

This is the second of our official newsletters! It is being sent out for FREE to Sheltie fanciers who requested more up-to-date information about Shelties and their activities.

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Holiday Tips *Cotton Ball Remedy For Eaten Glass*

What do you do if your puppy (or mischievous older dog) gets into your holiday decorations and eats some of the glass ornaments? This potentially lethal mishap can darken even the brightest holiday season.

Before the holiday, go to a pharmacy and buy a box of cotton balls. Be sure that you get cotton balls, not the "cosmetic puffs" that are made from man-made fibers. Also, buy a quart of half-and-half and put it in the freezer. Should your dog eat glass ornaments, defrost the half-and-half and pour some in a bowl. Dip cotton balls into the cream, pull the cotton apart into bite-size pieces, and feed them to your dog. Dogs under 10 pounds should eat two balls, which you have first torn into smaller pieces. Dogs 10-50 pounds should eat three to five balls, and larger dogs should eat five to seven. You may feed larger dogs an entire cotton ball at once.

Dogs seem to really like these strange "treats" and eat them readily. As the cotton works its way through the digestive tract it will find all the glass pieces and wrap itself around them. Even the teeniest shards of glass will be caught and wrapped in the cotton fibers, and the cotton will protect the intestines from damage by the glass. Your dog's stools will be really weird for a few days and you will have to be careful to check for fresh blood or a black tarry appearance to the stool. If either of the latter symptoms appear you should rush your dog to the vet for a checkup, but in most cases, the dogs will be just fine.

An actual experience that I can personally vouch for occurred while at a vet's office. While I was waiting for the vet to return from lunch a terrified woman ran in with a litter of puppies who had demolished a wooden crate along with large open staples. The young vet had taken X-rays, which showed that each of the puppies had swallowed several open

CRATE WARNING!

by
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I want to issue a warning to anyone who uses or recommends using the dividers that come with the wire crates.

Recently I sent a litter of pups to their new homes and received a call that no breeder ever wants to get. The phone rang at 6:30 a.m., which is never good as I don't get calls that early unless there is a problem. It was a sobbing hysterical puppy buyer who got up to let her puppy out to potty, only to find him dead...with his head hung between the divider and the crate. She said the divider fit in very tight and was hard to insert. He had somehow loosened one of the hooks that secures the divider and got his head hung. Not hearing a sound from him, she guessed he was unable to make a noise by having his airway cut off. She called the company that makes the crates, but wanted me to warn everyone I could of the danger. I'm just sick over this and want to warn as many people as possible. ☐

staples. He was preparing the pups for surgery when my wonderful vet came in and said no surgery. I watched him wet several cotton balls, squeeze out the water and pop them down their throats. Within 24 hours every staple was accounted for. This was a lesson I learned in the mid-1960s and have had to use several times on my brats.

I wet the cotton balls and smear on some liverwurst, and the pups bolt it down and ask for more. The cotton always comes out with the object safely embedded. ☐ →

Dogs Dying!

ATTENTION: BREAKING NEWS! Fox News reported that 70 dogs have died as a result of eating chicken jerky treats made from chicken that has come from China. Kingdom Pets brand from Costco is one of them. Also, certain Blue Buffalo brand pet foods have a recall for the same thing. Please make sure all your doggie friends are aware of this!

In response, the Blue Buffalo website (<http://bluebuffalo.com/news/blue-chicken-jerky-dog-treats>) says: "(1) All of BLUE's Chicken Jerky Treats are made in the U.S. and the meat is sourced exclusively from U.S. meat suppliers; (2) We do not use meat from China, or anywhere in Asia, for any of our products; (3) There have been no reports of illness of any kind associated with any of our Chicken Jerky Treats; and (4) There is no recall of any of our Chicken Jerky Treats, or any other Blue Buffalo products."

For more information, go to the FDA's website at <http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/NewsEvents/CVMUpdates/ucm280586.htm>. □

Upcoming Specialty Shows

Chicagoland SSC—February 4, 2012

Conformation: Beverly Llewellyn

Sweepstakes: Meredith Hector

Obedience: Joy Pool

Rally: Stephen Pool

Chicagoland SSC—February 5, 2012

Conformation: Liz Bianchi

Sweepstakes: Hector Hector

Obedience: Stephen Pool

Rally: Joy Pool

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Dual Championship vs. Double Championship

While these two references—Dual Championship and double championship—sound very similar and may even be confusing, they do in fact refer to two distinct championships.

