



# SSCNC Bulletin

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Membership: Chair: Patsi Nelson  
Specialty Shows: March 30, 2025  
Show Chair: Sue Cone  
Show Secretary: Dale Root  
Obed Chair:  
Rally Chair:  
Hospitality:  
October 24 – 25, 2025  
Show Chair: Tina Laster  
Show Secretary:  
Hospitality:  
November 9, 2025 – Obedience/Rally  
Show Chair:  
Show Secretary:  
Obed/Rally Chair:  
Hospitality:  
Agility Trial: July 4 – 6, 2025  
Chair: Patsi Nelson  
Scent Work Trial: Feb. 15 – 16, 2025  
Chair:  
Match: Chair:  
Obedience: Chair: Roxayn King  
Rally: Chair: Beverly Fadden  
Herding: Marianne Dub  
Trophies: Cindy Frusetta  
Ribbons: Mark Hersman  
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*Shetland Sheepdog Club  
of Northern California  
AKC Scent Work Trials  
February 15 - 16, 2025  
Sonoma County  
Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa*



**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**  
**Membership Dues are due now**

### Next Club Meetings:

- February 22 - 4 pm Via Zoom
- March 30 - in person, SSCNC Specialty, Sycamore Lane Kennels, Lodi
- April 5 - 4 pm Via Zoom
- May 17 - 4 pm Via Zoom
- June 14 - Puppy Picnic, Pleasanton



**Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California**  
Minutes of the General Meeting

January 18, 2025

Location: Via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by President Karen D'Augusta at 4:00 pm.

The following members were present:

Anita Rasmussen	Patsi Nelson	Ken Laster
Marianne Dub	Kathy Rosdail	Kathy Zilke
Donna Shade	Julie Guttman	Kathy Coon
Laura Finerty	Mike Bianco	Lisa Casaccia
Sue Cone	Pam Catlett	John Strassner
Jeri Wilson	Tink TenEyck	

The following board members were present:

Karen D'Augusta	Mark Hersman	Tina Laster
Cindy Frusetta	Rebecca Logsdon	Rachael Shaffer
Linda Bianco		

We had the following guests:

- Amy Foster and Mark Foster – they came to our Match and just got a puppy from Pam Strametz. Introduced by Rachael.

Minutes: The December minutes were approved.

Treasurer:

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Membership :

- Patsi has reached out to Alex Tasoff about submitting a membership application.

Bulletin: No report.

Scent Work Trial:

- Our next Scent Work Trial takes place in February.
- John Strassner reported that we have a little over 600 entries so far – hoping to get some more.
- We are good for volunteers
- The event will likely be profitable.
- He is sending out flyers to encourage more entries.

Agility Trial:

- The event has been moved to the first weekend in July so we can share the same weekend with the Bay Team's USDA Trial.

#### March Specialty:

- The Premium is out – probably the earliest ever.
- Sue will get the Premium List on the AKC site.
- Sue passed out flyers at the large, recent Rally Trial at Sycamore Lane (Obedience & Rally are both open to herding breeds).

#### Trophies:

- No report

#### Ribbons:

- Ribbons have been ordered
- Mark talked to Terry about adding rosettes to the class placement ribbons.

#### Website:

- Lisa recently added the financials, also updated events and past winners.

#### Education:

- Donna will have a report in the next Bulletin about canine inflammatory bowel disease.
- She is fostering rough collies – mom and pups. They are looking for homes.

#### Special awards:

- Patsi will start searching for the conformation challenge awards that are missing. There are 6 awards missing.
- Lynn Azzopardi will look for the missing performance awards.

#### Library: No report.

#### Puppy Picnic:

- The date on the front of the Bulletin is incorrect. The date is June 14<sup>th</sup>. The information on the event list inside the Bulletin is correct.

#### New Business:

- No report

#### Old Business:

- No report

#### Good of the Order: No report

Next Meeting:

- February 22<sup>nd</sup> via Zoom

Adjourned: 4:12 pm

Submitted by:

Rebecca Logsdon

Recording Secretary

Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California





Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California

## 2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Due by **March 31, 2025** after which time a \$1 late fee will be applied

Per The Club By-Laws if dues are not paid by June 1 your membership will lapse.

