



# SSCNC Bulletin

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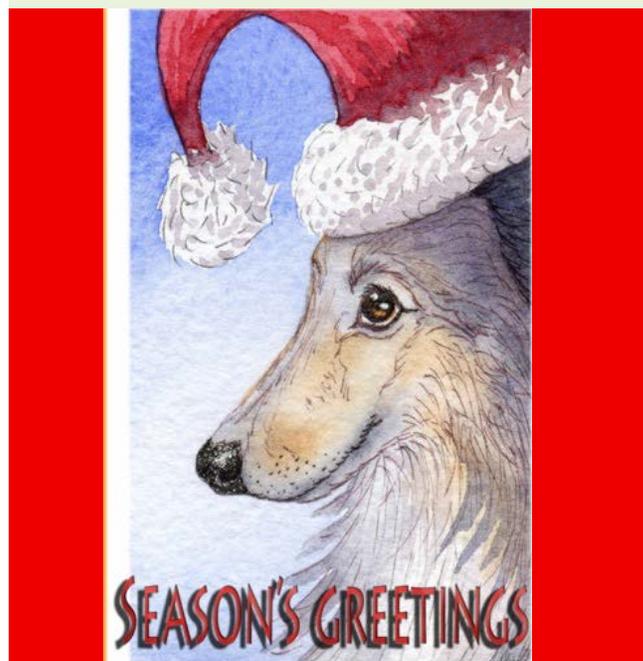
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Membership: Chair: Patsi Nelson  
Specialty Shows: October 24 – 25, 2025  
Show Chair: Tina Laster  
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Hospitality: November 9, 2025 – Obedience/Rally  
Show Chair:  
Show Secretary:  
Obed/Rally Chair:  
Hospitality: March 2026  
Show Chair:  
Show Secretary:  
Obed Chair:  
Rally Chair:  
Hospitality:  
Agility Trial: July 4 – 6, 2025  
Chair: Patsi Nelson  
Scent Work Trial: September 19 - 21, 2025  
Chair: Kim Strassner / Patsi Nelson  
Chair:  
Obedience: Chair: Roxayn King  
Rally: Chair: Beverly Fadden  
Herding: Marianne Dub  
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*Next Club Meetings:*

- *2026 Meeting schedule - TBA*



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

November 15, 2025

Location: Via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by President Karen D'Augusta at 4:07 pm.

The following members were present:

Johanna Primeaux	Ken Laster	Ellen Fletcher
Anita Rasmussen	Tink TenEyck	Diane Boross
Lisa Tatsuno	Pam Palajac	Mike Bianco
Sue Cone	Roxayn King	Phil Galu
Amy Foster	Marianne Dub	Kathy Coon
Brishna Flores	Pam Catlett	Laura Finerty
Lisa Casaccia	Julie Guttman	

The following board members were present:

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

Minutes: Previous minutes approved.

Treasurer:

- SW Trial [REDACTED]
- November Obedience/Rally Trial [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Bulletin: The November Bulletin got so big that some photos/submissions have been moved to the December Bulletin.

Scent Work Trial

- We had several problems at the Scent Work Trial, resulting in 4 bench show hearings.
- After Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have a Zoom meeting about it.
- It has been a struggle, but a lot of good people got involved to get the issues resolved.
- All the required hearings have been completed.
- Information will appear in an upcoming Gazette.

- In all the years that SSCNC has put on show and trials and other events, this is the first problem of this magnitude that we have ever encountered.
- The AKC is happy at how everything was resolved.

#### Obedience / Rally Trial in Martinez

- Thanks to Roxayn and Bev for running the Obedience / Rally Trial in November.
- It was our first standalone Obed/Rally show.
- There were 30 Obedience entries and 25 Rally entries.
- The event went well. Lots of Q's and happy people.
- The Board will talk about the 2026 event.
- Sue Cone (Chief Ring Steward) thanked everyone who stepped up to the plate and volunteered.
- A chair and a cooler were left behind at the show. We are looking for the owner.

#### Website:

- There was a bug on the website thanks to a bot. It was fixed by Lisa Casaccia and Lisa Smyth.
- Lisa C. uploaded the new roster.

#### Holiday Party:

- So far 34 people are attending. This includes a few new faces. Roxayn is waiting for a couple of people.
- There will be a raffle featuring items from Trudy Kerr.

#### New Business:

- Good Sportsmanship Award: Rebecca will send out an email with the nominations and ask for members to vote.
- Open Positions: At a future meeting, we will discuss the jobs that need volunteers. We have a lot of new members and there are many ways to help the Club.

Old Business: None

Good of the Order: None

Next Meeting: There will be a brief meeting at the Holiday Party on December 6, 2025, in person.

Adjourned: 4:20 pm

Submitted by:

Rebecca Logsdon

Recording Secretary

Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California



# HEALTH AND EDUCATION

by Dr. Donna Shade D.V.M.

**NO REPORT THIS MONTH**





*From Amy Sanders*

My dog Corey has been recovering from surgery. We all know how trying it can be for dogs and their people during recovery. I'm sharing a Lighter Side of Party Hat Life.

LambChop decides to move in with Corey.



## SHELTIE ADVENTURES

### *From Pam Palajac*

*Pam's report on her travels to Greeley Colorado for ASSA Nationals back in April.*

It was the adventure for the history books. I did a road trip with Penny Larson, who owns Riley, 5 yr old (from Scott & Patsi) and Dylan, 10 yr old (from Trudy), plus my 3 girls all in my SUV. That was a sight to behold, lol. We made a super fast, non-eventful trip TO Colorado. Three days, 2 nights on the road.



- In agility, Pippin got her Master FAST title. As well as scored in other classes.



