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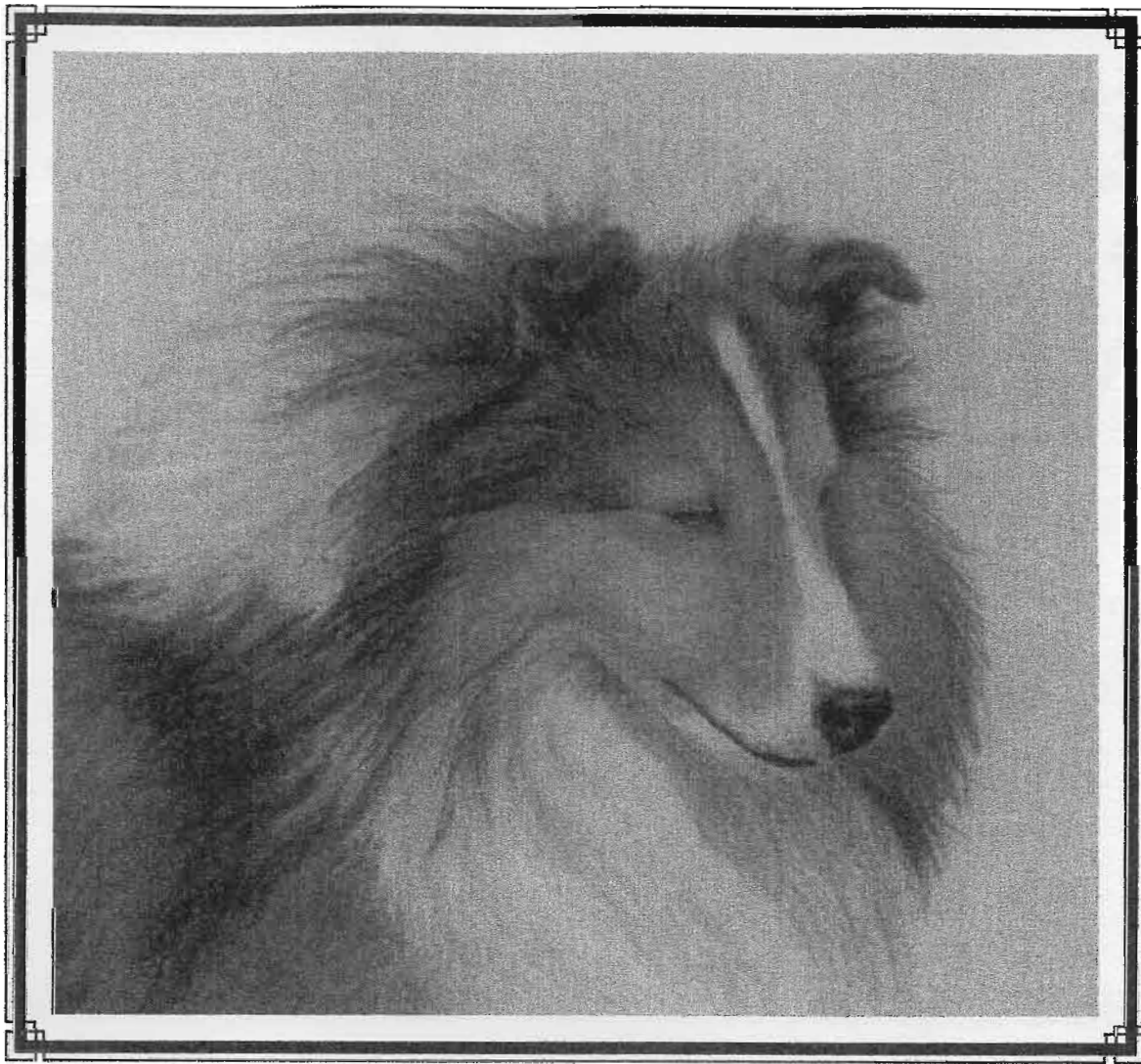


Fun With Shelties

Coloring Book

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Ch Halstor's Peter Pumpkin, by Kathy Casey

