mite Quinn,
Breeders: J&C Mullen, Owners: J&C Mullen & H.
Yamashita

RWB – Harley's Woman of the Year, Breeder /
Owners: M. Iwanaga & M. Norstrom

Sunday, 3/07/10 – Judge: Michelle Billings

**BOB, Gp 4, Best Veteran, BV Gp 2 – CH
Mindalyn Winterset Sunrunner,** Breeder: C.
DuPree, Owners: S. Ferroni-Keleher & P. Strametz

BOS, BOW, WB – Barwoods GorDon Adrianna,
Breeders: B. Thompson & D. Crabtree, Owners:
S&D Ancheta

WD – Pacific Blue My Way, Breeders: S.
Kaneshiro & S. James, Owners: S&M Kaneshiro

RWD – Barwoods Bon Jovi, Breeders: B.
Thompson & H&L Reid, Owners: B. Thompson &
S. Ancheta

RWB – Harley's Woman of the Year, Breeder /
Owners: M. Iwanaga & M. Norstrom

ORCHID ISLE DOG FANCIER CLUB & KONA COAST KENNEL CLUB SHOW RESULTS

A three-day show hosted by the OIDFC and KCKC attracted a few more shelties and SSCH member participation this winter. There were a total of seven shelties shown. Congratulations to the winners of record!

Saturday, 2/13/10 – Judge: Donna Buxton

BOB / BOW / WB / Group 3 placement – Barwood GorDon Adrianna, Breeders: B. Thompson & D. Crabtree, Owners: S & D. Ancheta

BOS –

WD – Conestoga Summerwynn Mite Quinn – Breeders: J & C Mullen, Owners: H. Yamashita & C. Mullen

RWD – Barwoods Bon Jovi – Breeder: B. Thompson, Owners: B. Thompson & S. Ancheta

RWB – Harley’s Woman of the Year – Breeders: M. Iwanaga & M. Norstrom, Owners: M. Iwanaga & M. Norstrom

Sunday, 2/14/10 – Judge: Joe Tacker

BOB / BOW / WB / Group 3 placement – Barwood GorDon Adrianna, Breeders: B. Thompson & D. Crabtree, Owners: S & D. Ancheta

BOS –

WD – Winterset Hi-Verta High Country – Breeders: S. Ferroni-Keleher & P. Strametz, Owners: S. Ferroni-Keleher & P. Strametz

RWD – Barwoods Bon Jovi – Breeder: B. Thompson, Owners: B. Thompson & S. Ancheta

RWB – Harley’s Woman of the Year – Breeders: M. Iwanaga & M. Norstrom, Owners: M. Iwanaga & M. Norstrom

Sunday, 2/14/10 – Judge: Kenneth Buxton

BOB / BOW / WB / Group 2 placement – Barwood GorDon Adrianna, Breeders: B. Thompson & D. Crabtree, Owners: S & D. Ancheta

BOS / WD – Conestoga Summerwynn Mite Quinn – Breeders: J & C Mullen, Owners: H. Yamashita & C. Mullen

RWD – Barwoods Bon Jovi – Breeder: B. Thompson, Owners: B. Thompson & S. Ancheta

RWB – Harley’s Woman of the Year – Breeders: M. Iwanaga & M. Norstrom, Owners: M. Iwanaga & M. Norstrom

WHAT IS A TITLE?

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores. A Title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor that dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard, and though the dog himself doesn’t know or care that his achievements have been noted, a Title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A Title says your dog was intelligent, and adaptable, and good natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed. And a Title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog, and that you believe in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed, and that in the end your faith was justified.

A Title proves that your dog inspired you to have the special relationship enjoyed by so few, that in the world of disposable creatures, this dog with a Title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return. And when that dear short life is over, the Title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials before or after the name.

A Title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received permanently.

– by Sandy Mowery via Clean Run

SSCH 71ST SPECIALTY RESULTS

JUDGE: JANET FINK

A hearty "Mahalo" to everyone who participated in and assisted with the 71st SSCH Specialty! Congratulations to the winners of record. Sunny skies and a nice tropical breeze assisted with the success of the show. Special mahalo to Lisa Mitsunaga—Show Chair, Kenneth Young—Grounds Chair, Khani Adams-Young—Hospitality Chair, Sharon Katahira—Banquet Chair, Laura Sawamura—Chief Steward, and Susan Kaneshiro—Trophy Chair and November 2010 Show Chair.

