



Herd the News?

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What Is Our Responsibility To Our Breeds?

The Internet and Lists Serves have helped our connections in the dog world 100 times over.

I, like many people in the dog world, have many connections, to many different people through out the world because of the World Wide Web. The computer and the internet is great.

As I read many different list serves about my breed of canine, canine reproduction, raising puppies and health and genetics, I wonder why and what people think makes a responsible breeder?

Is it just producing more puppies to show and do performance?

Is it doing the genetic testing for known health problems in a certain breed?

Is it just because of what one breeder thinks or what they do is better, then the breeder from a different state or country?

What makes someone more of a responsible breeder then the next breeder?

On one of the list, they is a breeder, who did a merle to merle breeding and had 8 puppies 5 of the 8 puppies were double merle. Of the 5 double merle, all had eye problems and 3 were also deaf. One of the non merle puppies was born with only 1 eye.

Then there is a Vet breeder, who is complaining because her breed restricts merle to merle breeding. She thinks, because of the Code of Ethics of her breed club, it is making impossible to produce what would be a great litter.

This morning, I read a post about a puppy buyer, who is doing a double hip replacement on her pet puppy to the cost of \$4000.00. One of the parents of this puppy is a top winning, group-placing dog; that the breeder knows has Hip Dysplasia.

On another list, I read about a breeder who knowingly produced a litter with a sire that is a known PRA carrier. Well after the breeding took place, it is found that the dam has a full sister has PRA.

Then there is a breeder, who knowingly keeps producing litter after litter from the same lines, when they know there are temperament problems.

Is there a genetic test for your breeds known genetic problems?

Do you know if your lines have OFA or Penn Hip ratings for their hips?

Is it right to produce puppies that will have a high percentage of a genetic problem?

Are you doing testing for genetic problems in your breed ?

I hear, many times, from many different people, NOT IN MY LINES!

But how will you know if you don't do the testing and certifying?

The dog world is changing.

With a new DNA tests every week for some genetic problem, will we make the change for the better ?

What is a breeder's responsibility to their breed?

What is a breeder's responsibility to their breeding program?

What is a breeder's responsibility to the puppies they produce?

These are all questions we have to ask ourselves every day!

Special points of interest:

- **Membership meeting**

January 20, 08

7:30 p.m.

- **Calendar see p 7**

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Jean Runge

A canine truism.....

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife, Lisa, and their little boy, Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation.

He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life -- like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The six-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."

Live simply.
Love generously.
Care deeply.
Speak kindly.

Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:

- * When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.**
- * Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.**
- * Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.**
- * Take naps.**
- * Stretch before rising.**
- * Run, romp, and play daily.**
- * Thrive on attention and let people touch you.**
- * Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.**
- * On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.**
- * On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.**
- * When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.**
- * Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.**
- * Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough.**
- * Be loyal. Never pretend to be something you're not.**
- * If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.**
- * When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.**
- * Be always grateful for each new day.**

FSS Report – November, 2007

At its October meeting, the AKC Board voted that the Icelandic Sheepdog will be eligible to compete in the Miscellaneous Class effective July 1, 2008. Other breeds destined for the Herding Group now competing in the Miscellaneous Class include Norwegian Buhunds and Pyrenean Shepherds.

Effective January, 2008, the following breeds destined for the Herding Group will be eligible to compete in Companion Events: Belgian Laekenois, Bergamasco Sheepdogs,

Mudi and Pumi. They join the Finish Lapphund which has been competing in Companion Events since January, 2004

John Peterson, FSS Coordinator

Kathy DuVall's show wins for the Summer, Fall & Winter 2007

July 21 2007-Temperament Test put on by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul 3 of my dogs passed their test

Gaicomio- UKC Ch Mari's Run For The Roses, TC; NSHGC-HCTs

Sammy – UKC Ch Mari's Movin' Home Plate, TC; NSHGC-HCTs

Natalie – UKC GRCH (2x BIMBS) Mari's Miracle On 186th Street, TC; NSHGC-HCTs

These 3 dogs are out of my Dam **TIFANY** - UKC GRCH Mari's Tiffany OFA H/E, TC. With Sammy and Natalie being sired by my **ZACK** – UKC Ch (6x BBIS-Best Brace In Show) IABCA Ch / UKC Ch Nordwind's Burst of Energy OFA-Good H/E, TC, CGC, TDIA, PT, RE; AHBA-JHDs.

In June **Natalie** earned her **Grand Championship title** at the Premier in Kalamazoo MI on 6/16/7 defeating 8 other Champion German Shepherds. On 6/17/7 she won the Grand Champions Class of 4 dogs and went on to win Best of Breed.

Since this date she has won 2 Group IV's, 2 Group III's, 2 Group II's, 2 Group I's, 13 Best of Breed's and **2 BEST IN MULTI BREED SHOWS**. The first Best she won on 8/12/7 and the 2nd BIMBS was this weekend in Burnsville MN at the United German Shepherd Dog Alliance show on 12/2/07. Natalie is now 22 ½ months old. She is so much fun to show and has earned the nickname of "Twitty Twit".