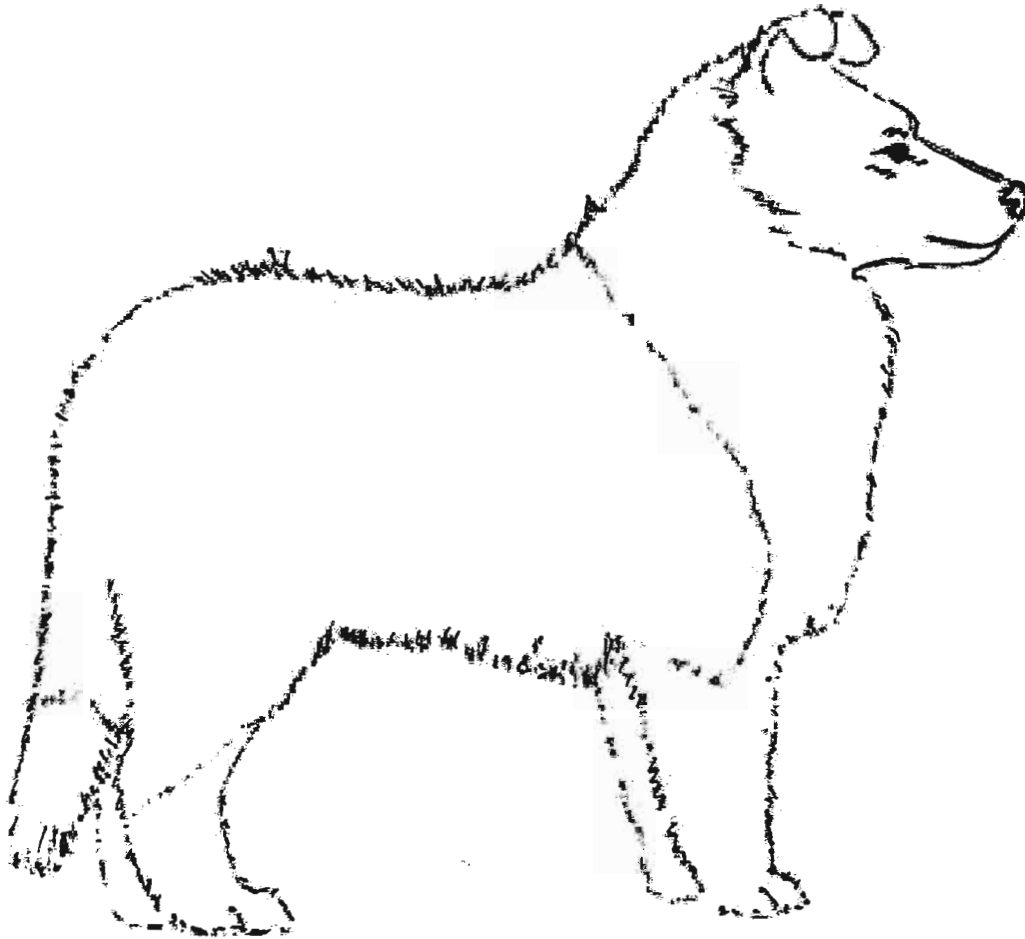
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Love, quality nutrition and shelter, adequate veterinary care, and a constant look out for his safety are the concerns of a responsible pet owner



Sheltie Rescue groups have been organized in most areas of the country. They carefully place Shelties who are homeless or could no longer be properly cared for by their owners. The Rescue members make sure the Sheltie is in good physical condition and has been spayed or neutered so they cannot produce puppies before matching the right dog to it's new adoptive family. Adopting a Sheltie can be a wonderful way to give a dog the loving home he deserves and a second chance for a fulfilling life!



An early start in socialization gives young shelties the confidence they need and will last a lifetime! Above all, make your sheltie feel "special"!