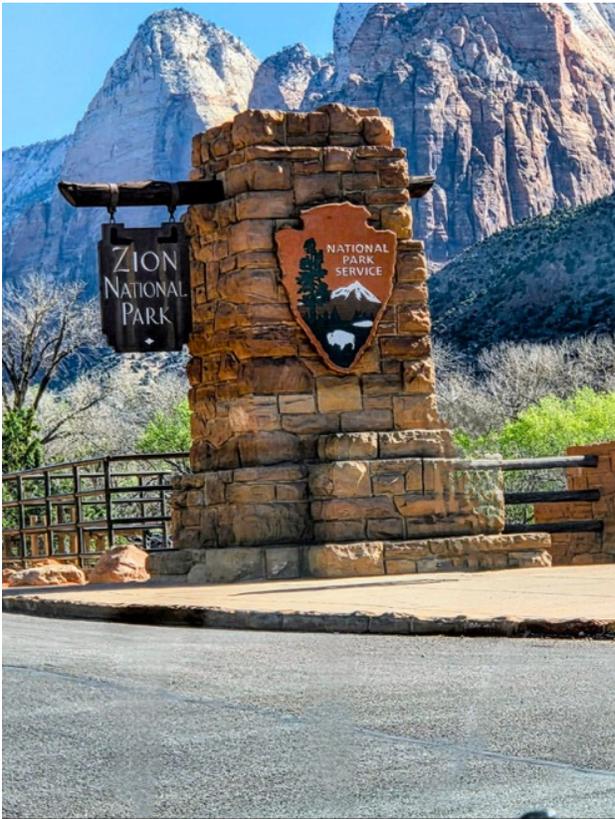
- My new girl Jewel (I adopted her from Trudy 12/2023), got her 2nd leg of Rally Novice and an ASSA Plate. Remember, she came to me untrained. So super proud of her!



On our way home from Greeley, Penny and I visited and ate lunch at Red Rocks Amphitheater in Denver.



We also visited Arches National Park as well as Zion NP.



I'm jazzed to have had this extraordinary experience to attend ASSA. I wish it were closer more often. Penny and I had a blast on our trip!



*From Jill Meryl Levy*

## **Pet Reincarnation / Animal Communication**

A few weeks after Laddie passed away, I emailed an animal communicator whom I'd met at Bark in the Park to thank her for the brief session she had done for Laddie and to let her know that Laddie passed away four days later. When she wrote back, she gave me a message from Laddie. Among other things, Laddie said, "I may be back again." It was the first time I'd given any thought to animal reincarnation.

A few days later, Mark Hersman (Laddie's breeder) emailed me about a six-month-old girl named Harper who was too small for show. Suddenly, I was faced with a quandary. If I adopted a puppy now, would it close the door to Laddie reincarnating and coming back to me?

I quickly scheduled a session with the animal communicator whom I'd worked with several times (<https://www.purrrfectlyholistic.com/services/animal-communication/>). Through Kate, Laddie told me that he was doing great, thrilled to be energetic again after kidney disease had robbed him of vitality during his physical lifetime. Laddie conveyed that he still had a mission in the spirit world before he would be ready to reincarnate. In the meantime, however, he encouraged me to adopt Harper. He felt that I needed her and that she needed me.

With Laddie's blessing, I brought Harper home with me two days before Thanksgiving. She's an adorable, sweet little angel whom everybody loves. She's going to follow in Laddie's footsteps as a therapy dog for the fire service.



Kate wasn't the only animal communicator whom I consulted. When I started researching animal reincarnation, I ran across a fascinating website (<https://www.animallovelanguages.com>) with loads of interesting podcasts about a variety of pet topics. Shannon Cutts is an "animal sensitive and intuitive," Reiki master, and animal communication teacher. We did an animal communication session, which reinforced what I'd learned from Kate. I have since signed up for Shannon's animal communication course.

With Shannon's permission, I will share some of her resources in future SSCNC Bulletins. This month, I'll share where I started ... pet reincarnation ...

### **Pet Reincarnation: What is Woo and What is True**

*By animal communicator Shannon Cutts with Animal Love Languages*

If you read the title of this article and are still reading, you are my kind of pet parent. Welcome! We are about to delve into one of my absolute favorite areas of the animal communication field – pet reincarnation. I will be honest. Pet reincarnation is an area of focus that many of my colleagues practice only covertly. Some flat-out refuse to touch it. Which means I find myself at the very fringes of a field which in itself is still too fringe for many of my species to find credible. Luckily, I like a good challenge....

To read the full article: <https://happyhealthydog.org/shannonmarch>

Freebie: <https://www.animallovelanguages.com/petreincarnation>

Podcast: <https://letstalktoanimals.buzzsprout.com/2105365/episodes/16374107-pet-reincarnation-how-it-really-works-to-call-your-soul-pet-back>

## Shelties in Community Service

*From Patsi Nelson*

Havere Sheli Buster Posey MVP (Buster) and Caitlin's Lil' Big Man (Joey) in holiday wear doing pet therapy work at Stanford: Buster in the Cuddles for Caregivers PAWS program at Stanford Hospital and Joey in the Pet Partners program at Stanford Law School.



*Buster*



*Buster*



*Joey*

# BRAGS

◆ Patsi Nelson (Havere Sheli Shelties)

🐾 *Havere Sheli Hatikvah- "Tika"*

- ♥ *Tika was High in Trial Combined Advanced at the DMKC scent work trial in Pacific Grove December 7, 2025.*

Congratulations!



# UPCOMING SHELTYE EVENTS

**March 8, 2026**

*SSCNC Specialty - Conformation, Obedience & Rally  
Sycamore Lane Kennels, Lodi*

*Remaining 2026 schedule TBD*





*Happy Holidays*



*Chloe - Lisa Casaccia*

