



# Cleveland Shetland Sheepdog Club

## SPOTLIGHT

April, 2017   
Happy Easter!

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**MEETINGS ARE HELD** on the second Tuesday of every month (unless the dates of the Crown Classic necessitate a change). The regular meetings begin promptly at 7 o'clock p.m. and are open to anyone with an interest in all things concerning Shelties.

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, April 11, 2017** 

**Important Note:** Hopefully the nasty winter weather is behind us but if there's any doubt, contact Barb or Sue to make sure the meeting is on

**@CLEVELAND ALL-BREED TRAINING CLUB  
210 Hayes Drive, Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131  
(if you need directions, contact Barb Kaplan)**



April refreshments will be provided by  
Diane Walker

**Coming Events for 2017 (Mark your calendars):**

***CSSC Agility Trial***

***CSSC Herding Trials***

***Awards Banquet***

***Agility Trials***

***Annual Meeting/Election of Board Members***

***CSSC Specialties***



***Friday, April 28***

***June 9, 10 and 11***

***June 13***

***September 8, 9 and 10***

***October 10***

***December 9 and 10***



**The Fairy Tulips    An English Folk-tale**

Once upon a time there was a good old woman who lived in a little house. She had in her garden a bed of beautiful striped tulips. One night she was wakened by the sounds of sweet singing and of babies laughing. She looked out at the window. The sounds seemed to come from the tulip bed, but she could see nothing.



The next morning she walked among her flowers, but there were no signs of any one having been there the night before. On the following night she was again wakened by sweet singing and babies laughing. She rose and stole softly through her garden. The moon was shining brightly on the tulip bed, and the flowers were swaying to and fro. The old woman looked closely and she saw, standing by each tulip, a little Fairy mother who was crooning and rocking the flower like a cradle, while in each tulip cup lay a little Fairy baby laughing and playing.

The good old woman stole quietly back to her house, and from that time on she never picked a tulip, nor did she allow her neighbors to touch the flowers. The tulips grew daily brighter in color and larger in size, and they gave out a delicious perfume like that of roses. They began, too, to bloom all the year round. And every night the little Fairy mothers caressed their babies and rocked them to sleep in the flower cups.

The day came when the good old woman died, and the tulip bed was torn up by folks who did not know about the Fairies, and parsley was planted there instead of the flowers. But the parsley withered, and so did all the other plants in the garden, and from that time nothing would grow there. But the good old woman's grave grew beautiful, for the Fairies sang above it, and kept it green - while on the grave and all around it there sprang up tulips, daffodils, and violets, and other lovely flowers of spring.

**CLEVELAND SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING  
The meeting scheduled for March 14 was “snowed out”**



**President’s Report** – N/A  
**Recording Secretary’s Report** – N/A  
**Report of the Board** – N/A  
**Corresponding Secretary’s Report:**

***Correspondence received via e-mail –***

- Notifications from AKC Processing completed for Herding Trial #2017084802 for June 9  
Application status is pended.
  - From AKC Processing completed for Herding Trial #2017084803 for June 9  
Application status is approved.
  - From AKC Processing completed for Herding Trial #2017084804 for June 10.  
Application status is approved.
  - From AKC Processing completed for Herding Trial #2017084805 for June 10.  
Application status is approved.
  - From AKC Processing completed for Herding Trial #2017084806 for June 11.  
Application status is approved.
  - From AKC Processing completed for Herding Trial #2017084807 for June 11.  
Application status is pended.
  - From AKC – a processing error has been found for event #2017084802
- From AKC There have been three recent **changes to the Herding Regulations**, as follows:
  1. Clubs are now allowed to hold up to 12 herding trials per calendar year, effective immediately
  2. Norwegian Elkhounds are eligible to participate effective 04/01/17
  3. Junior handlers (less than 18 years of age) may handle a dog in a lower level herding class even if the dog has earned a qualifying score in a higher level, effective immediately. EXCEPTION: A dog that has earned a qualifying score or title at a higher level and is being handled by a Junior at a lower level is NOT eligible for HIT or Reserve HIT.