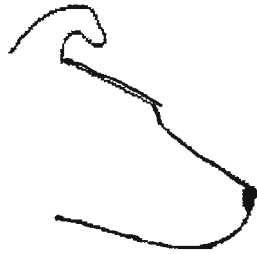
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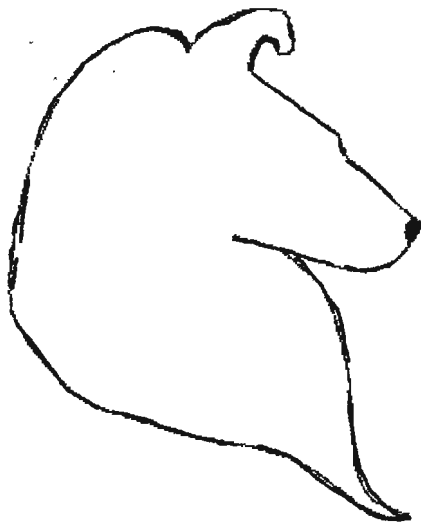
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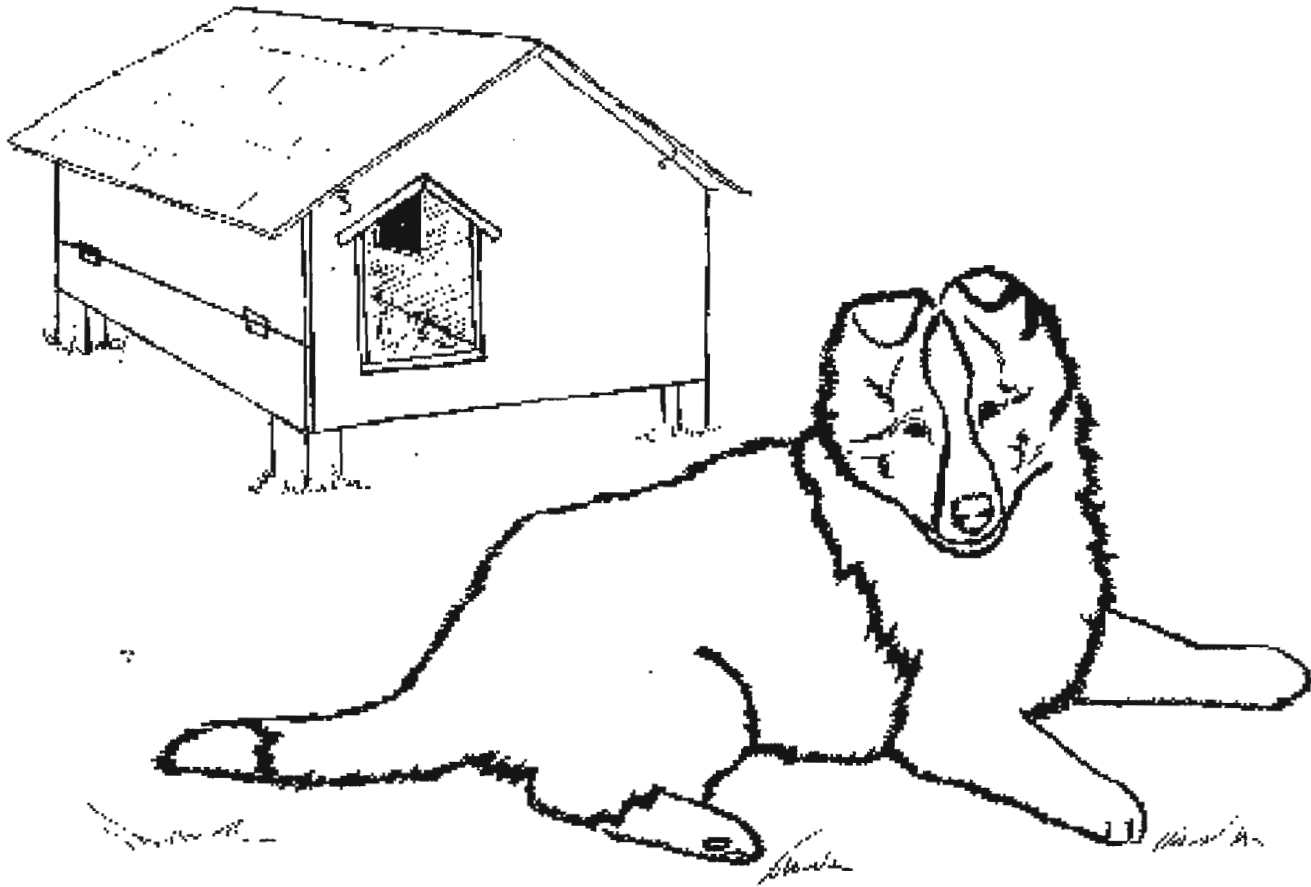
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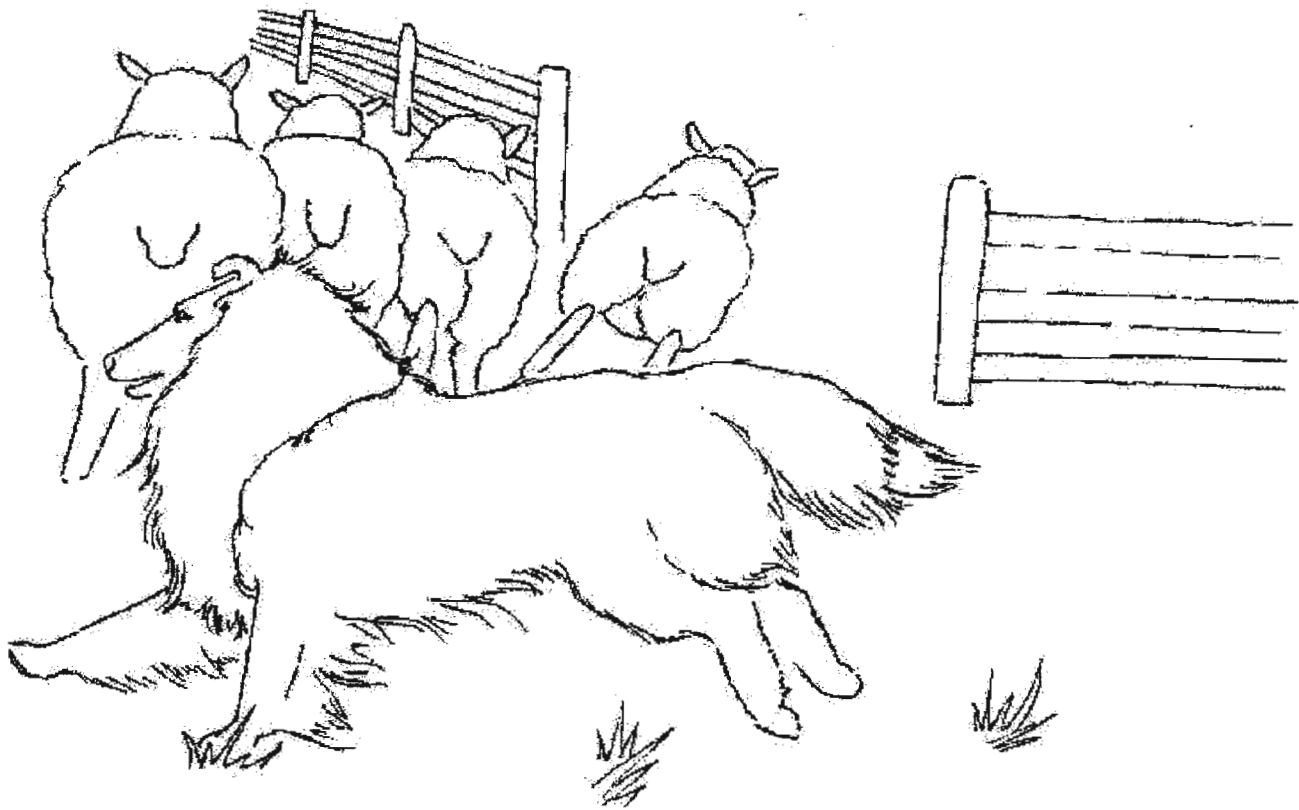