Best in Specialty Show / Best Veteran—CH Mindalyn-Winterset Sunrunner, Breeder: C. DuPree, Owners: S. Ferroni-Keleher & P. Strametz

Best of Winners / Winner's Bitch— El Solo Serendipity, Breeder/Owner: M. Norstrom

Best of Opposite—CH Miquelon Mosaic, Breeder: J&R Cruthers & D. Cornelsson, Owners: G&C Nishimoto & EH Chang

Winner's Dog: Conestoga Summerwynn Mite Quinn—Breeders: J&C Mullen, Owners: J&C Mullen & H. Yamashita

Reserve Winner's Dog—Anynsworth Cinnabar Moonlit, Breeder: E. Worthington, Owner: Nola Chock

Reserve Winner's Bitch/ BBE—Harley's Woman of the Year, Breeder / Owners: M. Iwanaga & M. Norstrom

Best Puppy—Cinnabar Silver Screen Breeder/Owner: N. Chock

Best Junior Handler: Whitney Young

Awards of Merit:

- **CH Armitage Lochend Talladega**, Breeders: E. Ball & B. Bolton, Owners: D. Sawamura, M. Iwanaga, B. Bolton & E. Ball
- **CH Lynroc Paint the Sky Akirene**, Breeders: N. Takenoshita, J. Thuener & R. Oishi, Owners: J. Thuener, N. Takenoshita & R. Oishi
- **CH Tristar Summerwynn Top Model**, Breeder: D. Kamakana, Owner: H. Yamashita

Class Dog Winners:

Bred-by Dogs—Pacific Blue My Way, Breeders: S. Kaneshiro & S. James, Owners: S&M Kaneshiro

Open Sable Dogs—El Solo Lochwind Adain Adair, Breeder: M. Nordstrom, Owner: S. Au

Open AOAC Dogs—Contestoga Summerwynn Mite Quinn, Breeders: J&C Mullen, Owners: J&C Mullen & H. Yamashita

Veteran Dog—CH Mindalyn-Winterset Sunrunner, Breeder: C. DuPree, Owners: S. Ferroni-Keleher & P. Strametz

Class Bitch Winners:

9–12 Puppy Bitches—Cinnabar Silver Screen, Breeder / Owner: N. Chock

Bred-by Bitches—Harley's Woman of the Year, Breeder / Owners: M. Iwanaga & M. Norstrom

Am Bred—El Solo Tiramisu, Breeders: M. Norstrom, K. Aston & P. Culmovic, Owner: S. Wong & M. Norstrom

Open Sable Bitches—El Solo Serendipity, Breeder / Owner: M. Norstrom

Open AOAC Bitches—Lynroc Now That's Pretty, Breeder: N. Takenoshita, J. Thuener, & R. Oishi, Owner: A. Aono & J. Thuener



SHOW TIME IN THE SHOW-ME STATE

Show time in the Show-Me State Missouri will soon reach a new dimension when the new multimillion-dollar, world-class indoor Purina Event Center opens in the fall of 2010. Custom-made for dog shows, the state-of-the-art facility will be ideal for all-breed dog shows, national specialties, obedience and agility trials.

The 84,000 square foot Purina Event Center will attract thousands of canine enthusiasts from across the country to about 40–60 events a year. The facility is being built at Purina Farms in Gray Summit, MO., 45-minutes from downtown St. Louis and the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, and will complement existing venues for outdoor dog shows, lure coursing agility, obedience, herding and earth dog trials. “The indoor event center will be a fabulous building”, says Cledith “Clete” Wakefield, president of the Spirit of the Heartland Kennel Club and show chairman of Jefferson County (MO) Kennel Club. “I don’t know of any other indoor facility in the country set up just for dog shows.” Both the Heartland and Jefferson County all-breed kennel clubs, along with the St. Louis Dog Breeders, are part of the Gateway Cluster, a three-day dog show event held each May & September at Purina Farms. Since organizing eight years ago, the cluster has grown in entries and profits, with the clubs reaping the financial benefits. “We draw attendees from 31 states and typically have from 1,200–1,300 entries,” Wakefield says. “We expect to increase significantly, maybe even to 1,800 dogs, with the new indoor building. With an outdoor show you always worry about the weather and the chance of rain. With the indoor center there will be much more control.”