The term "Dual Champion" (in caps) should be reserved for Hunting dogs who have achieved an AKC Field championship as well as a Conformation championship; or for Herding Group dogs who have achieved an AKC Herding championship in addition to their Conformation championship. These are very special dogs who have reached the highest level of competency in the sport for which they were bred, and the title of Dual Champion (or DC before the dog's name) should be reserved for them.

The phrase "dual champion" (not capitalized) is acceptable in casual conversation to refer to dogs with Performance championships and Conformation championships, but in official publications is best replaced with the equally descriptive, and less mis-

leading phrase, "double champion." And of course the title of DC is not used for them (and, it should be noted, the formal, capitalized title of Dual Champion is not used for them).

As more and more dogs achieve championships in Agility, Obedience, Flyball and other events open to all breeds of dogs, there will be more and more double champions. There will even be triple champions—I have no idea how, apart from lack of capitalization, they will be distinguished in casual or formal usage from bona fide Triple Champions who have achieved Field, Amateur Field and Breed Championships! Until the AKC revises the terminology to reflect this phenomenon, we will do our best to maintain the official AKC titling nomenclature and to use other descriptive phrases to highlight the many wonderful double champions in our breed!

Cathy Ammlung, columnist

"The Sheltie at Work" □

There is still time to order a gift for someone special.

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First-Ever Women In The Pet Industry Meeting Set For Nashville

The Women In The Pet Industry Association will gather in Nashville, Tennessee for its first networking meeting and expo. The two-day event will be held March 17-18, 2012 in Nashville, Tennessee and will include seminars, panels, exhibitors and networking.

The event will be held at the Radisson Hotel Opryland and is open to both members and non-members of the association. The WIPIA is celebrating its first year anniversary and organizers feel that it's time to bring the members together face to face.

"We have a lot of members who are doing business with one another and this is a chance for them to meet in person and enhance their relationships. It's also a chance for our members to showcase their pet products and services to an audience that will want to buy them. There has never been a meeting just for women working in the pet industry so we think we'll have a great crowd attending," states Executive Director, Debby Lening.

In addition to the exhibitors, there will be a variety of panels and speakers offering ideas and insights into everything from marketing to holistic animal care. For complete information, please visit www.womeninthepetindustry.com or call 615-453-2829. Early bird registration is now open. ☐



REINDEER DATA

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers each summer (the only members of the deer family, Cervidae, to have females that do so), male reindeer shed their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually in late November to mid-December.

Female reindeer retain their antlers until after they give birth in the spring.

Therefore, according to every historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, every single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be a female.

We should have known this when they were able to find their way. ☐



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(Crinan)

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Carol G. Howell (Jade Mist)



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Cindy Bays
and Lisa Bays
(Playland)

Ch Waldenwood The Blue Laird, ROM —
Harriet Smith (Waldenwood)
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Dog's Rules For Christmas

1. Be especially patient with your humans during this time. They may appear to be more stressed-out than usual and they will appreciate long comforting dog leans.
2. They may come home with large bags of things they call gifts. Do not assume that all the gifts are yours.
3. Be tolerant if your humans put decorations on you. They seem to get some special kind of pleasure out of seeing how you look with fake antlers.
4. They may bring a large tree into the house and set it up in a prominent place and cover it with lights and decorations. Bizarre as this may seem to you, it is an important ritual for your humans, so there are some things you need to know:
 - a. Don't pee on the tree.
 - b. Don't drink water in the container that holds the tree.
 - c. Mind your tail when you are near the tree.
 - d. If there are packages under the tree, even ones that smell interesting or that have your name on them, don't rip them open.
 - e. Don't chew on the cord that runs from the funny-looking hole in the wall to the tree.
5. Your humans may occasionally invite lots of strangers to come visit during this season. These parties can be lots of fun, but they also call for some discretion on your part:
 - Not all strangers appreciate kisses and leans.
 - Don't eat off the buffet table.
 - Beg for goodies subtly.
 - Be pleasant, even if unknowing strangers sit on your sofa.
 - Don't drink out of glasses that are left within your reach unless you can get away with it.
6. Likewise, your humans may take you visiting. Here your manners will also be important:
 - Observe all the rules in No. 4 for trees that may be in other people's houses. (4a. is particularly important.)
 - Respect the territory of other animals that may live in the house.
 - Tolerate children.
 - Turn on your charm big-time.
7. A big man with a white beard and a very loud laugh may emerge from your fireplace in the middle of the night. DON'T BITE HIM!!! ☐