Shelties love to spend part of their day outdoors. When your Sheltie is outside, make sure he is **ALWAYS** in a securely fenced area with shelter, shade and plenty of fresh water. He will also stay content with a variety of safe toys and "chewies"!



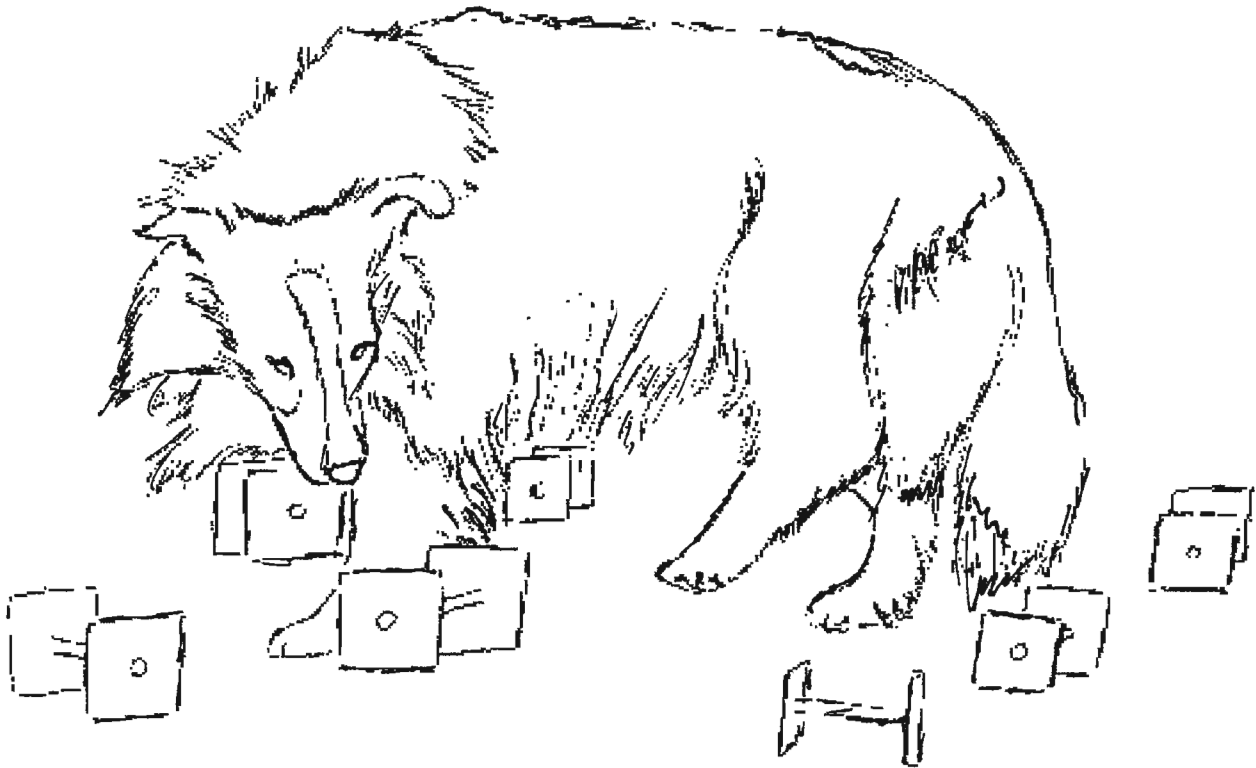
Agility is one of the fastest growing sports for dogs and their owners to enjoy. The dog responds to his handler's request as to which obstacle on the course he is to perform. Speed and accuracy are important, which makes agility very exciting for the dogs, handlers, and spectators alike!



