

## We will be at the St. Louis ASSA National Specialty!

Frank (my husband) and I will have a booth at this year's National Specialty! We will have available:

1. **Sheltie Pacesetter past magazines (from 1983 until SUMMER 2012).** Visit our secure website (<http://sheltie.com/backissues.htm>) for a complete list of those back issues, along with the articles contained in each available magazine.

If you would like us to pre-package any "Pacesetter" back issues, just e-mail Nancy Lee ([s.pacesetter@sheltie.com](mailto:s.pacesetter@sheltie.com)) before April 8th your list of those "Pacesetter's" you'd like to pick up at the National, and we'll be happy to bring them along.

By doing this (ahead of our leaving for this upcoming Specialty), you'll be sure to take home any and all those magazines you want (without being disappointed that we might sell out of any particular magazine while at the National).

2. The brand-new book titled **The Dog Owner's Encyclopedia of Helpful Hints and Trade Secrets containing over 2,000 solutions from dog professionals and pet lovers!**

Feel free to visit our secure website (<http://sheltie.com/backissues.htm>) for more information (such as the table of contents, etc.).

Prices at the ASSA National will be \$21.95 (cash-discounted price for paying by money order, check or in cash) and \$23.95 (full price— if paying by credit card, debit card or by PayPal).

We take **VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.**

Looking forward to seeing you in St. Louis!  
Nancy Lee and Frank (Cathcart)



**FLASH—All \$16 Sheltie Pacesetter magazines are now \$5 each or... 3 for \$12!**

You may pick these up at the St. Louis National Specialty... if you let me know which issues you'll be purchasing (via an email to [s.pacesetter@sheltie.com](mailto:s.pacesetter@sheltie.com)).

## To Fly or Not To Fly:

### *Is Air Travel the Right Choice for Your Pet?*

Long-distance options for traveling with pets are very limited, and flying is sometimes the best alternative. Flying is a fast and convenient way to get to your pet to their destination—rather than spending hours in a car, they will spend just a short time on a plane.

If you're unsure about whether flying is the right decision for you here are some questions you should ask yourself.

#### **Is your pet healthy?**

Flying can be stressful for a pet, particularly elderly pets and those with health issues. If your pet is physically or emotionally unwell or injured, it's best to leave him home or postpone your trip.

#### **Is your pet snub-nosed?**

Pets that are brachycephalic (those that have a short muzzle and a pushed-in face, such as Persian cats, pugs and bulldogs) often have more difficulties adjusting to different temperatures and air conditions and can develop breathing problems on flights. It might be wiser to leave your pug or Persian at home, even if you're traveling in the cabin. If you do choose to fly with a brachycephalic pet, check with the airline first. Many airlines have banned snub-nosed pets completely from commercial flights.

#### **Is your pet's temperament well-suited for flying?**

If your dog is shy, frightened by crowds, aggressive or suffers from separation anxiety, flying or even extended travel with your pet may not be an option for you. You may need to consider hiring a pet sitter or boarding your pet in a kennel. He can stay somewhere he's comfortable, and your trip will be less stressful for you.

#### **Does your pet meet the USDA guidelines?**

The USDA requires that your pet must be at least 8 weeks old and weaned for at least five days in order to travel by air.

#### **Will your pet fly with you in the cabin**

#### **or in the cargo hold?**

Every airline has its own regulations, but in general, pets who weigh less than 20 pounds (with the kennel included) and those whose kennel fits under the seat are welcome to fly in the cabin as a carry-on. Note that there is a limit for total pets on each flight. If your pet meets the criteria for staying in the cabin, and is comfortable doing so, this is probably a good option for you. Keep in mind that if your pet cries or barks when confined, he may disturb other passengers.

Checking your pet as cargo is a bit more complicated and not with-

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out risk. Loss and injury to your pet are possible. However, 2 million pets take to the skies each year, and the vast majority arrive safely to their destinations, without incident. If you have concerns, you can view the Department of Transportation's Animal Incident Report. Airlines are required to post information each month about any incidents that occur regarding pets. Keep in mind that the reports are posted about a month after the month in which they occurred, so incidents in February will be posted in April.

Every airline has different procedures, and cargo areas and capacities and conditions vary from plane to plane. In most cases, baggage handlers strap animal crates in place in the cargo area. Some airlines wrap the crate with perforated air-cushioned rolls, while others don't. In many cases, pets are held in cargo areas directly below the passengers. Every compartment of every plane is pressurized for safety. The section of the cargo area that houses perishables and pets is temperature-controlled. In spite of this, temperatures can and do vary, however, during average weather they don't generally fall into an unsafe range. Some airlines provide a small climate-controlled compartment specifically for animals just under the cockpit. If your dog is particularly sensitive to temperature or pressure, or has breathing issues, the cargo area may not be safe.

#### **Do you have a health certificate for your pet?**

All airlines require you to present a valid health certificate completed by a licensed veterinarian for any pets that will be traveling in the cargo area. Some will accept health certificates completed within 30 days of travel, while others require certificates completed within 10 days. It's better to hedge your bets and have your pet checked out 10 days before you travel.

A health certificate is not necessarily required for pets traveling in cabins with their owners (although you should check with your airline to be sure of their specific rules). That being said, most states do require that pets who cross into their borders have proof of up-to-date rabies vaccines and valid, recent health certificates. To be on the safe side, it's wisest to get a health certificate for your pet, even if he'll be flying in the cabin.

