



# Herd the News?

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## Agile Canines Training School Presents Suzanne Clothier

**INSIDE THE DOG** – Saturday October 28, 2006

### **AGGRESSION & BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS:**

**A Relationship Based Approach to Understanding & Handling Them** –  
Sunday October 29, 2006

Suzanne Clothier has been working with animals professionally since 1977, with a deep background of experience that includes obedience, agility, puppy testing, breeding, Search & Rescue, conformation, instructing, kennel management & canine midwifery. She is well respected for her holistic, relationship based approach to dogs & the people that love them.

An award winning author of videos, books, booklets & numerous articles, her work has appeared in the AKC Gazette, Dog Fancy, Dogs In Canada, Off Lead, Clean Run, Wolf Clan & breed magazines & newsletters around the world. She served as a committee member for the AKC's Agility Advisory Board, and as a committee member of the American Humane Association's Task Force for the Development of Humane Standards in Dog Training. Her video **Your Athletic Dog** is used by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association and Optissage in their trainings. Her latest book, **Bones Would Rain from the Sky: Deepening Our Relationships With Dogs** (Warner Books, 2002) has received wide spread praise from every corner of the dog world, with Japanese, Korean & German versions due out in 2004-2005. A German Shepherd breeder for 25 years, her Hawks Hunt German Shepherds have been successful in obedience, agility, SAR, tracking, herding & therapy work; she is also the co-breeder of a National Specialty BOB Brittany.

"Holistic" is a word that best describes

Suzanne Clothier's seminars. Her focus is always on the **whole** dog, and the intricate, beautiful ways in which the body, mind & spirit are connected. Her unique relationship based approach to training treats dogs & their people with respect, understanding and humor.

Going beyond the simple "how to" these two unique seminars offer a challenging look at our relationships with our dogs. Suzanne brings together dog behavior, training principles & innovative, holistic techniques that will enhance any training program. The importance of the relationship as the foundation for all training is woven through every step - perfect for people seeking a humane way to connect deeply, heart to heart, with their canine companions.

This is not an obedience seminar. In an unusual reversal of roles, the dogs serve as the teachers. We learn to see the dog's point of view, understand the cultural perspectives of both handler & dog, how our communication & leadership styles differ, and to honor & respect the lessons our dogs bring us. Dogs are welcome to attend as long as they are well behaved and quiet.

**INSIDE THE DOG:** As Groucho Marx noted, "Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside a dog, it's too dark to read." But he forgot to mention that there's a lot to see and know about the inside of a dog. This intensive workshop is designed for anyone interested in finding out how the inside of their dog creates the behavior, responses, performance and personality that we see outside the dog.

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Special points of interest:

- **Membership meeting now at at Perkins Shoreview**
- **NEW Calendar see p 7**
- **Judge's Survey**

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## Suzanne Clothier Presentation continued from page 1

Topics to be covered will include:

- \* Form and Function - structural assessment, functional assessment
- \* Physiology Basics
- \* Assessing Fitness
- \* Exercise Physiology & Conditioning Principles
- \* Gait Analysis
- \* Dealing with physical issues in the performance dog
- \* Structure & Its Contribution to performance

Case history dogs welcome. All dogs present may be measured to assist in our data collection (non-invasive). *If you'd like to bring a dog as a case history for assessment, please let us know about the dog in detail (no later than 10/6/06).*

### **AGGRESSION & BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS: A Relationship Based Approach to Understanding & Handling Them:**

This seminar is for anyone who wants to further their understanding of Suzanne Clothier's Relationship Based Approach to Training and the dog/human relationship. With a particular emphasis on behavior problems and aggression, this seminar is ideal for trainers, instructors, rescue/shelter personnel and anyone who needs to know how to assess, address and resolve some of the most frustrating behaviors dog owners face. However, you need not be a trainer to attend!

Taught with great humor as well as compassion for people & dogs, the seminar will use lecture, videotape, and live demonstrations with case history dogs. Strong emphasis on developing observation skills as critical to proper assessment. This seminar will provide new ways to see dogs and their relationships to people as well as practical solutions for common problems. Suzanne's approach emphasizes "bottom up" thinking and resolution work at the foundation level rather than using labels, categories and "band-aid" approach training. Her work brings together dog behavior, training principles, and innovative,

holistic techniques that will enhance any training program.