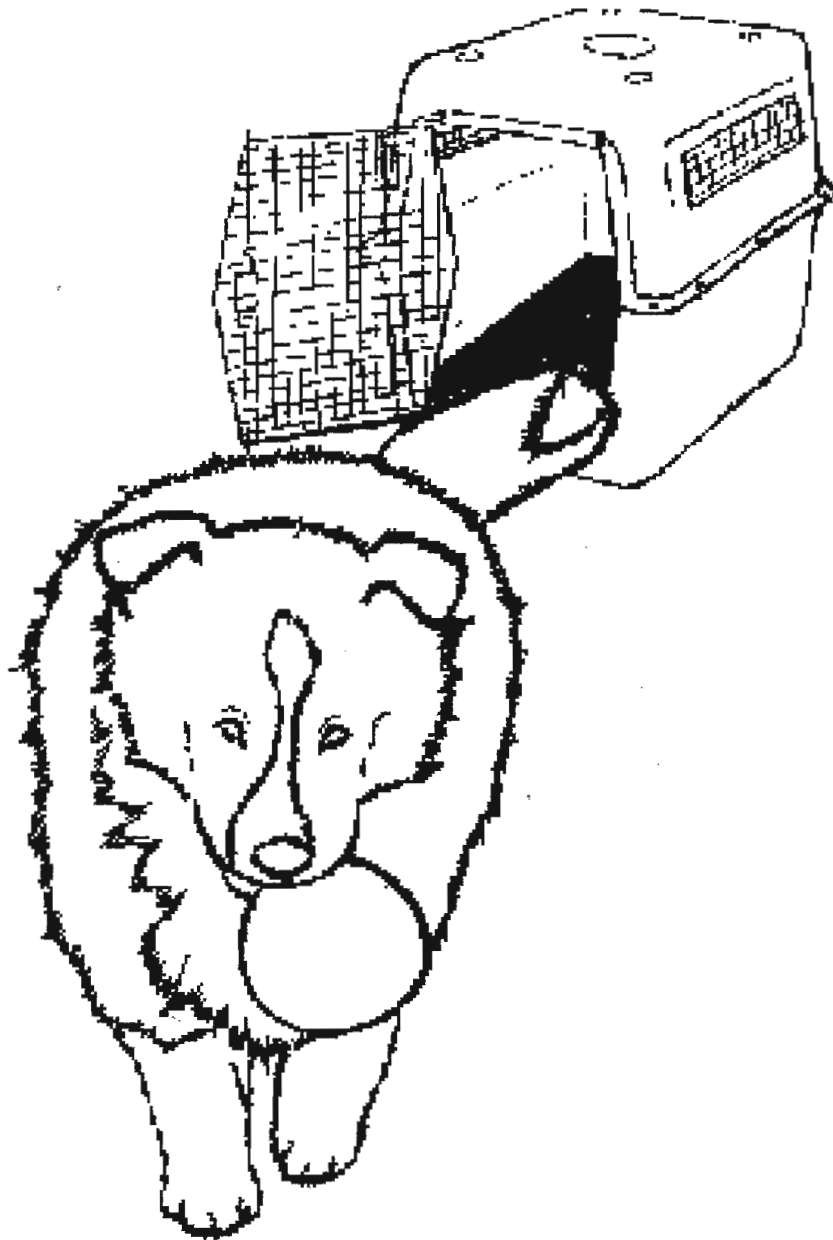


Herding Instinct is a strong desire in many shelties and the sport is growing among fanciers!!

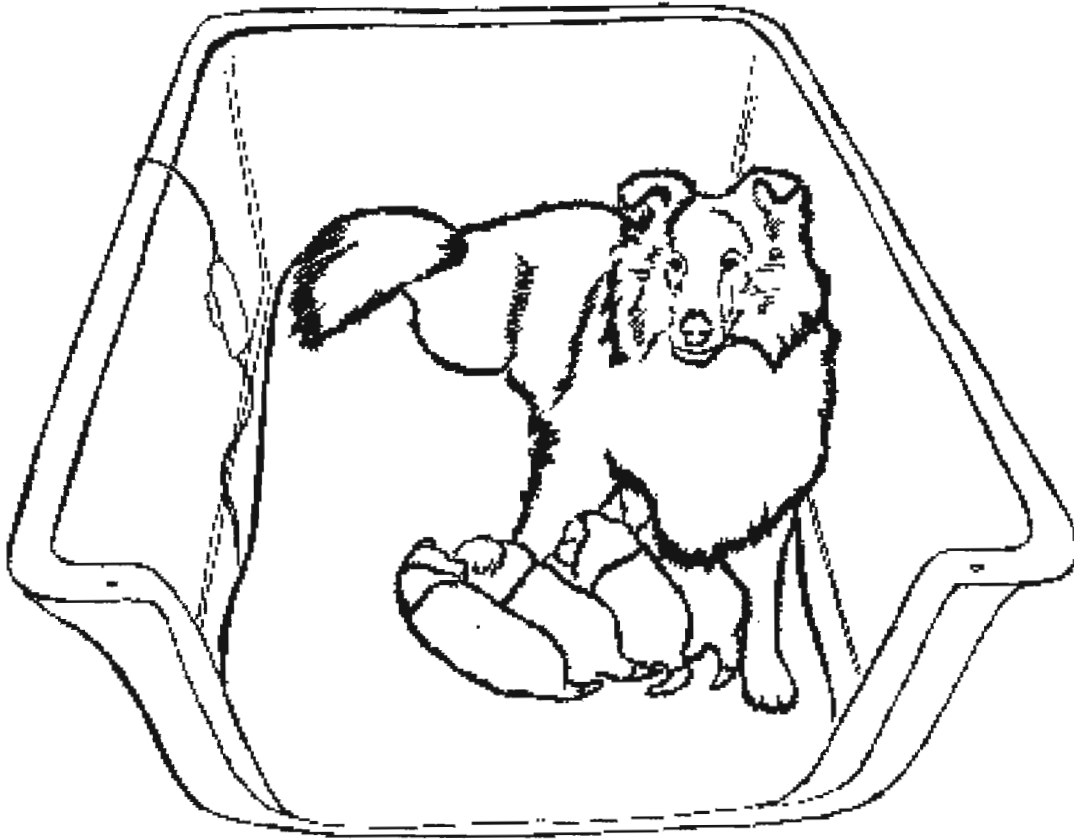




In the scent discrimination exercise, this advanced obedience sheltie must locate and return the correct article with his handler's scent.