**Report of the Treasurer:** N/A  
**Reports of the Committees:** N/A  
**Unfinished Business:** N/A  
**New Business:** N/A  
**BRAGS:** N/A

**PET POISON HOTLINE!**  
**Keep this number on your fridge  
should your pet ingest a poison  
or medication\***  
**855-764-7661**  
**24/7 Animal Poison Control Center**  
**\*fee applies**



## AKC NEWS AND VIEWS

The American Kennel Club, the leading authority on dogs, is pleased to announce the launch of its newest sport, AKC Scent Work. Scent Work is a sport that mimics the task of working Detection Dogs - such as narcotics dogs or explosives dogs - to find a specific scent and communicate to the handler that the scent has been found. It is a positive, challenging activity that allows dogs the opportunity to use their strongest natural sense in a way that is fun, engaging, and that builds and strengthens a foundation of trust between the handler and the dog.

In AKC Scent Work the dog is searching in a pre-defined search area for the hidden odor, which is either an essential oil or handler scent, depending on the class. Searches take place in a variety of environments, including an area with Containers, Interior, Exterior, and Buried. There are four difficulty levels for each element—Novice, Advanced, Excellent, and Master—and factors such as the size of the search area, the number of hides, whether the number of hides is known or unknown to the handler, and the maximum height of the hides will change with the difficulty level. The most accomplished dogs will also be eligible for The Detective Class, which contains many hides in a variety of environments.

All dogs (purebred and mixed breeds) can participate provided they are AKC-registered, enrolled with AKC Canine Partners, listed in the Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) program or recorded in the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) program.



The Labrador Retriever does it again! In a press conference today at its new pet care space, AKC Canine Retreat, the American Kennel Club (AKC®), the nation's largest purebred dog registry, is announcing that the intelligent, family-friendly Lab firmly holds on to the number one spot on the most popular list for a record-breaking 26<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

The Lab's eager-to-please temperament is just one of many reasons why this ideal family dog takes top honors year after year. They also excel at dog sports (like dock diving), make fantastic K-9 partners, and have even been known to save lives. On top of all that, they're also pretty cute.

While the Labrador Retriever continues its reign as America's dog, the Rottweiler has been slowly but surely rising up the list over the past decade. The confident, loyal and loving Rottie was the eighth most popular breed in 2016, its highest ranking since landing at number two in 1997. The Rottweiler has risen nine spots over the past decade and is poised for a comeback.

“The Labrador Retriever has a strong hold on the top spot, and doesn't show signs of giving it up anytime soon,” said AKC Vice President Gina DiNardo. “The Lab is such a versatile dog that it's no wonder it makes a great companion for a variety of lifestyles. Keep your eye on the Rottweiler, though. It's been quietly winning hearts over the past decade.”

It's no surprise that this calm, courageous guardian's popularity is on the rise. The Rottie has strong instincts to protect its loved ones, is intelligent and has a strong willingness to work. They're especially impressive when it comes to herding.

The German Shepherd Dog secured its spot as the second most popular breed again this year. This smart, confident and courageous breed is known as a superior working dog, who excels as a therapy dog, a K-9 partner, as well as a loving family companion. It's no wonder that the breed took home Best in Show at this year's Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.

In addition to the country's most popular, terriers were on the move in 2016. The Russell Terrier jumped a substantial 14 spots (104<sup>th</sup> to 90<sup>th</sup>), the Rat Terrier rose five spots (101<sup>st</sup> to 96<sup>th</sup>), the Parson Russell Terrier rose two spots (111<sup>th</sup> to 109<sup>th</sup>) and the Dandie Dinmont Terrier jumped five spots (172<sup>nd</sup> to 167<sup>th</sup>).

#### **2016 Most Popular Dogs in the U.S. 2015 Most Popular Dogs in the U.S.**

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Labrador Retriever  | 1. Labrador Retriever  |
| 2. German Shepherd Dog | 2. German Shepherd Dog |
| 3. Golden Retriever    | 3. Golden Retriever    |
| 4. Bulldog             | 4. Bulldog             |
| 5. Beagle              | 5. Beagle              |
| 6. French Bulldog      | 6. French Bulldog      |
| 7. Poodle              | 7. Yorkshire Terrier   |
| 8. Rottweiler          | 8. Poodle              |
| 9. Yorkshire Terrier   | 9. Rottweiler          |
| 10. Boxer              | 10. Boxer              |



**AKC PET INSURANCE** recently ran a report on the top claims for puppies aged 8 weeks to 6 months. The conditions ranged in seriousness, but all required visits to the vet, which meant unexpected bills for new puppy owners.

