



Sheltie Shenanigans

Official Newsletter of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Greater San Diego, Inc.
December 2011

□ December Club Meeting □

There will not be a club meeting due to the Holidays

SSCGSD OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD Nomination: Honor a club member who you think has worked especially hard to support the club- this AWARD, sponsored by the club, is our chance to show this special person that we notice and appreciate his or her efforts. Last year's winner was Beth Sullivan and the time before that was Dayle Shimmamura.

Person You Nominate:

Reason this Club Member should get the OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD:

If you have completed a title on your dog in the year 2011, please let us know. We need to know what titles or awards they have received and the full registered name of the dog. E-mail your nomination or send it to Candy Brooks by January 6, 2012

Upcoming Events

NO DECEMBER MEETING!!!!

**San Diego Dog Fanciers
Premium List**

January 14/15, 2012

**FOUR UKC OBEDIENCE TRIALS
FOUR UKC RALLY TRIALS**

Hidden Valley Obedience Club Training Grounds
3396 East Valley Parkway, Escondido, CA
Check in time 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Obedience & Rally Trials start at 8:30 a.m.

HOLIDAY/AWARDS DINNER: Monday, January 23 at Steve and Candy's house. It will be a Potluck. Details will be coming.

**Shetland Sheepdog Club of Southeast Florida's back-to-back specialty shows
March 3rd, 2012 at Wickham Park in Melbourne, FL**

11 Tips to Avoid Holiday Dog Emergencies

Holiday Emergencies are NO FUN

#1. Gastrointestinal Upset - This is a common problem that occurs during the holidays. Adorable dogs beg for human food that doesn't agree with their stomachs. Turkey bones left in an accessible place are irresistible to pets, and can lodge in an animal's throat or block the intestinal tract. Remove leftovers from the table and don't leave garbage where animals can get to it. Don't forget that alcohol and chocolate are toxic to dogs and should never be given to them.

#2. Ornament Ingestion - Some dogs play with ornaments as if they were toys, frequently shattering them or breaking off small pieces. They either ingest pieces of the ornament or the hook or are

injured by broken glass. Don't use edible ornaments or fragile, easily breakable glass decorations to trim the tree (especially on the lower branches where curious pets can reach them).

#3. Falling Trees - Your pet may knock over the tree, trying to get to the bulbs or while playing under the tree. The needles (even artificial ones) are indigestible and can cause gastric upset. You can keep your dog away from the tree (using a baby gate in the doorway or low lattice fencing) or secure the tree so it can't be knocked over.

#4. Ornament Hooks - Don't use wire ornament hooks that can easily snag an ear or a tail, or, if swallowed, lodge in the throat or intestines. Instead, fashion loops of yarn, ribbons or lightweight twine.

#5. Ingestion of String, Tinsel or Ribbon - Any item that an animal swallows, including string, ribbon on gifts, or bulbs, can become what vets refer to as a foreign body. Swallowing any of these things can require surgery. Shiny materials such as string, tinsel, and ribbon are particularly appealing at this time of year. Prevent your pets' access to the gifts unless supervised.

#6. Burns and House Fires - Candles are popular this time of year and dogs can knock over a candle with their wagging tails. This can cause burns and even house fires. Another common cause of house fires (which has nothing to do with your dog) is a dried out Christmas tree. Keep your tree watered to prevent it from catching fire.

#7. Drinking Tree Water. Some pets will drink water from the tree. Don't use preservatives in the stand water. They can be toxic if consumed by a thirsty pet. Carefully cover the top of the stand with a tree skirt so your pet can't get to it.

#9. Potpourri - Liquid potpourri is commonly used during the holidays to give a nice aroma to the home. Dogs can be attracted and lick some up. This can cause caustic chemical burns to the mouth, gums, tongue and esophagus. These burns can be severe enough to require hospitalization and placement of a feeding tube.

#10. Electrocutation - Some dogs (especially curious puppies) will chew on or bite electrical cords causing life-threatening electrocution. Make sure electrical cords are out of reach, taped firmly to walls or floors. Cover wires with a rug if needed and tape the edges down.

#11. Plant Problems - Certain plants are a menace to dogs: poinsettias irritate the stomach and eyes. Berries of the Jerusalem cherry are toxic when ingested and cause pain, vomiting and diarrhea. Holly and mistletoe, amaryllis, chrysanthemum, rhododendron and winter broom as well as Christmas berry, cherry, pepper and rose can all cause problems to pets that ingest them.



Braggs

Please contact Steve Bourdeau to have any braggs listed in the newsletter.



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