Little John – Am Ch (1x BPIS) IABCA Ch (2x RBIS) UKC Ch (2x BIMBS, 2x RBIMBS) Crown's Little John OFA-Excellent, CGC, RAE; 2006-#10 UKC TOP TEN PWC and Working Therapy Dog

Little John won Reserve Champion at the Premier on 6/14/7. On Sunday 6/17/7 he won the Champion's Class of 6 Pembroke Champions and went on to win Best of Breed over the Grand Champions.

Since June he has won 4 Group IV's, 1 Group III, 4 Group II's, 3 Group I's, 14 Best of Breeds, 1 Reserve Best In Multi Breed Show on 8/8/7 and 1 Best in Multi Breed Show on 7/15/7, all at the age of 8 years.

Little John is really close to earning his TDIA award.

In November 2007, **Zack** has completed his 50th Therapy Dog Visits and has been awarded the TDIA(Therapy Dog International Active) award at the age of 11 years. We continue to make visits weekly to many different facilities.

Member Brags:

Winn earned his CD at the TC Miniature Schnauzer Club on November 10th. He qualified in all four runs for his Obedience debut. He also won, on the previous weekend, the BOTC Trophy for High Scoring Novice A dog owned by a BOTC member and also high scoring Novice A dog with a herding title. Cibola Rhapsodi Ewe Nanimous PT RE OA NAJ CD

Chris Mosley

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

Voluteers needed for the Land O' Lakes Dog Show Tours.

Contact Deb Johnson at 952-894-1513 or mfjacg@aol.com.

North Star Herding Group Club Officers, Board, Contacts

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Bev Capstick	763-295-6206	avagator@tds.net
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2007 Committees:

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Membership Renewal 2008

Membership applications will not be accepted with incomplete information. Dues for the year must accompany the application. Applicants under 18 years of age must have parent's signature on application.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Breed or Breeds owned: _____

CIRCLE all areas that apply: (AKC events in the past 2 years)

Exhibitor: Conformation, Obedience, Agility, Other: _____

Breeder: Indicate the number of litters whelped within the past **THREE** years: _____

Judge: Conformation, Obedience, Agility, Other: _____

Instructor Conformation, Obedience, Agility, Other: _____

Interested dog owner

Areas of interest or committees on which you would like to serve:

- | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Educational Programs | Performance Events | Breed Referral |
| Match/Show Organization | Community Service | Publicity |
| Fund Raising Activities | Trophies & Awards | Hospitality |
| Social Events | Others: _____ | |

Please contact me, I would like to volunteer for the following:

___ NSHGC Specialty January 4 ___ LOLKC January 5 Tours ___ LOLKC January 6 Ring Hospitality

Note: Parking pass will be provided for volunteers at the January 4-6 event upon approval.

Rally/Obedience _____ January 26 _____ January 27

SCVKC August 2008 at Lake Elmo: _____ Steward _____ Trophies _____ Help wherever I am needed

Do you have any special skills or talents that may be of benefit to the club? (photographer, artist, writer, computer skills, etc.)

If so, please list: _____

I / we, the above-named, do hereby apply for membership in the North Star Herding Group Club (N.S.H.G.C.) and have enclosed dues for the year _____. I / we agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the N.S.H.G.C. and the American Kennel Club.

Dues: Individual \$15.00, Family \$25.00, Junior \$5.00, Associate (non-voting) \$10.00

I would like to make a donation to NSHGC Junior Program. Scholarship \$ _____ Stipend \$ _____

I wish to receive my newsletter by e-mail to the e-address listed above.

(You will not receive a paper copy of the newsletter if you make this selection)

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Sign and submit to the address below with membership dues. Do not mail cash. Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Submit completed application and dues to:

**Mary J. McKennan
115 Maple Ridge Drive, Delano, MN 55328**

North Star Herding Group Club Minutes of the Membership Meeting 11/15/2007

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Patti Kleven, President.

Committee Reports

President's Report: none

Secretary's Report: October minutes approved by members present. Holiday Christmas Card Challenge

Treasurer's Report: Adjusted bank balance is \$19,980.83.

Agility Committee Report: none

Membership Committee Report:

Memberships approved:

Kathy Derrick
Belgian Turvuren
Interests: Conformation
Volunteer: Match/Show organization, Community Serv.
Sponsors: LouAnn Brooks, Jim Brooks

Memberships pending approval:

Elaine Ballman
Cardigan Welsh Corgi & Giant Schnauzer
Interests: Conformation, Agility, and Rally
Sponsors: Kathy DuVall & Dawn Fisher

2nd reading

Garrett Ramsey
Cardigan Welsh Corgi
Interests: Conformation, obedience, agility, rally
Volunteer: Performance events. Newsletter
Sponsors: Barb Stoffel, Dawn Fischer

Herding Committee Report: Guy Lawrence resignation. Committee will re-organize after January 1. Members interested in participating should contact Karin Andreen,

Obedience Committee Report: January obedience & rally trial 01/25, 1/26, 1/27. Formal Obedience Committee to review plans for obedience events.