#### **Top Five Puppy Claims of 2016**

- **Gastroenteritis** was the number one condition claimed on puppies in 2016. Gastroenteritis can encompass a variety of illnesses. The term refers to inflammation of the gastrointestinal tract, typically the stomach and intestines. It typically presents with abdominal pain, diarrhea and/or vomiting. Causes can be anything from catching a virus from a house mate or play date, to eating new or inappropriate food, to reactions to medications.
- The second most common puppy claim was **Otitis Externa** or ear infection. Ear infections can occur at any age. But frequent baths, floppy ears and lack of ability to sit still to have their ears cleaned could all be causes of the common ear infection in puppies. Otitis externa refers to chronic inflammation of the external ear canal of a dog. Otitis media is inflammation of the middle of the dog's ear. Otitis externa is more common than otitis media.
- Coming in third was **Urinary Tract Infection**, or UTI. Sometimes puppies can contract a UTI due to holding in urine or not drinking enough water. Some puppies refuse to "potty" in certain areas or are left alone for too long, which can cause an infection to fester.

Though not a severe threat, UTIs still need to be taken seriously. A trip to the vet and some urine testing is recommended.

- **Bone Fracture** was the fourth most common puppy claim. Though no one wants to think their puppy can break a bone, the reality is that he can—even with the closest watchful eye. Bouncy and brave, puppies can move quickly and, before you know it, they’ve jumped off the couch or taken a tumble with a housemate. Some breeds are more prone to bone fractures due to their size and frame type. Small breed dogs and petite breeds are more likely to experience a fracture. Fortunately, puppies’ bones heal very well if treated quickly, and they typically make a full recovery.
- Rounding out the top five most common puppy claims of 2016 is **Soft Tissue Injury**. Soft tissue injury is a broad term referring to injuries to the muscle, tendons or ligaments. Injuries can be anything from a muscle strain, to a pulled ligament, to a bruise. Signs of a soft tissue injury could be swelling, limping or tenderness in the area, and these injuries often require a visit to the vet.



## ASSA NEWS

Did you know? **CHIC** stands for Canine Health Information Center. It is a centralized canine health database sponsored by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA). **CHIC**, working with participating parent clubs, provides a resource for breeders and owners of purebred dogs to research and maintain information on the health issues prevalent in specific breeds by establishing a recognized protocol for breed-specific health screening and recognizing dogs tested in accordance with that protocol. Each breed has specific tests that are required in order to “bank” an individual dog’s DNA and be issued a CHIC identification number.

Testing for diseases and monitoring the occurrence of diseases by breed clubs and breeders does not indicate that problems exist in that breed or line. In fact it is a positive indication that the people who breed these dogs are trying to produce the healthiest puppies they can. As researchers become more aware of the underlying causes for many diseases in our dogs, breeders try to use all the resources available to them to produce healthy dogs. This includes feeding a proper diet, providing proper exercise and housing and may include testing for abnormal conditions or diseases that exist in the breed. Testing for specific conditions will allow only unaffected animals to be used for breeding. The abnormal conditions currently recognized in Shelties are found in low numbers in the breed. Testing will allow these uncommon conditions to remain uncommon or even be eliminated from the breed.

**PLEASE SEE PAGE 7 TO FIND THE REQUIRED CHIC TESTS FOR SHELTIES**



## **SHETLAND SHEEPDOG REQUIRED TESTS (2) for CHIC :**

### **\*1) Hip Dysplasia**

- OFA Evaluation - OR
- PennHIP Evaluation



### **\*2) Eye Examination by a boarded ACVO Ophthalmologist- Recommend evaluation every year until age 5, every 2 years thereafter until age 9.**

- Results registered with OFA - OR
- Results registered with CERF

### **Electives (Two from the following)**

- **DERMATOMYOSITIS** - Clemson DNA test results registered with the OFA. This test is not eligible for Clear by Parentage certifications. For more information visit the ASSA website
- **OFA Elbow Dysplasia Evaluation**
- **vWD** - VetGen DNA results registered with the OFA. First Generation Offspring of tested dogs eligible for Clear By Parentage
- **MDR1** - Washington State University Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology Lab test results registered with the OFA - WSU VCPL. First Generation Offspring of tested dogs eligible for Clear By Parentage
- **OFA Thyroid** Evaluation from an approved laboratory - Recommend testing at ages 2, 4, and 7.
- **Collie Eye Anomaly (CEA)** Optigen test results registered with the OFA. First Generation Offspring of tested dogs eligible for Clear By Parentage

### **Cardiac Evaluation (Optional)**

- Recommend exam by board certified cardiologist, or board certified specialist in internal medicine. - OR
- Advanced Cardiac Exam

### **Dentition (Optional)**

- **DENTITION DATABASE** - dental exam by licensed veterinarian to certify full dentition

### **Temperament Test (Optional)**

- Temperament Test Society TTS

\*Note – In addition to the breed specific requirements above, a CHIC requirement across all participating breeds is that the dog must be permanently identified via microchip or tattoo in order to qualify for a CHIC number.