This seminar will focus on the following topics:

- Observation Skills - Learn the "Geometry of Body Language" and sharpen your observation skills through video, group exercises, and work with live dogs.
- Key Points for Assessing a Dog - Learn Suzanne's simplified but elegant approach for the evaluation of dogs. Learn how to acquire the information you need to help resolve problems.
- Foundation Skills - Learn the essential foundation skills needed by all dogs such as auto-check in, self control, no pulling, self directed behavior, voluntary compliance and emotional modulation.
- Arousal - Understand the role of arousal in learning and behavior. Learn how to accurately assess arousal levels: what is "too much" and can you have "too little"? Teach dogs to self modulate their arousal levels, the "On/Off" game, and to learn self control.
- Social Engagement- The heart of relationships: how to engage your dog, the power of shared activities (real life rewards), the "Go Hunt" game, having a crush on your dog, and effective leadership.
- The Whole Dog Approach - Understanding and handling behavior & aggression problems must include an evaluation and appreciation of the whole dog - body, mind & soul - as

well as the dog/human relationship. This contextual and holistic approach offers relationship based solutions.

**CASE HISTORIES WELCOMED:** We are seeking submissions of case histories. All behavior problems will be considered, including aggression cases except dogs that have seriously injured or killed humans or other dogs. *To be considered, please send (no later than 10/1/06) a detailed email with your name, contact information, and complete history on the dog, his behavior, training or modifications to date, goals for this dog. We will let you know roughly 10-14 days before the seminar if your dog has been accepted.* Rescue, shelter & foster dogs are welcomed as case histories - an incredible opportunity to have a puzzling or difficult dog assessed and worked with!

**Location:** Total Recall Training School - Hugo, MN. Directions will be sent with confirmation.

**Cost:** \$100 per day, \$185 for both days. *Pre-registration and fee due in advance.* Registration is limited and will be on a first received (via USPS only) basis. Refunds available if spot can be filled. If needed a waiting list will be created.

**Registration form on line. See Events Page.**

**Contact** Linda Conrad at [LConrad@aol.com](mailto:LConrad@aol.com) (952-440-6306)

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## CONGRATULATIONS!!

My Pembroke Welsh Corgi, "Henry", Am/Can/Intl.Ch. Lismore's Court Jester, CD, HT, MX, NAP, AXJ, NJP, CGC, VCX, got a Preferred Jumper Open leg at our Herding Club agility trial on July 1st. He was handled by my friend, Jennifer Bravinder. He also got his first Rally leg in Duluth this weekend on Friday (the only day of the weekend we were able to go to those shows). Since I had never even seen Rally before, I think we did pretty well. Especially since he will be 9 years old pretty soon, and I will be considerably older! :)

Also, his grand-daughter, "Elsa", Jesty's The Crowd's Choice, (Lismore's Diamond In The Ruff x Ch. Busy-B's Dakota's Moon Dust) got her first conformation point at the Duluth show, going Best of Winners.

**Jacqy McKay**

**ACDCA Volunteers needed:**

For the September 30-October 6 event, we are still interested in utilizing NSHGC members who would like to volunteer. We have about all the conformation ring stewards we need.

1. We could use some help Monday during the health clinics, checking folks in and seeing that they have the paperwork they need.
2. Also could use some help selling catalogues and manning the registration table at the Holiday Inn South M-W.
3. I may need a bit of help on Tuesday and Wed. seeing that trophies get to where they need to be.

I won't turn away anyone who wants to help any time during that week! We dearly appreciate all the help!

Louanne Brooks [LSBROOKS@dow.com](mailto:LSBROOKS@dow.com)

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**To subscribe to club e-mail list:** <http://www.yahogroups.com/groups/nshgc>

## Barb Stoffel

**Barb Stoffel has recently been diagnosed with cancer.** She has undergone surgery . Her dogs are being cared for by friends and family. For anyone who does not know Barb, she has Pembroke Welsh Corgi's and is also a School teacher, along with being active in her church and sings regularly in the choir. She has a heart as big as the sky and one of the kindest people I know.