A crate can be a great investment for your Sheltie. It aides in housebreaking, gives the dog a secure place to stay when he's left alone for a short period, is a safe means of travel in a vehicle, and is his nighttime bed!

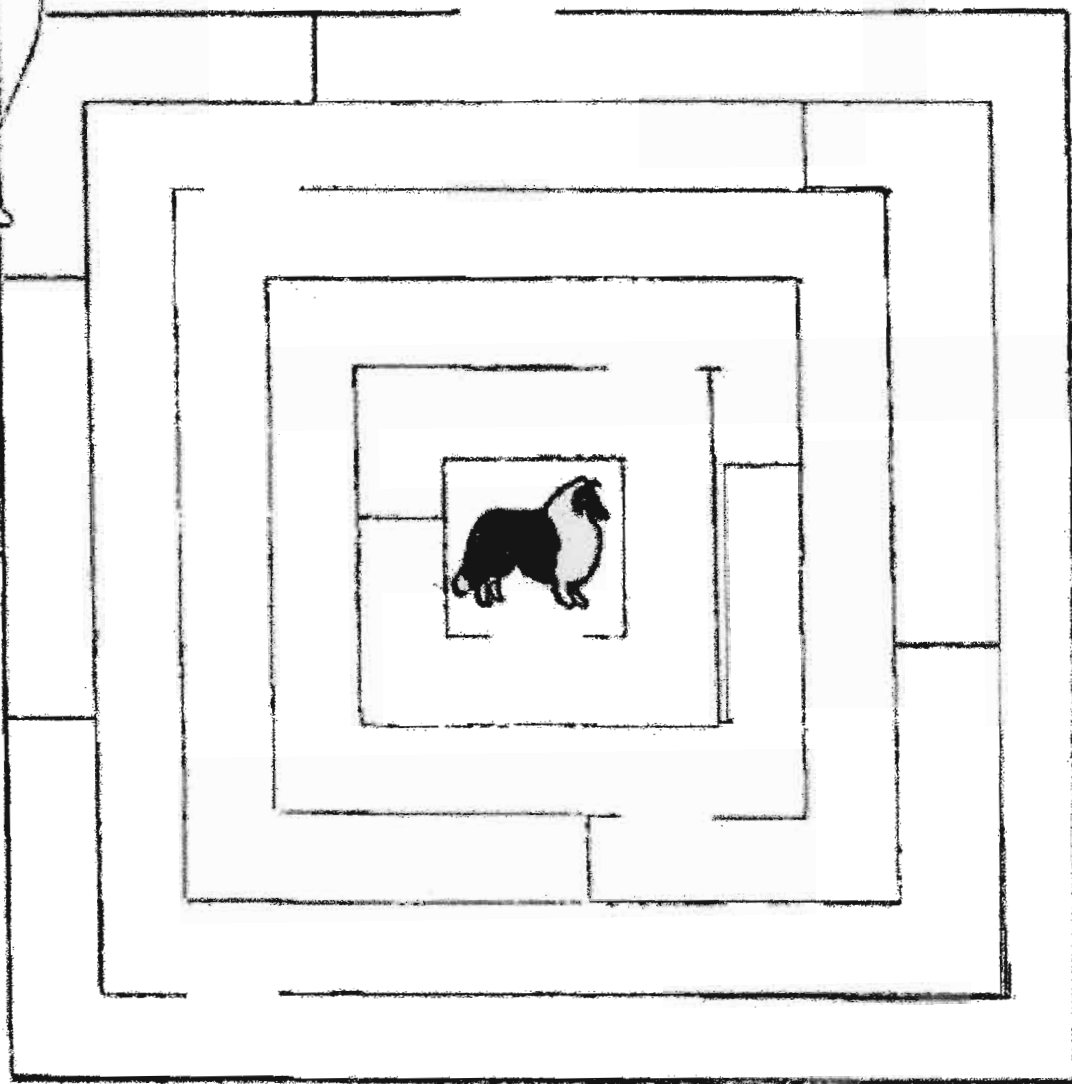


Raising purebred litters of Shelties is best left to those breeders dedicated to improving the breed. Years of experience are necessary to decide which stud dog would best compliment the brood bitch.

Tests clearing the parents for a variety of inherited problems are necessary. Both parents should have excellent temperaments. The costs involved in planning and raising a litter usually exceeds any profit for the breeder.