## The 10 Human Medications Most Dangerous to Dogs

Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald | September 06, 2016



One of the most dangerous rooms of the house with regard to accidental poisonings is the bedroom, on account of the nightstand next to the bed. Many adult dogs and teething puppies sleep in the bed with their humans, and thus have easy access to the drugs on that nightstand. Medications left on counters in kitchens and bathrooms find their way into the stomachs of bored dogs, too.

If your dog ever does happen to ingest human medication, bring the original container to the veterinarian. The original bottle or package can tell you which drug is involved, what strength, how many pills or tablets were in the container, and possibly the manufacturer's recommendations concerning poisoning.

### Dangerous Drugs

The most common human medications to cause poisoning in dogs include:

**ASPIRIN    IBUPROFEN    NAPROXEN    INDOMETHACIN    ACETOMINAPHEN**  
**XANAX    AMBIEN    ACE INHIBITORS    BETA BLOCKERS    ADDERALL**

The **nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)** are widely used and readily available — many of these can be purchased over the counter. These drugs are used to treat pain, inflammation, and fever in people. Examples of NSAIDs include **aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, and indomethacin**. In dogs, orally ingested NSAIDs are rapidly absorbed. Most achieve peak concentrations in the blood within three hours. The most commonly seen side effects of these medications are gastrointestinal irritation and damage to the GI tract.

### Treatment

The vast majority of these accidental intoxications can be successfully managed with early treatment. For poisonings, the best outcomes involve seeking immediate advice from your veterinarian followed by aggressive, proactive treatment, if necessary. Your vet may suggest making the animal vomit if ingestion just occurred, but your pet may also need intravenous fluid support or treatment with specific medications and antidotes to combat the toxin. Always check with your veterinarian before starting any treatments to neutralize the poison.

It's important to note that time is of the essence for many of these poisonings, and most treatments are best done at a veterinary hospital.

**PET POISON HOTLINE NUMBER IS ON PAGE 3 OF THIS NEWSLETTER**

## **American Kennel Club and the AKC Museum of the Dog Announce Museum's Return to NYC**

*By: Samantha Seymour*

The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest dog registry and leading authority and advocate for dogs, and the AKC Museum of the Dog are pleased to announce that the AKC Museum of the Dog will be relocating back to New York City from St. Louis, MO. The move is the result of a mutual agreement between both boards to expand and enhance the future of the Museum.

The AKC Museum of the Dog, founded in 1982, was originally housed in The New York Life Building located at 51 Madison Avenue as part of the AKC Headquarters. In 1987, the Museum was moved to a temporary space in the historic Jarville House located in Queeny Park, West St. Louis County, MO under an agreement with St. Louis County.

Over the years, the AKC has donated over \$4.5 million to the Museum to ensure its continuation. The AKC was instrumental in founding the Museum and believes in its mission to protect and to share the amazing works of art donated by participants in the dog sport over the last 35 years.

“The AKC Museum of the Dog houses one of the largest collections of dog art in the world and is an important part of the AKC's history and future,” said Ronald H. Menaker, Chairman of the Board for the American Kennel Club. “New York City is world-renowned for its art and museum culture and we feel that it is the perfect place to house a museum and educational interactive learning center as a destination.”

With a population of over 8.5 million people, and 59 million visitors per year, New York City provides an excellent opportunity for a substantial increase in visitors and exposure and lends the potential for educational programs to coincide with the promotion of the purebred dog. The relocation to Midtown Manhattan also provides a means for the Museum to generate revenue from additional admissions, memberships, sponsorships, and donations. The AKC is in negotiations for ground floor retail oriented space in the heart of New York City that would give the Museum the location necessary to become a world-class tourist destination.

“New York City presents a new chapter for the future of the Museum of the Dog,” said Candy Caciolo, Chairman of the Board for the AKC Museum of the Dog. “We look forward to the growth and expansion of the Museum as we show the world the artistic beauty of the purebred dog.” The date and location for the move of the Museum are pending. Until the transition to New York is in place, the AKC Museum of the Dog will maintain its current operations in St. Louis, MO.