She recently went to Canada and I was not sure if she sent in her wins but please read her email to me of her accomplishments & post them in the newsletter if they haven't been listed:

*"Hi, I am back from my trip to Portage La Prairie, Manitoba Canada and we had a wonderful time, just like 2 years ago. I took Liesl and daughter, Maria. You may or may not know I just about lost Maria one week before I left for Canada and she and I spent many long hours at my vet and then at the U of MN vet clinic...a bad case of hemorrhagic gastroenteritis probably caused by something she ate was the diagnosis. Imagine a Corgi getting into something! She got so sick so quickly, so she is my miracle girl and I wasn't about to let her out of my sight if she was fit to travel. She bounced back so quickly after her 105.8 temp and need for IV fluids. I can safely say she is as wild and into everything as usual so I feel quite blessed. On to Canada..."*

### Saturday, July 1

- Liesl got her first obedience leg toward her Canadian CD title
- Liesl got 2nd place in Open class at the Manitoba Pembroke Welsh Corgi Sectional Specialty
- Maria won her puppy class, won Reserve Winner's Bitch (over her mom!!!) and won Best Puppy at the Specialty
- Maria won second place in puppy sweepstakes at the all breed show

### Sunday, July 2

- Liesl got her second and third legs toward her Canadian CD and was awarded her CD (Companion Dog) title (-:
- Maria competed in an all breed conformation trial and won her puppy class and won Reserve Winner's Bitch

### Monday, July 3

- Liesl got her chance to compete in the all breed show and she won her Open class, Winner's Bitch, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex

*It was an amazing weekend and as always the Canadian people were so lovely, I will be going back next year, hopefully you can all come too!"*

Submitted by Kathy DuVall

## Member Brag:

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, in her 3<sup>rd</sup> show in two days, at the Portage La Prairie Kennel Club show in Canada, Baymoor HF Allegretto became a Canadian Champion. She is now officially Can Ch Baymoor HF Allegretto CD. She earned her breed title under Canadian Corgi breeder/Judge Cheryl Stuber. She went Best Of Winners in all three shows, including the Manitoba Section of the Canadian Pembroke Welsh Corgi Association specialty show where she was judged by Mr. Leslie Rogers. Our "girl" showed us something very special this weekend. As always, she was owner handled.

Not to be outdone, our boys, High Flying Sammo (AKA Sammo) and High Flying Espresso (AKA Timmy) also did well in the obedience ring as they both got their Canadian CD title.

The highlights for them include Sammo going high Corgi in Trial with a score of 197 at the Corgi specialty. Because it was also an open show, Sammo ended up second in the class, losing the runoff for first due a little bit of forging. Timmy took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the same class with a score of 192. Not to be outdone, in the next show, Timmy scored 192.5, took second and beat his big brother Sammo.

Steve Kath & Jenny Zimmerman

Can Ch Baymoor HF Allegretto CD

HighFlying Sammo VCD1, UD, HT and Canadian CD

HighFlying Espresso CDX, PT, OA, NAJ and Canadian CD

## Trophy Sponsorships

### Obedience Rally Jan. 2007

- : HIT = \$35.00
- : First in Obedience Classes = \$10.00
- : Hi Combined = \$15.00
- : Highest scoring (breed) = \$10
- : Best Junior = \$15.00

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Monticello, MN 55362

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## Member Profile: Sharon Danley, NSHGC Historian

I'm Sharon Danley, one of the many charter members of the NSHG Club and am also the club's Historian. Being a charter member means I was there in the beginning (but I receive no discounts) and being historian means I keep all of the newsletters, pictures, catalogs, etc. in a box. I'm also a member of the Bearded Collie Club of America and the Land O'Lakes All Breed Club. I presently have a 6 yr old male Beardie and a 7 1/2 yr old female Beardie along with a 15 yr. old male Bichon and a 9 yr. old female Bichon.

I grew up on St. Paul's east side and am now retired from the St. Paul Travelers Co. I have one daughter and four grandchildren. Dogs have always been a part of my life as far back as I can remember (sometimes that's only last week but this time it's way back -- "in the old days"). But I always had to live with the dogs my family allowed us to have. First it was my Mom and Dad and then it was what my daughter's allergies would tolerate. But finally in 1985 I was able to purchase a dog of my choice. One of my co-workers raised Bearded Collies and was showing off some pictures of her new litter. I started to research the breed and finally in 1985 I was able to get an interview with her friend who was another Beardie breeder in Minnesota. I only wanted a 'pet' and it had to be a female because that's all we ever had. Finally in July 1985 I picked up my little black with white female Bearded Collie and that was the start. Everything I read and looked at indicated my little girl was no different than all of the pictures I saw. I started going to local dog shows and finally asked the Breeder if we could redo the contract so I could try showing her. I took handling classes and each payday, I'd buy another item I needed for my new hobby. I switched from grooming her on a rubber mat on my washing machine/or floor to a lovely rubber topped table. Then because she kept leaving the table, I bought a grooming post, etc. My hair dryer wasn't doing the job, so next came a doggie dryer. Then my little Pontiac 6000 needed to be replaced with a small mid-sized van. One dog because more dogs and on and on.