Help the Handler
find his dog!

START HERE!

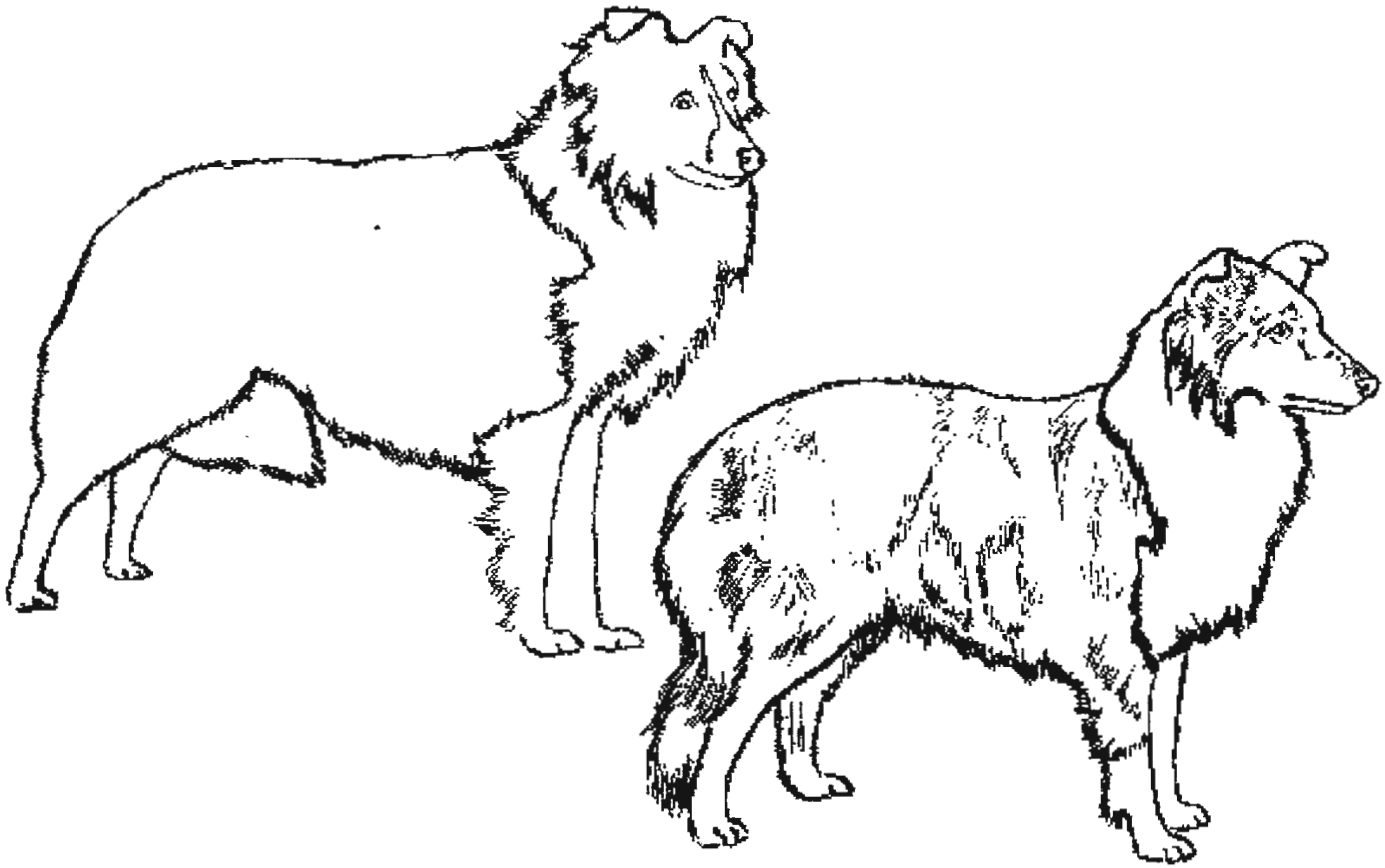




Junior Showmanship classes allow youth to compete at their own level and age group. Many will go on as their talents progress to be top breeder/handlers.



Establishing a good relationship with your veterinarian will help both you and your sheltie feel more comfortable should he ever need emergency treatment.



Compare these early Champions of more than 50 years ago to Shelties competing in the conformation showing today. Although types have changed, good structure, soundness, and temperament are things breeders still strive to achieve in accordance with our Breed Standard.

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