**Individual membership \$25**

**Family/Household membership \$40**

To renew, sign in to your account at [www.norcalsheltie.org](http://www.norcalsheltie.org), and go to “members’ page

Please remember that in paying your dues you are confirming that you will uphold the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California, Inc. Code of Ethics.



**Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California, Inc.**  
**CODE OF ETHICS**

**INTRODUCTION:**

Whether an owner, exhibitor, or breeder, the Shetland Sheepdog enthusiast is often confronted with decisions and courses of action which can impact the continued improvement and preservation of the breed, and the well-being of his or her individual dogs. All too often, because of inexperience or lack of forethought, the decisions made and the courses of action pursued are unfortunate ones, with lasting detrimental effects.

With the following voluntary guidelines, which represent a composite of the personal codes of conduct and concerns of its members, the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California, Inc., is setting forth acceptable practices and a number of precautions for its members as well as any and all involved with our breed.

**BREEDING CONSIDERATIONS:**

It is important that breeders examine their motives before undertaking any breeding. While the zeal to produce champions is understandable, the breeder must guard against becoming insensitive to the lives produced; must understand the costs in time and money; and must recognize the difficulties in placing unwanted offspring in caring homes.

- A. Breeding should be done selectively with the intention of reducing faults to a minimum and producing healthy Shelties of high quality, type, and proper temperament.
- B. Breeding should be undertaken only when the breeder is in a position to properly care for the bitch and litter. The breeder should recognize it may be necessary to house offspring for a considerable length of time, and be prepared to provide suitable facilities during this time.
- C. No fancier should attempt breeding until able to distinguish between the correct and the incorrect. Such ability presupposes careful study of the breed standard, the basic principles of genetics, and the pedigrees of prospective mates.
- D. Breeders should breed only stock which is in good health and which is physically and temperamentally sound. No dog or bitch should be bred that is known to have, or is suspected of having, any serious inheritable defects or diseases.
- E. The stud dog should be bred selectively. The owner should discourage the individual who wants to breed pet quality bitches, or one unsuitable for their stud. The stud dog owner should be certain the owner of the bitch has the necessary knowledge and facilities to care for the puppies.
- F. Only dogs which are free from all discoverable, and assumed hereditary, defects should be used for breeding. "Discoverable" under present circumstances includes those forms of blindness whose incipient stages can be detected via competent eye exam, joint diseases such as hip dysplasia, that are revealed through x-ray study, cryptorchidism or monorchidism that can be found by palpitation, and any other gross and obvious abnormality, such as heart defects or serious skeletal defects.
- G. The Orthopedic Foundation of America (OFA) and Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF) certification procedures are recommended as useful measures for detection of defects.
- H. Individuals which themselves have been examined and checked out "clear", but which are direct parents or close relatives of afflicted dogs, should be regarded as relatively "high risk" breeding stock.
- I. All contracts on co-ownerships, breeding rights, or repeat breedings, should contain a clause voiding them or otherwise providing terms of settlement without breedings, if a dog involved is, subsequent to the date of original contract, found to be "afflicted" or definitely "high risk".

**SELLING AND SALES CONTRACTS:**

Problems resulting from sales and sales agreements are perhaps the greatest source of dissatisfaction and ill will in the breed. It is important the seller be honest with himself and the buyer. It is equally important all agreements and stipulations be recorded in written sales contracts.

- A. Sales prices of dogs and puppies should be based on the observable quality of the individual dog as potential show or breeding specimens.

- B. No puppy should be released or shipped to a new home before the age of eight weeks.
- C. Ethical breeders do not consign their dogs to pet stores, animal brokers, or commercial kennels, and do not donate them as prizes for any raffle or contest.
- D. A breeder must be discriminating in the placement of his stock and should not knowingly deal with unethical persons. A breeder should not sell to, or aid in selling a Sheltie to any person whom he has reason to believe will not provide the proper care and environment, or who may use the dog in a fashion which is detrimental to the breed.
- E. The new owners should be provided with at least a three-generation pedigree, an inoculation record and booster due dates. Novice buyers should also be provided with a thorough written list of instructions on diet and care.
- F. Breeding arrangements should never be established which would encourage the pet buyer to undertake a breeding program.
- G. Each person who sells or places a dog should provide the new owner with a registration application, a signed transfer, or a signed agreement between buyer and seller as described in the American Kennel Club rules (Chapter 3). It is recommended a sales contract be executed for every sale.
- H. Breeders and sellers should make themselves familiar with laws and regulations intended to protect the pet buying public. Puppy buyers have a right to a sound, healthy pet that is representative of the breed. Breeders and/or sellers should be responsible for providing certain refunds, replacements or reimbursements, should the dog they sell become ill or die from a condition contracted prior to the purchase.

#### GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Dog owners have a responsibility to their canine companions to provide proper care and humane treatment at all times. Proper care and humane treatment include an adequate and nutritious diet, clean water, clean comfortable living conditions, regular veterinary care, kind and responsive human companionship, and training for appropriate behavior. Dogs should not be kept in circumstances or numbers where all of these needs cannot be adequately fulfilled.
- B. Breeders should encourage puppy purchasers to have their pets spayed or neutered to prevent accidental breeding, and to avoid breeding merely to produce puppies for monetary gain.
- C. All breeders must keep accurate and thorough breeding records in accordance with AKC requirements.



## **HEALTH AND EDUCATION**

by Dr. Donna Shade D.V.M.

**There is a new test by Antech Diagnostics to diagnosis Chronic Enteropathy/ Inflammatory Bowel Disease.**

**The clinical signs of Chronic Enteropathy/ Inflammatory Bowel Diseases are vomiting, chronic diarrhea, poor appetite, and weight loss. With a simple blood test three GI biomarkers are tested- increased bacteria, intestinal inflammation, and gliadin sensitivity.**

**To keep it simple- if your dog is experiencing chronic diarrhea and weight loss try this new blood test before spending hundreds of dollars on x-rays and ultrasound.**



# BRAGS

◆ *John and Kim Strassner*

🐾 *Win photos for Katie and Percy - shown by Mark Hersman*



Percy – Reserve Winners Dog



Katie – Winners Bitch, finishing her major



Katie going Best of Breed in her second Grand show (first was Select Bitch).



**AKC Spring Specialty – March 30, 2025 – in conjunction with the Sacramento Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club**

2 Conformation shows, Obedience and Rally Trials  
Entries open January 1, 2025; Close March 12, 2025  
Sycamore Lane Kennels, Lodi

Premium: [https://oaklines.com/Shows/Specialty/SSCNC-2025/SSCNC\\_Premium\\_2025.pdf](https://oaklines.com/Shows/Specialty/SSCNC-2025/SSCNC_Premium_2025.pdf)

**Shetland Sheepdog Club Of Northern California**

Licensed by the American Kennel Club  
Premium List

**Two Specialty Shows in One Day**

Conformation x2 / Obedience / Rally

**AM Sunday**

**March 30, 2025:**

Puppy Sweepstakes  
Veteran Sweepstakes  
Conformation  
Junior Showmanship  
Obedience

Events # AM:  
2025130406 (C/J/O)

**PM Sunday**

**March 30, 2025:**

Conformation  
Rally

Events # PM:  
2025130407 (C/J)  
2025130405 (R)



**Entry Limits**

Conformation - 100 Entries each Show  
Obedience - 30 Entries  
Rally - 40 Entries

All judging will be held outdoors on artificial turf under cover. These events are Unbenched.

Obedience & Rally and are open to AKC registered Shetland Sheepdogs and AKC registered Herding Breeds only

**Sycamore Lane Kennels**

5111 West Sargent Road  
Lodi, CA 95242

**Show Hours: 6:00 am to 7:00 pm**

**Closing Date:**

Wednesday  
March 12, 2025 - 6:00 PM

**Event Secretary:**

Dale Root  
423 Rico St.  
Salinas CA 93907  
(831) 422-8807  
Dale\_Root@OakLines.com

*or when limits have been reached  
after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, changed, or substituted.*



**AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB**

**CERTIFICATION**

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.  
Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary

# FYI

Exciting news from Jill Meryl Levy:

Laddie and I are pleased to announce that our new book—*Muscle Testing for You, Your Family, and Your Pet*—is now available at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/Muscle-Testing-You-Your-Family/dp/0981907954/ref=sr_1_1?crid=399ZKLHRTJ7GI&dib=eyJ2IjojMSJ9.-OJKR5KFXIk8qbT3ttW3Kx3YKNGmmRK6pZlp0xQa2-I.XWg2LJdxSMrvZp_1YJITihYOR39sCn-OjXSB8VCstec&dib_tag=se&keywords=muscle+testing+for+you%2C+your+family%2C+and+your+pet&qid=1737700728&sprefix=muscle+testing+for+you%2C+your+family%2C+and+your+pet%2Caps%2C147&sr=8-1) ...