But my first little girl and I earned her American/Canadian Championship as well as her American/Canadian Companion Dog Title and I was hooked. My Mom and Dad then knew for certain that I was crazy.

While showing my first Beardie, I started noticing those cute little Bichons at the shows and I started re-searching them. So when I was finally able to obtain a show Bichon puppy, I became determined to teach myself how to groom for the show ring. A professional handler helped me and even though I thought I was doing a great job, I look back at my pictures and am surprised we were allowed in the ring. I then went to grooming school to learn how to handle really sharp scissors and ended up working as a groomer in a local shop. The shop's owner was a breeder and exhibitor of poodles and shop talk always centered around dog shows. It was a life my family didn't understand. If I called my Mom to check on her status and made the mistake of saying "Guess what?" -- she'd go "Oh No - you bought another dog." Well yes, but it was only a puppy and sometimes I even acquired little boy puppies.

My dogs have come from the U.S., Canada and Belgium and have always given me the excuse to attend various specialties and shows like Westminster in NY and others all over the country and Canada as well as to meet and talk "dog" with people from all walks of life. My Beardies and I have earned obedience and agility titles as well as their American and Canadian Championship titles. Many of my Bichons also earned their American Championship titles but never really cared for obedience so I never pushed it. And now new doors have opened for me in the dog world -- my 13 yr. old granddaughter is trying out Junior Showmanship and I'm getting involved in conformation judging. But every now and then I'm still asked to steward at a local show and I try to acquiesce because I feel that without the workers, there might not be a dog show for us to attend and enjoy.

Sharon Danley

## North Star Herding Group Club

### Minutes of the Membership Meeting

July 20, 2006

The meeting was held in South Saint Paul, MN at the St Paul Dog Training Club location. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 p.m. following the speaker presentation, by president, Patti Kleven.

#### Reports-

Secretary's report- Minutes for June 20 were approved without correction.

Treasurer's report- Ending Bank Balance \$12,569.62.

Agility Committee Report: Event expenses \$10,101.00 (includes site \$3000, equip rental cancellation \$760.00). Income from event was \$13,650.00. Net profit was \$3548.99.

Herding Committee: See Bev's report below.

#### Past President's report-

1. Full-page ad approved for January specialty in the Premium. Steve submitted outline to secretary for design. LOLKC is **not** having agility this year but will have Rally with their obedience. Area used for agility will be rings for Toys and Non-Sporting grooming.
2. OES 2008 in Hutchinson the weekend before WCKC in October. Requesting help putting on Obedience/Rally/Agility and hopefully herding.
3. Herding Trials: Target for match spring 2007 if we obtain the following:
  - ⇒ Info on members involved and / or interested in herding.
  - ⇒ Individuals who would serve as Trial Chair and Trial Secretary.
  - ⇒ After we submit the info will have to have an A match trial. Then we can have a match in spring 2007 and will be eligible to hold trials in 2008

Bev Capstick, Past President

Membership Committee: Second reading. Members present voted to accept these membership applications:

#### **Steve Kath and Jennie Zimmerman**

Breed: Pembroke Welsh Corgi  
Activities: Conformation, Obedience, Agility, herding, and tracking.

#### **Mike Ekwall**

Breed: Cardigan Welsh Corgi  
Activities: Conformation

#### **First Reading:**

Rosalie and Bernie Bullert (family membership)  
Breed: Pembroke Welsh Corgi  
Activities: Conformation  
Interested in fund raising and community service.

