

## Thank you...

- for the warm reception and incredible support with the encouraging words you shared with us at this year's ASSA National Specialty;
- for the renewing of cherished friendships;
- for the opportunity to meet new friends;
- for purchasing many *Sheltie Pacesetter's* back issues;
- for the numerous sales of Nancy Lee's brand-new book titled *The Dog Owner's Encyclopedia of Helpful Hints and Trade Secrets*.

We thank you for this special time we spent with friends,  
Nancy Lee and Frank (Cathcart)



### Grassroots Group Seeks To Keep Hobby Breeders From Extinction

In November of 2013, the USDA/APHIS Division enacted a new "Retail Pet Store Rule" that negatively affects small hobby pet breeders on a grand scale. If enforced, it could have the ability to shut us down completely.

The Associated Dog Clubs of NYS took the initiative and spearheaded an effort to file an injunction to stop implementation of this egregious rule. Individuals, clubs and federations (dogs, cats, and other cited species) that are worried about having to give up their animal endeavors because of this rule have donated thousands to help initiate this injunction. To date, and thru several milestone steps, the suit continues, gains momentum, looks more and more promising, and now additional funds are needed to continue the suit into the next step.

If additional funds are not forthcoming, all previous efforts will be for naught. Please see the official KODA ([www.keepourdomesticanimals.com](http://www.keepourdomesticanimals.com)) site for more information and consider a donation to help keep government intervention from coming between you and your labor of love. Donations of any size are encouraged and most welcome. THANK YOU!

Note: Even if you are associated with a club or federation that has already donated to the cause, that does not mean that donations from individual clubs and members are not needed, as well, or that continuing donations are not also needed. All donations, no matter the size or frequency will be needed to continue this effort and we sincerely thank you all for your support.



## Does Your Dog Shed Everywhere?

As dog owners, we love our furry friends and all their fun traits and companionship. But, let's be honest...it sometimes gets annoying when all you see is their dog hair everywhere! Of course, it can be cleaned up and it's part of being a dog owner (as is always have lint brushes handy!). However, what if your dog is shedding so much that you think it is beyond the normal hair loss?

### Why Do Dogs Shed Their Hair?

Dogs naturally lose old or damaged hair by shedding. Although shedding is a normal process for dogs, the amount and frequency of hair that is shed often depends upon their health and breed type. It can also depend on the season. Many of our dogs will develop thick coats in the winter that are then shed in the spring. Dogs who are always kept indoors, however, are prone to smaller fluctuations in coat thickness and tend to shed fairly evenly all year.

### Normal Shedding Can Be Minimized

#### By Consistent Grooming

While you cannot stop a healthy dog from normal shedding, you can reduce the amount of hair in your home by brushing your dog regularly. Your veterinarian or groomer should be able to recommend a specific type of brush or comb that will work best for your dog's hair type. If you are vigilant about keeping up with the brushing of your dog's hair, it will help reduce the shedding.

### What Makes A Dog Shed Excessively?

What seems like excessive shedding can be normal for some dogs, but it can also be the result of stress, poor nutrition or a medical problem. Your veterinarian can best determine if your dog's hair loss is part of the normal shedding process or is a symptom of an underlying medical condition. It can also be stress related: Have you recently moved? Has there been any change in your environment? A new addition to the family?

### Excess Shedding Can Be Improved By A Good, Healthy Diet

Excessive shedding can sometimes be improved through proper nutrition. Quality pet-food that includes the right amount of nutrients so that supplements are not needed. However, dogs with allergies and/or sensitivities still might need to experiment with different brands and formulations to discover which pet food works best for them. As always, consult your veterinarian for advice on what foods will best suit your dog for shedding.

### Below Are Some Other Reasons

#### Why Your Dog May Be Shedding Excessively:

Parasites (fleas, lice or mites), fungal or bacterial infections, inhalant or food-related allergies; kidney, liver, thyroid or adrenal disease; certain medications that might cause an allergic reaction; self-induced trauma due to licking; sunburn or contact with irritating or caustic substances.

