

## Wickets By Mel

### Triumph Showdog Solutions

#### ITEMS NECESSARY TO GLUE EARS

- 1) Speed Sew, Jiffy Sew, or Tear Mender
- 2) Adhesive Remover: Unisolve, Detatchol, Zo-Eze, or Medi-Sol.
- 3) Cotton balls or gauze pads (gauze pads work better)
- 4) Determination & Patience

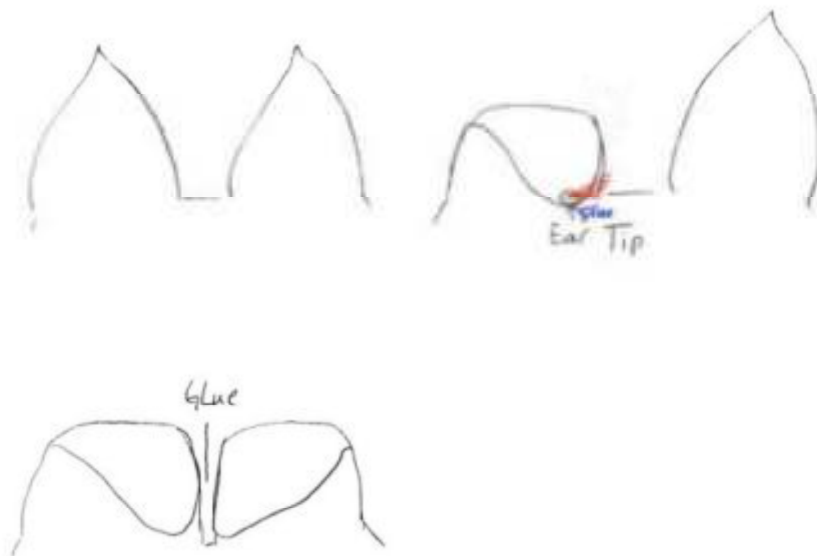
#### GLUING SHELTYE EARS

1. You can use a toothpick or small stick to apply the glue. Put a small amount of Jiffy Sew or Speed Sew glue on the tip of the ear closer to the inner side. If you place the tip in the center, you will get a curl in the center part of the tip. Then take the tip and glue it under the long hairs growing on the lower inside edge of the ear.
2. Do the same with the other ear being careful to glue each ear at the same level so that the ears break evenly. If you get glue on the skin, do not worry.
3. Comb the hair to the outside edge of the back of both ears. Apply glue to the hair on one edge, pull the ears together and glue the hair from each ear together between the ears. This will give you a tighter ear set.

#### NOTE: YOU ARE ONLY TRYING TO GLUE HAIR TO HAIR

Remember, the more glue you put on the more you have to take off, so don't overdo it.

When you are satisfied with the way the ears sit. When you glue the hair, do NOT twist the hair that you glue together; this will make the hair pull and the dog will then scratch at it.



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And there you have a nicely set pair of Sheltie ears. Continue gluing for two or three months. When you take the ears out, make sure they are not slightly crooked or not evenly tipped. You can leave them out as long as they look evenly set and tipped. If an ear flies (or stands up straight), both ears should be re-glued for another month or two.

If one ear comes undone, take both ears out and re-glue them. First, clean the old glue off the ears with adhesive remover (Unisolve, Detachol, or Zoeze) using a cotton ball or gauze pads with the adhesive remover. Be sure the ears are clean before regluing. You can use a little soap and water to clean the adhesive remover, then wait at least 30 minutes to let the ears dry and the puppy a little time out.

Evening time is the best time to do ears since the puppies should be tired. Be patient when doing ears; the puppies learn quickly on giving you a hard time, so patience is the name of the game.

A common question in gluing prick ears is what age is it too late to train the "flyaway" ears to tip down. The answer to that question is that it depends on the type of ear. The thinner ear (but not a thick, large ear) might be changed possibly before 18 months if you are very diligent about working on it/them. As a general rule though, it is very hard to change an ear set once the puppy is over one year old if it has been prick for any length of time.

The most important time to keep working on ears is during the teething period - 3 months up to 6 or 7 months. For females, you will often need to reglue or retape ears when they have their first season.

Naturally, the ears will come unglued every now and then, and that is a good time to test to see what they are doing when unglued. If one ear comes undone, remove the glue or tape from the other ear at the same time, and clean all the old glue off each ear with adhesive remover. Let the ears rest a day or two. If the tip looks good, you can leave the ears out until the tip goes off. Redo both ears at the same time too to keep them even and at the same stage of "shaping." If you need to do any surgery make sure the ears are glued, or they will pop straight up.