#### **Are you flying during extreme temperatures?**

While the cargo area that carries your pets is climate controlled during flight, there is no temperature control while the plane is parked on the ramp with the engines off. While many airlines have a first-on, first-off rule for pets to minimize the time they stay in inclement weather, there's still no guarantee that they will be safe from heat or cold.

Most U.S. airlines won't even accept pets in the cargo area if the forecast calls for temperatures below 45 degrees or above 85 degrees, although they may accept an acclimation certificate for some animals. If you plan to fly during periods of extreme cold or heat, your pet may be better off left at home.

#### **When will you be traveling?**

If you need to fly during peak hours, such as mid-afternoon, or during peak seasons, such as summer or spring break, expect more crowds, more noise, more stress and less space for your pet. Because airlines restrict the number of pets that board, you may also have a harder time getting on your flight. Late-night and early-morning flights are less likely to be crowded, as are fall and winter flights (provided they don't coincide with holidays).

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#### **Are you planning to take a direct flight?**

Multiple layovers increase the chances of something going awry. In addition, taking a direct flight will minimize stress on your pet.

The choice to take your pet on a flight is yours alone to make. After all, you know your pet and your needs best. However you travel, always follow established safety guidelines for your pet to ensure that he has a happy, healthy and fun trip.

About the author—Kim Salerno is the president and founder of TripsWithPets.com. She founded the pet travel site in 2003 and is an expert in the field of pet travel. Her popular web site features pet friendly hotels and accommodations across the U.S. and Canada, along with other helpful pet travel resources. Her mission is to ensure that pets are welcome, happy, and safe in their travels. □

## **Upcoming Specialties —**

*Printed for free...just e-mail us your information*

### **ASSA National Specialty — April 11 — 19, 2014**

Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO

Breed: Janet Turnage Nahikian

Dogs: Mark Houston-McMillan

Bitches: Nioma Coen

Futurity: Jane Hammett Bright

Junior Showmanship: Nioma Coen

Novice A, Open A & B: Carole Lynn Evans

Novice B, Utility A & B: Dianne Allen

Beginner Novice A & B, Veterans: Suzi Bluford

Rally Classes: Suzi Bluford

Standard Agility Classes: Carole Lynn Evans

Jumpers With Weaves Agility Classes: Suzi Bluford

Herding Tested-Sheep, Sheep Course A:

Dana Hasemeier

Herding Pre-Trial Sheep, Ducks Course A & B:

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### **Cincinnati Shetland Sheepdog Club — May 25, 2014**

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

Butler County Fairgrounds in Hamilton, Ohio

Breed: Gwendolyn Means

Jr. Showmanship: Gwendolyn Means

Sweepstakes: Judy Cooper

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**Reduced picture of  
new book's back cover...  
which explains its contents!**

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 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.

Organized for ease of use, *The Dog Owner's Encyclopedia of Helpful Hints and Trade Secrets* is not only separated alphabetically into categories of hints and ideas, but is cross-referenced into 199 different topics.

It's a true encyclopedia packed with valuable solutions and trade secrets directly from dog professionals and pet owners. This handy reference book will become an integral part of your library.



**LIST OF MAIN TOPICS:**

*(199 topics in total)*

Birds	Naming Your Dog
Bitches	Obedience and Performance
Breedings	Older Dogs
Cats	Other Pets
Ears	Parasites, Pests and
Eliminating Bad Behaviors	Invading Varmint Control
Enclosures—	Photos and Photography
Crates, Cages, Pens	Puppies
and Whelping Boxes	Records and Record Keeping
Feeding	Selling Dogs
Ferrets	Shows Identification
Grooming	Training
Health	Traveling and Shipping
In The Home	Warnings
Kennel Maintenance	Whelping



*The Dog Owner's Encyclopedia of Helpful Hints and Trade Secrets*

is NOW AVAILABLE on Amazon.com and

(for website's discount price) please visit <http://sheltie.com/dogownersbook.html>

ASSA is offering a Health Clinic on April 15th. Pre-registration deadline is March 19th.

Please visit the ASSA National Specialty information page (<http://www.assa.org/national/clinic.html>) for details.

This *Sheltie Newsletter* is looking for informative articles which would be of interest to all dog owners to include in upcoming newsletters.

Please e-mail any possible future article directly to [s.pacesetter@sheltie.com](mailto:s.pacesetter@sheltie.com).

I think one of the best feelings in the world is when someone remembers something you said. Whether it was something from yesterday, a week ago, a month ago..  
It's just like,  
"Wow, you actually listen to me."

Dear Sheltie fanciers,

This newsletter is being sent out for FREE to Sheltie fanciers who requested more up-to-date information about Shelties and their activities. Past newsletters are posted on our secure website ([www.sheltie.com](http://www.sheltie.com)) under "Newsletter."

If you know of someone else who would like to begin receiving this e-mail newsletter, please send us his or her e-mail address to [s.pacesetter@sheltie.com](mailto:s.pacesetter@sheltie.com).

Please e-mail any timely articles which you think should be shared among other dog owners. We accept Specialty show information and contact information, along with timely announcements...such as symposiums and teaching events.  
— Nancy Lee

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- *The Dog Owner's Encyclopedia of Helpful Hints and Trade Secrets*
- *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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