

# TelStar

## July 2003

### **Officers:**

President - Sherry Wallis  
Vice Pres- Judy Bernsen  
Secretary - Teresa Witte  
Treasurer- Jill Drennan  
Board Member - Stephanie Cottrell

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We discussed at the meeting that we hadn't had a TellStar in a while, so I thought I would put this together quickly before our Reliant show. I am only going back to May, otherwise there would be too much to try to include. I did this on Microsoft Publisher first but since most people don't have publisher (especially Judy who is putting it on the web site), I changed it to MS Word. It's not as pretty but at least everyone can see it this way.

Teresa

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### **Shadow on Animal Planet!!**

Don't miss Shadow and Judy on [The Pet Psychic](#) on Animal Planet June 30th, at 8pm Eastern Time (7pm our time).

This is what was written on the Animal Planet's Pet Psychic web site about the show. *Shadow has been exhibiting some baffling behavior. The Akita won't leave his rescuer's deck, and he is afraid to set foot on the kitchen floor. His human companion wants Shadow to learn to relax so that she can find him a home. Solving this mystery becomes very emotional for Sonya and his human companion.*

They even had a picture of Sonya (the pet psychic) with Shadow and a link to our Club's web site on the Pet Psychic's web page. Hopefully this will give our club some good exposure, not only to Houston residence but to the rest of the country. The link to the page is [http://animal.discovery.com/fansites/petpsychic/episode/episode\\_219.htm](http://animal.discovery.com/fansites/petpsychic/episode/episode_219.htm)

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### **Booth and Raffle at Reliant**

Don't forget our club is having a booth at the Reliant Shows July 18—20th. We may only man the booth on the weekend depending on how many volunteers there are. If there are people that can work it on Friday, we will do Friday as well. Jennifer is collecting items for a raffle we will be having. If you have any items for the raffle, please let Jennifer know, so she can include them. We will also be selling magnets, mouse pads and other items to raise money. Stephanie is getting a new banner for the club to be displayed there and at other functions and also making posters to show our rescues. There will be donation cans for people when they say "how much does he weigh?" or "he looks like a bear." "Akita Lifesavers" and "Akita Kisses" will be sold to help raise money for rescue. We are doing the booth instead of the picnic this year.

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **June 18, 2003**

Members present:

Jill Drennan, Jennifer Eley, Sherry Wallis, Teresa Witte, Judy Bernsen

Meeting was called to order at 8:10pm

President: We talked about our specialty. For the premium list, we are going to have Sherry or Jill put the premium in a PDF file so it can easily be viewed on our site and easily downloaded. We need to make sure it is proof read for mistakes. We have been putting together an email list for the premium. We are hoping to save money and have more people receive them by emailing most of the premiums out.

Teresa and Stephanie have supplied a list of trophy donors to Cypress Creek. It has to be in by today. Jill brought in some iron works as possible trophies for our specialty. Some are only \$10. Stephanie and Teresa (Trophy Chairs) have some ideas but we will also look at what is available at the Reliant shows. There is so much to look at there.

Judy will call onofrio to use the wicket for our specialty and Pam will order the judges books.

Vice Pres.: Judy brought in an application for Tiffany. No one seems to know her so Judy will try to find out more. She has not been sponsored and not been to a meeting. She is from McKinney TX.

New Business: Reliant Booth– we will have a booth for rescue and our club at the Reliant shows. We will sell magnets, mouse pads, Akita Kisses and Akita Lifesavers to raise money. Also, Jennifer is putting together a raffle to raise money. If you have any donations, please let her know. We will have brochures on breed information and some Akitas there so people can meet them. If they ask “how big is he?” or “he looks like a bear”, we will have a donation can that people can put money in. When it gets closer and we know what time Akitas and other breeds show, we will have sign ups for times to work the booth.

We will have meet the breed at a designated time set up by the Reliant shows. We will know more when it gets closer. Dogs must be good with kids and people.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

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### **Congratulations are in Order!**

- Congratulations to Stephanie Cottrell for her major on Belle, OshoZen’s Hime Sama and to the Witte’s for their major on Sky Jr., Stardust’s Red Sky at Night Liric’ and major on Revo, Stardust’s Sunglasses at night.
  - Congratulations to the Drennan’s and Killen’s for their point on Asa Taiyo’s Designers Quest and point on Asa Taiyo’s Diamond Quality.
  - Congrats to the Witte’s for Summit’s group 4 and group 2 on the Montana/Idaho circuit.
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## Rescues

We have a new rescue from the Lake Jackson City Pound. We are calling her "Sandy". Robin Lewis of Dalmation Rescue said "She's in good condition and appears spayed. She's a friendly girl who looks very clean, hard to believe no one has come for her." Ray Greathouse picked her up from the pound and took her to Brittmoore for a vet visit. After that she went to Auburn kennels to be boarded. Sherry said she is about 6 years old, fawn with a black mask and very sweet. Thanks to Judy, Celine, Ray, Sherry and any other club members I didn't mention for all your work.

To see pictures of her, go to:

<http://www.lonestarakitaclub.org/Orphanphotos/newgirl.jpg>

<http://www.lonestarakitaclub.org/Orphanphotos/newgirl2.jpg>

<http://www.lonestarakitaclub.org/Orphanphotos/newgirl3.jpg>

We still have Sampson at Auburn Kennels. He will start his heartworm treatment after July 4<sup>th</sup>. After that he will be ready to be adopted. Hopefully we will get some good leads at the Reliant show.

### **An Offer from Dogwood Dog Training for Rescues:**

Houston Area Rescue Organizations

Dogwood Dog Training offers at \$10 discount on puppy and basic obedience classes to all students that provide us a copy of their dog's rescue papers. The curriculum at Dogwood includes puppy and basic obedience, CGC certification, competition obedience, and agility. Throughout our curriculum we stress the importance of an appropriate owner/dog relationship, leadership, and dealing with behavior problems. Basic and puppy obedience classes also include walking on a loose leash, coming when called, sit, and eliminating problems.

Please reply to <[debbyq@p...](mailto:debbyq@p...)> and provide us with your mailing address. We will be more than happy to mail you copies of our training brochure along with business cards that can be distributed to your clients.

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## In Loving Memory

Our sympathies go out to:

The Drennan's for their loss of "Angel", Asa Taiyo's Honky Tonk Angle. January 31, 1996 – May 1, 2003.

The Witte's for their loss of "Max", Ch Yezo's Fort Apache. December 15, 1991 – May 16, 2003.

Stephanie Cottrell for her loss of "Sassy", Toranagas Sasafrass Ichiban. December 3, 1993 – June 14, 2003.

## Judges List

Sherry has asked that everyone send her their 8 preferred Akita judges, so she can compile a list. She will pass on the top choices to the Cypress Creek KC, as suggestions for judges to hire for their future shows. Preferably, these judges should be from outside of Texas, not provisional and judge other groups. This will hopefully encourage more entries to their show and more importantly our Specialty. Send your judges to [sherry@sherob.com](mailto:sherry@sherob.com)