If you notice any of the below conditions or if your dog's initial skin problem persists for more than a week, consult with your veterinarian for treatment: skin irritation, including redness, bumps, rashes or scabs; open sores of any kind; bald spots or thinning of coat; dull, dry hair that pulls out easily; scratching and/or constant foot licking or face rubbing. ↗

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### Only You Know What's Normal Shedding For Your Dog

While shedding in itself is a normal process, only you as the dog owner will know if it is problematic. There are many remedies on the market that can help with shedding. As always, your vet can tell you what is the best solution for your pup's excess shedding. If an illness is ruled out, there might be a behavioral issue such as stress or a change in your pup's environment that is causing the shedding. You can find more articles on pet care and advice on [petpav.com](http://www.petpav.com), our pet social network that is like Facebook for pets (<http://www.petpav.com/>). ☐

## Moving Tips for Pets



Moving to a new home can be just as stressful on the family pet as it is on you. Below are some tips to keep your pet happy and safe when moving. They include pre-move preparation as well as tips for moving day and arriving at your new home. In addition, please be sure to review specific "Pet Travel Tips for the Car" (<http://www.tripswithpets.com/pet-travel-tips-car>) and "Pet Travel Tips for Flying" (<http://www.tripswithpets.com/pet-travel-tips-flying>).

### Pre-Move Preparation

#### • Pet Laws and Regulations:

Become familiar with the state/province leash laws, pet ordinances and pet licensing requirements. For state/province laws, contact the State Department of Agriculture or State Veterinarian's office. For local ordinances, contact the City Clerks' office, local humane organization or animal control facility in the area in which you'll be relocating.

If you are planning to rent a house or apartment, be sure to carefully review the lease to ensure that pets are allowed before you move in—"United States: Overview of State Leash Laws" (<http://www.animallaw.info/articles/ovusdogleashlaws.htm>) and in "Canada: Province and Local Pet Laws" (<http://www.dlcc.ca/laws.html>).

#### • Talk To Your Pet's Vet:

Talk to your veterinarian about traveling with a pet who doesn't like to travel. Your vet can recommend behavior modification tactics or medication that might lessen the stress of travel. Depending on your new address, your pet may also need additional vaccinations, medications, and health certificates. In addition, be sure to get a copy of all your pet's medical records for your pet's new vet.

#### • Secure a New Vet:

It's important to have a new veterinarian lined up before you move. Ask your current vet for a referral or research new veterinarian online—"Directory of Veterinarians" ([http://www.aaha.org/pet\\_owner/](http://www.aaha.org/pet_owner/)).

#### • New Identification Tag:

Get a new pet ID tag that includes your pet's name, your name, new address and telephone number. An up-to-date ID tag is a lost pet's ticket home.

#### • Maintain Normal Routine:

Pack over a period of time and try to maintain your pet's nor-

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mal routine. Advance planning will make your move less stressful.

• **Pet Restraint for Car Travel:**

Have a plan for how you're going to properly restrain your pet in your vehicle. This is a crucial element of pet travel that is not taken seriously enough. The reality is that hundreds of pets are injured or even killed each year because they are allowed free reign in cars, trucks, RVs and SUVs. Even more real is the toll in human life and property damage caused when an "enthusiastic" animal distracts a driver, leading to an accident. Vehicle pet barriers (<http://www.tripswithpets.com/catalog/vehicle-pet-barriers>), pet seat belts (<http://www.tripswithpets.com/catalog/pet-seat-belts>), pet car seats (<http://www.tripswithpets.com/catalog/pet-car-seats>) and pet travel crates (<http://www.tripswithpets.com/catalog/travel-crates-kennels>) are all excellent ways to keep your pet (and you) safe when traveling in your vehicle. It's important to familiarize your pet with the vehicle restraint of choice weeks or months before traveling so that they are comfortable. See more "Pet Travel Tips for the Car" (<http://www.tripswithpets.com/pet-travel-tips-car>).