Already reservations are being taken for events starting in the fall of 2010. Brock Fitzgerald, Director of Purina Farms and the new Purina Event Center, has been meeting with specialty and all-breed clubs to preview the new facility. “We look forward to working with clubs and offering them the Purina Event Center for their events,” he says. “We promise to deliver ‘Best in Show’ amenities and to do everything possible to ensure their events go smoothly.”

“Best in Show” is exactly how Wakefield describes the Gateway Cluster at Purina Farms.

“Purina Farms has been a fabulous location for us. We’ve been very successful, and Brock is always trying to help our cluster grow. He and his staff are wonderful hosts. We get great feedback from the AKC representatives and judges. We have a formula for success that’s working.” Located in the heart of the country, the Purina Event Center will be situated among 300 acres of gentle, rolling hills that make up Purina Farms.

Outdoor dog shows and sporting events have been held at the Canine Activity Event Center and Canine Competition Center at Purina Farms for 15 years. As a result, Purina was aware that the dog fancy had been seeking an indoor canine event center centrally located in the center of the country.

David Frei, Director of Communications for the Westminster Kennel Club and co-host of the NBC-televised “The National Dog Show Presented by Purina” applauded the announcement. “Purina has always been supportive of the dog show world, and the new Purina Event Center is yet another example of that dedication. All of us who are active in the sport of dogs thank Purina for their continued commitment to the sport, and we look forward to being part of the future at the Purina Event Center.”

Easily accessible by major highways for people traveling from all parts of the country, the new event center is within 10 minutes from several hotels that accept dogs and two with grooming facilities. In addition to ample RV parking on site, five campgrounds are nearby. Only minutes from metropolitan St. Louis, visitors can enjoy attractions such as the AKC Museum of the Dog, sporting events including Cardinals baseball, Rams football and Blues hockey, the Fox Theater, St. Louis Symphony, St. Louis Zoo, Gateway Arch, Magic House, St. Louis Science Center, many museums, and riverboat casinos.

“We are very much looking forward to holding our upcoming Gateway Clusters at the new indoor Purina Event Center,” Wakefield says. “This building will offer optimal accommodations for a dog show and the staff works so hard to please. It just doesn’t get better than this.”

– Purina Pro Club: Today’s Breeder

CANINE FITNESS

CHRIS ZINK, DVM, PHD

The new millennium is an exciting time for the sport of dogs. More dogs participate in athletic events now than at any other time in history. Dogs and owners alike enjoy preparing for and participating in a variety of new performance events.

In the past several years the AKC alone has more than doubled the number of sponsored events. Retrievers, pointers, setters and spaniels can now enter non-competitive hunting tests at a variety of levels of difficulty, sight hounds can try their paws at lure coursing, herding breeds can work sheep in herding tests, terriers can test their mettle by going to ground, and dogs of all breeds can participate in agility, an exciting sport that tests the timing coordination, and athleticism of dog and handler alike. Additional organized canine performance events include flyball, sledding, draft dog tests, coonhound trials, free-style heeling, weight-pulling competitions, Schutzhund, water rescue and more.

It is our responsibility to understand canine structure and locomotion, to learn how to condition dogs for specific performance events, and to feed nutritionally balanced diets—in essence to view and respect the dog as an athlete.

A coach for humans selects the best potential athletes, trains them in the skills of the game, provides them with appropriate conditioning exercises and diet, ensures that they receive expert medical care, and gives them emotional support and encouragement when needed. Those of us involved in canine performance events must play this role of coach for our dogs.

DOGS OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES

Dogs are the most varied of all species. Humans have taken advantage of the plastic genetic make-up of the dog to mold his best friend into a variety of shapes and sizes. It is astounding to consider that the Irish Wolfhound and the Dachshund are not only members of the same species, but that both are members of the Hound group. Therefore, before beginning a program of conditioning and skill-training, it is necessary to objectively evaluate your dog's structure.

First consider whether your dog is of a heavy-set breed such as the Clumber Spaniel or the St. Bernard, light-boned like the Afghan Hound or the Whippet, or of medium structure like the Labrador Retriever or the Border Terrier. The heavier a dog is in relation to its height, the more stress will be exerted on the musculoskeletal system. Thus, although a Clumber Spaniel and an Afghan Hound may weigh the same, the

Clumber Spaniel carries that weight on a smaller frame and will therefore create more stress on the musculoskeletal system while jumping, running, and some performance events, proper conditioning and appropriate modifications in training can provide significant compensation

Whether a dog is being prepared for the conformation ring or the Iditarod, **it is essential that canine athletes be maintained at a correct weight.** There is no breed standard which states that the ideal dog of that breed should be "flabby, moderately overweight, and with a pendulous abdomen!" Instead, many standards expressly state that the dog should be shown at peak fitness. Excess weight increases the stresses on the musculoskeletal system regardless of the performance event. How can you determine whether your dog has excessive fat? When palpating the ribcage and the loin, you should be able to feel bones of the vertebrae and the ribs under the skin. How can you judge whether your dog is fit? Stand behind the dog and feel the muscles of the rear legs. They should be firm and well-defined.