[https://www.amazon.com/Muscle-Testing-You-Your-Family/dp/0981907954/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=399ZKLHRTJ7GI&dib=eyJ2IjojMSJ9.-OJKR5KFXIk8qbT3ttW3Kx3YKNGmmRK6pZlp0xQa2-I.XWg2LJdxSMrvZp\\_1YJITihYOR39sCn-OjXSB8VCstec&dib\\_tag=se&keywords=muscle+testing+for+you%2C+your+family%2C+and+your+pet&qid=1737700728&sprefix=muscle+testing+for+you%2C+your+family%2C+and+your+pet%2Caps%2C147&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Muscle-Testing-You-Your-Family/dp/0981907954/ref=sr_1_1?crid=399ZKLHRTJ7GI&dib=eyJ2IjojMSJ9.-OJKR5KFXIk8qbT3ttW3Kx3YKNGmmRK6pZlp0xQa2-I.XWg2LJdxSMrvZp_1YJITihYOR39sCn-OjXSB8VCstec&dib_tag=se&keywords=muscle+testing+for+you%2C+your+family%2C+and+your+pet&qid=1737700728&sprefix=muscle+testing+for+you%2C+your+family%2C+and+your+pet%2Caps%2C147&sr=8-1).

I have also posted three free downloadable newsletters on muscle testing on my website ([www.firebelleproductions.com](http://www.firebelleproductions.com)). Here is the link: <https://www.firebelleproductions.com/free-stuff/>.

Here are the links to the free newsletters:

- Quick Start Guide to Muscle Testing <https://www.firebelleproductions.com/wp-content/uploads/Quick-Start-Guide-to-Muscle-Testing.pdf>
- Practical Guide for Muscle Testing with your Fur Baby <https://www.firebelleproductions.com/wp-content/uploads/Muscle-Testing-with-Your-Fur-Baby.pdf>
- Enhancing Creativity with Muscle Testing <https://www.firebelleproductions.com/wp-content/uploads/Enhancing-Creativity-with-Muscle-Testing.pdf>



# UPCOMING SHELTYE EVENTS

**February 15 - 16, 2025**

AKC Scent Work Trials  
Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa

**February 22, 2025**

Meeting  
4 pm Via Zoom

**March 30, 2025**

SSCNC Spring Specialty  
Conformation, Obedience and Rally  
Sycamore Lane Kennels, Lodi

**March 30, 2025**

Meeting  
In person - Sycamore Lane Kennels, Lodi

**April 5, 2025**

Meeting  
4 pm Via Zoom

**May 17, 2025**

Meeting  
4 pm Via Zoom

**June 14, 2025**

Puppy Picnic  
Pleasanton

**June 14, 2025**

Meeting  
In person - Puppy Picnic

**July 4 - 6, 2025**

SSCNC Agility Trial  
Manzanita Park, Prunedale

**July 19, 2025**

Meeting  
4 pm Via Zoom  
**August 16, 2025**

Match  
Conformation, Obedience & Rally  
Pleasanton  
**August 16, 2025**

Meeting  
In person - Match  
**September 20, 2025**

Meeting  
4 pm Via Zoom  
**October 24 - 25, 2025**  
SSCNC Spring Specialty  
Conformation  
Dixon May Fairgrounds, Dixon  
**October 25, 2025**

Meeting  
In person - Dixon May Fairgrounds, Dixon  
**November 9, 2025**

Obedience and Rally Trials  
Mt. Diablo Dog Training Club, Martinez  
**November 15, 2025**

Meeting  
4 pm Via Zoom  
**December 6, 2025**  
Holiday party  
Cattlemen's Restaurant, Livermore  
**December 6, 2025**

Meeting  
In person - Holiday party, Cattlemen's, Livermore



*From John Strassner, powder shots of Percy, Katie, and Lance*



**Percy**



**Katie**



**Lance**



**Ripley and Ozzie at the Vizsla Club of Northern California Agility Trial February 2, 2025**