### Membership Committee Continued.

#### **First Reading (continued):**

Rebecca Hardwick  
Breed: Pembroke Welsh Corgi  
Activities: Conformation  
Interested in hosting parties at her home

Obedience/Rally Report: **Chief Ring Steward still needed.**

#### Old Business:

1. Update on July Agility trial at Soccer Blast. See treasurer's report. No other news no members present.
2. Meeting location moving as of August 17 meeting to Perkins in Shorewood. See ad below.
3. Full page ad for NSHGC Friday Specialty to be in Premium for LOLCK show in January 2007.

#### New Business:

1. Judge's names to be submitted for August 2007 show to SKVKC. They are requesting a list of judges from past shows.
2. 4-H State Dog Project Sponsorship for 4 plaques \$108 to be awarded to Herding Breeds. Members present voted to approve this sponsorship.
3. Need to form Conformation and Obedience Match Committee for Fall Event. Patti will participate. Need volunteers to form committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mary McKennan, secretary

**August 17th Gen. Membership Meeting  
at Perkins 694 & Lexington (SW corner)**

### **Newsletter Ad rates:**

#### Club Members:

Full page = \$25.00

1/2 page = \$15.00

1/4 page = \$10.00

Want ad = \$5.00

Want ad = 1/8 page.

Full page is one side only.

\*\*Non members add \$5.00

# North Star Herding Group Club Judge Survey

Now is the time for Members to provide their input for their preference for Breed Judges. Our first group show is not that far in the future, and this planning must be done. **Do not set this aside and forget to respond! Return by March 31st.** We will endeavor to follow member's preferences.

List the breeds you own/show (*important to decisions for assignments of available judges*):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### List Judges you wish to be considered:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

List Judges you wish we would *not consider*:  
(information to be held in strictest confidence)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

### Return to Judges Committee:

Steve Sorenson  
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Eau Claire, WI 54702

*Return deadline: March 31, 2007.*

# NSHGC Calendar

**August 17, 2006 (Thursday)**  
**General Membership Meeting** at Perkins  
(SW corner 694 & Lexington)

**August 24-27, 2006 (Thurs-Sun)**  
**SCVKC at Lake Elmo August 24-27**  
*Show Closes 8/9/06*

**Breeder Program August 26 (Sat)**  
*Register on line: [www.therio.org](http://www.therio.org) Click "Breeder's Session"*

Cappy Pruett & Kyle Smith Herding Clinic  
**August 25, 26, & 27th** - Northfield, MN  
Julie Lawrence, 507-645-0095,  
e-mail: [kelpiedog@myclearwave.net](mailto:kelpiedog@myclearwave.net)

**September 8, 9 & 10, 2006 (Fri-Sun)**  
Great River Stockdog Club's Fall Trial in Northfield, MN  
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**Sept.30-Oct. 6, 2006 (Sat-Friday)**  
**Australian Cattle Dog Club of America**  
**2006 National Specialty**, Rochester, MN  
Olmsted County Fairgrounds.

**October 7-8, 2006 (Sat & Sun)**  
**Wright County Kennel Club 2006 Show**  
Mcleod Co Fairgrounds

**October 28 & 29, 2006 (Sat & Sun)**  
**Suzanne Clothier Seminars**

**Sat: INSIDE THE DOG**  
**Sun: AGGRESSION & BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS:**  
**A Relationship Based Approach to Understanding & Handling Them** At Total Recall in Hugo, MN  
Reservation form on [nshgc.org/events](http://nshgc.org/events)

**January 5, 2007 (Friday)**  
North Star Herding Group Club Specialty  
River Center, St. Paul

**January 6-7, 2007 (Sat & Sun)**  
Land O'Lakes Kennel Club Show  
River Center, St. Paul



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North Star Herding Group Club  
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Delano, MN 55328

The North Star Herding Group Club (NSHGC) was established in January of 2000 and gained AKC Club recognition in 2002. In November 2004, NSHGC was granted permission to hold fully sanctioned Conformation, Obedience and Agility trials. This club was founded to support Herding Breeds and the people who love and work with them.

**Our primary objectives are:**

- Encourage and promote quality breeding and performance of all purebred Herding breed dogs
- To urge members and breeders to accept the standards of their breeds approved by the AKC.
- To protect the interests of the Herding Breeds and encourage sportsmanlike competition. To conduct sanctioned trials, dog shows, obedience trials, and other performance events under the rules of the AKC.
- To provide educational programs and seminars to enhance knowledge in regard to all Herding Breeds and Purebred dogs in general.