In addition to understanding the dog's overall shape and level of fitness, you should evaluate your dog's conformation, both standing and moving. Get the assistance of someone familiar with canine conformation and with the standard for your breed. Keep in mind your chosen performance event(s). Make a list of your dog's strengths and weaknesses (for no dog is without both) and use it to create a conditioning program unique to your dog. For example, while agility training a Doberman Pinscher that has minimal shoulder layback and a short upper arm, the jumps should be at full height only when excellent footing and a soft landing surface can be provided.

Prior to starting a conditioning program, your dog should be given a thorough physical examination by a competent veterinarian to ensure that he is free of any pre-existing medical condition that could compromise his health. In addition, your dog's hips should be radiographed, and the radiographs evaluated for hip dysplasia by a qualified radiologist. Evaluations can be performed by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) or veterinarians involved in the Penn Hip Study at the University of Pennsylvania. In some breeds, elbow radiographs should be obtained and evaluated. In some breeds a cardiac examination is also recommended. Finally, to ensure that the dog has no abnormalities of vision, your dog's eyes should be examined by a veterinary ophthalmologist.

Designing a Conditioning Program

Once your dog has been given a clean bill of health,

a conditioning program can be established. What exactly does conditioning mean? The dictionary defines it as “developing a state of health, readiness, or physical fitness”. Simply stated, conditioning consists of a planned program of exercise and nutrition.

When **designing an exercise** program, consideration should be given to the dog’s age and current level of fitness, to any pre-existing medical conditions or injuries, to the performance event(s) that the dog will compete in, and to the handler’s time and physical constraints. Although young puppies can be introduced to some of the skills and tools of their future trade, conditioning exercises should not begin in earnest until well after a dog’s growth plates have closed (at approximately 10 months in small dogs and 14 months in the larger breeds). The growth plates are the locations in each bone where new bone forms and damage to the growth plates can result in serious limb deformities.

Dogs that have physical conditions such as hip dysplasia that can result in arthritis should be given only moderate exercise throughout their lives. The best exercise for these dogs is swimming because it is a non-weight bearing exercise. The owner of a dog with hip dysplasia should ensure that it trains and competes only in ideal conditions, and should carefully monitor it for signs of fatigue or pain.

An **exercise program** should start gradually, should be consistently applied, should provide variety, and should progress towards a specific goal. Conditioning is not just a weekend activity. A Golden Retriever that is being prepared for the National Specialty two months away may be taken swimming on Saturday when there is more time for travel, and on Sunday it may undergo skill-training (practice stacking, free-bating, and gaiting) in the morning and a 30 minute trot in the evening. During the week, when the handler has less time to devote to conditioning, the dog may be trotted for 30 minutes on Tuesday and Thursday. On Monday and Wednesday, the dog may be worked on cavaletti and conditioning jumps, and on Friday it gets to watch a movie on HBO.

Exercises should include both general conditioning exercises and specific skill training. Some examples of general conditioning exercises are: swimming, retrieving, walking or running with the dog, mechanical trotters, conditioning jumps, canine cavaletti, specific agility exercises, and stationary exercises. Retrieving is a popular method to exercise a dog, but it has high potential for injury. Frisbees as retrieving tool should be avoided if at all possible, or thrown low to the ground to prevent the dog from twisting on landing. Mechanical trotters can be useful, particularly in hot or cold weather, when it may be difficult or unsafe to exercise outdoors. However, they can be exceedingly boring for owners and dogs alike. Agility obstacles can

be very helpful in strengthening specific groups of muscles. For example, the weave poles can help to strengthen the muscles of the spine.

Stationary exercises can also be used to strengthen specific groups of muscles. For example, teaching a dog to sit up can strengthen the back muscles. Stretching exercises, such as the play-bow should always be used to warm up a dog prior to training and competition.