• **Secure Pet Friendly Accommodations In Advance:**

If your move is such that you'll need to make overnight stops along the way, be sure to secure these accommodations before you hit the road. "Our Search By Route" option (<http://www.tripswithpets.com/search-by-route>) will allow you to find pet friendly lodging along your route by plugging in your origination location and final destination. Pet policies do change some times without notice and accommodations may be limited so it's recommended that you book your pet friendly lodging (<http://www.tripswithpets.com/>) in advance.

• **Plan Ahead for Air Travel:**

Check with your veterinarian and the airline if your pet will be flying. Visit our "Airline Pet Policies" page (<http://www.tripswithpets.com/airline-pet-policies>) to familiarize yourself with the rules specific to the airline you are flying. For more on safe air travel, see "Pet Travel Tips for Flying."

**Moving Day**

• **Keep Your Pet Secure:**

Place your pet in a safe, quiet place, such as the bathroom or pet carrier on moving day so that he or she cannot escape. If you place your pet in a room, place a large sign on the door that says "Do Not Enter." Containing your pet in a pet carrier on moving day will keep them safely confined as well. Gradually get them used to the carrier ahead of time by having your pet spend time in it prior to moving day.

Another option is to have your pet stay at a friend's house or their favorite doggy day care on moving day.

• **Check on them Regularly:**

Check on your pet throughout the day. Be sure to maintain their regular feeding, walking, and potty break schedule.

**Your New Home:**

• **Prepare Your New Home:**

Pets love familiar surroundings so be sure to take with you all the familiar and necessary things your pet will need from day one in your new home.

• **Keep them Leashed:**

Even pets that are excellent under voice control can be easily distracted in a new environment. Therefore, make sure that your pet is

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leashed when not in the house or yard until they become comfortable with their new surroundings.

• **Secure Pet During Move-In:**

It would be ideal to have your belongings moved in to your new home before your pet arrives, however, this isn't always realistic. If this not doable, follow the same procedures employed on move-out day—place your pet in a safe, quiet place, such as the bathroom or pet carrier on moving day so that he or she cannot escape. If you place your pet in a room, place a large sign on the door that says "Do Not Enter." Containing your pet in a pet carrier on moving day will keep them safely confined as well. And again, be sure to maintain their regular feeding, walking, and potty break schedule.

• **Pet Photo:**

Have a recent photo of your pet on hand in the unfortunate event that your pet runs off while moving into your new home.

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*Why Does Your Dog Eat Dirt?*

Most dogs have a naturally healthy appetite and like to eat a variety of things. However, some dogs like to eat inappropriate items such as grass or even dirt. If you notice your dog eating dirt, it's not necessarily a bad sign, but it may be. Keep a close eye on your pup to watch for other telling behaviors that can show you that he's eating dirt due to an underlying medical condition that you need to address.

**Target the problem**

A dog may eat dirt because his/her diet is poor so they eat dirt to get the nutrients they need. Most chain grocery and department stores, where many people purchase pet food, often stock low-quality products. Try a specialty pet store, your vet or a local co-op when shopping for your dog's food. Read labels, look for natural ingredients with minimal additives, and talk to your vet about your pet's dietary needs. If the behavior continues, take your dog to your vet to make sure there isn't an underlying medical issue.

**Mineral Deficiency**

One reason that some dogs eat dirt is because their standard diet lacks in certain minerals. If this is the case, your dog may revert back to his instinctual tendencies to try to obtain the rest of the important vitamins and minerals that he needs in order to survive healthily. If he isn't getting the minerals he needs from food, he may try to get them by eating dirt. Check if your dog eats dirt frequently when he's outside; if he doesn't, this is a potential sign that he may be missing out on certain materials that he needs for his diet.

**Your Dog May Eat Dirt Because of An Upset Stomach**

In other situations, a dog may begin to eat dirt if he has already eaten something that has begun to upset his stomach or his intestinal

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tract. Eating dirt is an attempt to dilute or to get rid of the offending food item. This may be something as mild as a plant that has caused him a bit of distress, or it could be something very serious, like one of several human foods which are poisonous to dogs. Watch for your dog eating dirt one time only but for a sustained period of time. If he eats a lot of dirt at once, this is also a potential sign that something is the matter with his bowels or his stomach.