Nominating Committee Report: The following people have accepted nominations by the nominating committee. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the November and December meetings.

President- Louanne Brooks
Vice President- Anne McKay
Secretary- Mary McKennan
Treasurer- Mary Murphy
Board Positions- Karin Andreen and Patti Kleven

One more nomination will be required for the position vacated by Guy Lawrence.

Old Business

Conformation/Obedience Match November 24th, 2007 at Animal Inn Training School Time: 10 AM. Judges- Linn Klingel, Sharon Danley, Mary Murphy, Ginny Altman still need an obedience judge. Do we have ribbons? Food provided by Animal Inn Junior showmanship program, Santa Joe? Bev will do the judges books.

New business continued:

January Specialty and Land o Lakes Show- NSHGC Friday January 3rd, Sat and Sun Jan 4th and 5th for Land o Lakes Tours of the Dog show- Tour coordinator Deb Johnson- We need to contact AKC to get bags and stuff to hand out to people on the tours. **Need a 2009 Show Chair.** Anyone interested should contact Bev Capstick. Hospitality chair is Steve Sorenson. Tours are on Sunday and Hospitality is on Saturday this year.

Junior Showmanship Stipends and Scholarship update— Junior Scholarship committee met with the board at 6:00 p.m. to define a program for membership to vote. See opposite page for details. Initial amount set aside for Junior fund will be \$5000. \$2000 will be dedicated to Scholarship and \$3000 for stipends. Amount per stipend to be \$200. Members present voted to accept the proposed recommendations. Forms will be available on the website.

Holiday Party- Sunday December 2nd in conjunction with the Northstar Working Group Club. We will be having a white elephant gift exchange and silent auction to benefit both clubs. Flyer describing the food choices in the newsletter. Payment to Bliss Bancroft by November 26th.

New Business

Entrance fees for 2008 August Specialty at Lake Elmo:

\$27.00 Entry fee
\$15.00 Juniors Entry fee
\$21.00 Puppy Entry Fee

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted Mary J. McKennan, Secretary

Membership meeting 12/2/07

Meeting was held at the December holiday party. Called to order by Patti Kleven at 2:50 PM

Membership- 1st reading for Sarah Woodling. Garrett Ramsey membership voted in.

Nominating Committee- The following is our slate of new officers and board members. These positions will become active at the January meeting. We have now closed the nominations and will only need to hold a vote to accept the slate as follows.

President- Louanne Brooks
Vice President- Ann MacKay
Treasurer- Mary Murphy
Secretary- Mary McKennan
Board Positions (2008-2010)-
Karin Andreen & Barbara Stransky
Board Position (thru January 2009) Chris Mosley
Board Position (as past president) Patti Kleven

Tours of the Dog Show will be on Sunday January 6th 2008. Contact Deb Johnson at mfjacg@aol.com to volunteer. Judges Hospitality will be on Saturday January 5th 2008. Call Steve Sorenson at (715) 834-9248 to volunteer. Parking passes will be mailed to anyone that volunteers for 4 hours.

Adjourned at 3:00 PM Patti Kleven, President

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Polly Simpson, New Richmond, WI

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NSHGC Calendar

General Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m.
December 20 Perkins in Shoreview. **Join us for pie!! Club buys a piece for members who are there.**

January 4, 2008 (Fri)

North Star Herding Group Club Specialty
Closes 12/19/2007. Onofrio

January 5-6, 2008 (Sat & Sun)

Land O'Lakes Kennel Club Show

February 2-3, 2008 (Sat & Sun)

**New Perspectives on Canine Behavior,
Emotion, and training Seminar**
Patricia McConnell & Steve White
For registration form, see Events page on website

Junior Showmanship Committee Report

The Junior Showmanship Committee met with the board at 6:00 on Thursday, November 15. The following criteria were approved by the board for the Junior Scholarship / Stipend Program:

- 1) Qualifications:
 - A) Member of NSHGC for more than 12 months.
 - B) Student in good standing with no failing grades, 2 report cards.
 - C) NSHGC volunteer at 2 events and attend 1 membership meeting.
 - D) Recommendations of 2 adults.
 - E) Disqualifications: Poor sportsmanship.
- 2) Scholarship purpose/details:
 - A) Stipend for attendance to major events (Westminster, Eukanuba, breed national).
 - B) Scholarship for secondary education (college)
- 3) Budget:
 - A) \$5000 to be designated for Junior Fund: \$2000 for Scholarship and \$3000 for stipend.
 - B) Junior stipend amount of \$200 one per Junior annually available.
 - C) Accept donations to the Scholarship Fund.

Junior Scholarship application forms will be available on the website.



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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 sports manlike 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.