Although physical conditioning is important, **mental conditioning** is also essential. The best way to mentally condition a dog is to provide frequent periods of play and to incorporate play into the skill training exercises. Play is an essential part of a dog’s emotional make-up. Games such as tug-of-war and chase the owner are a great way to relieve your dog’s stress while at the same time increasing his focus on the owner and strengthening the dog-human bond. Be careful not to over-train, whether it be in physical conditioning or in skill-training. Remember—just like you, every dog needs one day off a week!

This decade’s explosion of interest in canine performance events will have many positive effects on dog and owner alike. Training a dog is one of the best ways to strengthen the human-canine bond. By learning as much as we can about canine structure and its relationship to performance, we can contribute to our dogs’ general health and ensure success in our chosen performance event(s). Take time to appreciate your dog’s marvelous athletic ability and to learn new ways to keep your dog fit and healthy throughout his life.

WHERE TO CALL

The following organizations provide information on conditions that can affect performance, keep registries of dogs that have been certified free of those conditions, and supply lists of veterinarians that can perform appropriate health checks.

Orthopedic Foundation for Animals

Hip and Elbow Dysplasia and other databases
2300 E. Nifong, Columbia, MO 65201

PennHip

Hip dysplasia

Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF)

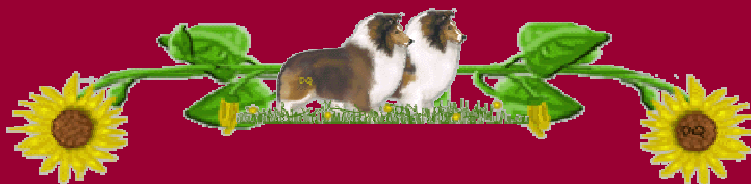
Ocular disorders
1235 SCC-A
Purdue University
W. Lafayette, IN 47907-1235

American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Cardiology)

7175 West Jefferson Ave., Suite 2125
Lakewood, CO 80235
303-980-7136

www.caninesports.com/fitness.html

KEN'S KORNER



Over the years I have often times been asked, “why join a club?”. My simple answer used to be, “to hang out with people with the same interest as you”. Recently, someone asked me this very question. This time my answer was a bit different.

I went on to explain that a club is more than socializing, though we do our share of that as well. A club provides you the opportunity to network with like-minded people that share a common interest or goal. With a specialty club like ours, the common goal is for the betterment of the breed. The common interest is quite obvious.

A club also provides a pool of resources where you can ask questions and increase your knowledge. For example, if you don't think a certain dog food is working for your dog, bring up the subject of dog food up at a meeting. You may receive five different opinions (and reasons why) from five different people. Certainly one of them will be helpful to your situation.

I began reflecting on the numerous times I received assistance by being a member of our club. It is quite amazing the wealth of knowledge and experience that our members possess. Equally wonderful is how willing people are to share their stories and experiences. Although many of our members are interested in the beauty of our breed through conformation to the sheltie standard, the club also values its members with knowledge and experience in obedience and agility which allows the club to provide a well-rounded view of Shetland Sheepdogs.

Over the past few weeks after I was asked that seemingly simple question, I still think of those moments in time when I have benefited from my membership in the Sheltie Club. I have also come to realize that only through keeping the club active in the community and helping others, members and non-members included, will we attain the goal of bettering the breed.

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Visit our website at:
Shetlandsheepdogclubofhawaii.org

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NEW PET POLICY AT MOTEL 6 AND STUDIO 6

You may have already heard about the 10% discount that all AKC registrants can take advantage of when staying at Motel 6 and Studio 6 locations nationwide. But have you heard about their new pet policy? Motel 6 is pleased to announce the following changes:

- The one pet per room policy has been lifted
- There is no longer a weight limit on pets
- Motel 6 does not assess a Pet Fee (Studio 6 has a pet fee of \$10/day up to total of \$50/stay)

To take advantage of the 10% discount, AKC registrants can log on to motel6.com and

enter access code **CP542764** for Motel 6 or visit staystudio6.com and enter the access code **CP542765** for Studio 6 reservations.

Motel 6 and Studio 6 hotels have been pet friendly since 1962 and offer the lowest price of any national chain without sacrificing comfort at more than 1,000 locations in the U.S. and Canada. Standard amenities include free local calls, no long distance access charges, free morning coffee, data ports, Wi-Fi internet access charges. Most Motel 6 and Studio 6 properties welcome pets.

– via AKC.org