**Your Dog Might Only Eat Dirt Due To What's Underneath**

In many other situations, your dog will appear to be eating dirt but may actually be eating some food item that lies in the grass or on the ground. In these situations, the dog will likely not eat very much dirt at one time and it will only be a single occurrence. Keep in mind that your dog can smell food that is buried under the ground significantly better than you can.

**Try Stopping Your Dog From**

**Eating The Dirt Before It Happens**

If your dog eats dirt frequently and there is no underlying medical issue, try to stop the occurrence before it happens. Use your usual commands, 'sit' or 'no' when your dog is on his way to the dirt. You can also use a spray bottle filled with water and squirt your dog every time he eats dirt to stop him. Or as his or her owner, you know what annoys your dog or will stop them from behaving inappropriately.

You can read more articles on pet care and advice on [petpav.com](http://petpav.com) our pet social network that is like Facebook for pets. ☐

The **DOG OWNER'S ENCYCLOPEDIA**  
OF **HELPFUL HINTS**  
AND **TRADE SECRETS**

This handy, one-of-a-kind encyclopedia contains over 2,000 helpful hints and trade secrets for owners of all dogs (show dogs and pets alike) in a single comprehensive book.

Compiled by Nancy Lee Cathcart (the creator, publisher and editor of an award-winning international dog fanciers' publication that spanned over 30 years), this invaluable guide contains amazing secrets and solutions from professionals in the dog-show world and from pet owners. Of the thousands of hints received, those included in this book were carefully selected to best represent the most helpful and informative solutions available. In addition, for 15 years this author owned, bred and showed consistently-winning dogs (breaking several breed records within the competitive world of dog shows), and her background proved invaluable in creating this detailed reference book.

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*Sheltie Pacesetter* magazines from 1983 through 2004 (except for \$30, \$25 and \$20 magazines) have been reduced to —

**5 magazines for \$12** (to U.S.A. only)

AND, *Sheltie Pacesetter* magazines from 2005 through SUMMER 2012 (except for \$30, \$25 and \$20 magazines) have been reduced to —

**3 magazines for \$12** (to U.S.A. only)

This means you pay only this basic sale price (which includes p&h)... as we've run out of storage space and must find homes for these really old collector's issues!

Now is the perfect time to purchase all those back issues you may be missing, or...send them as gifts to your mentors, puppy buyers, friends and/or your special family members.

Remember—those great past tributes, Sheltie ads and articles are now available at a greatly discounted-package price.

See a list of these reduced back issues on our website ([www.sheltie.com](http://www.sheltie.com)), under "Single Issues" (<http://sheltie.com/backissues.htm>).

Please note: prices in this newsletter are listed in cash-discounted rates. One or two back issues may be purchased for their printed prices, plus p&h.

A stranger approached an 8 year old girl and asked her to come with him. The stranger told her that something had happened and her Mum had sent him to pick her up.

The girl asked the stranger for the **PASSWORD!** and used the man's confusion to run away.

She and her mum had agreed a password in case she ever had to send someone to pick her up. Maybe this saved the girl's life.

A very simple, easy thing to do.

Please agree a **PASSWORD** with your children!



Worrying won't stop the bad stuff from happening it just stops you from enjoying the good.

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(Concurrent Specialty with Cincinnati Kennel Club All-Breed Show)

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Jr. Showmanship: Gwendolyn Means

Sweepstakes: Judy Cooper

Superintendent: MB-F Inc.

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- *Sheltie Pacesetter* back issues (November/December 1983 through SUMMER 2012)  
— Also see our **"BLOW OUT SALE"** for most back issues!
- *"The Telegram"* (previous monthly Sheltie newsletters)  
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This *Sheltie Newsletter* now has almost **5,000 readers** and we'd like to share as much valuable information to all these dog owners as possible! Because of this we're looking for informative articles which would be of interest to all dog owners to include in upcoming newsletters.

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