



Cleveland Shetland Sheepdog Club

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Never Forget

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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, May 09, 2017 

BOARD MEETING will follow a fun mini-program

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



May refreshments will be provided by
Barb Schmauder

Coming Events for 2017 (Mark your calendars):

CSSC Herding Trials

Awards Banquet

Agility Trials

Annual Meeting/Election of Board Members

CSSC Specialties



June 9, 10 and 11

June 13

September 8, 9 and 10

October 10

December 9 and 10

The heroes of Flight 93 won the first battle in the War on Terror, and they should never be forgotten. Jim Ramstad

This nation was founded by men of many nations and backgrounds. It was founded on the principle that all men are created equal, and that the rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened. - John Fitzgerald Kennedy

My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country-JFK.

137 years later, Memorial Day remains one of America's most cherished patriotic observances. The spirit of this day has not changed-it remains a day to honor those who died defending our freedom and democracy"-Congressman Doc Hastings.

I've learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions and not on our circumstances. - Martha Washington

One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, One Nation evermore! -- Oliver Wendell Holmes.

America is another name for opportunity. Our whole history appears like a last effort of divine providence on behalf of the human race. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Honor to the Soldier and Sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause.



Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause. - Abraham Lincoln

The red and white and starry blue is freedom's shield and hope. - John Philip Sousa

CLEVELAND SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Notes from the meeting which took place April 11, 2017



President's Report – President Barb called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m. and welcomed members John Bush, Sue Moreland, Barb Schmauder, Kristie Mariner, Steve Mariner, Betty Hitzler, Rhadine Zabrecky and Laura Chegan. Welcome to spring, and also an “official” WELCOME to our new members Kristie and Steve!

Recording Secretary's Report – John moved and Rhadine seconded that we accept the minutes of the last two meetings as published in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Report of the Board – N/A

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Correspondence sent/received via e-mail –

- Correspondence with herding judge Dana Mackenzie, culminating in her airline reservations from Abilene TX on Thursday, June 8 and returning Sunday, June 11. For secretarial purposes, use Record Locator: American Airlines VOQFXN
- Correspondence with herding judge Kristen Cole-Macmurray, culminating in her airline reservations from Los Angeles, CA on Thursday, June 8 and returning Sunday, June 11. For secretarial purposes, use arriving flight Frontier confirmation code PY5YUT and departing flight Spirit code #409815501 and also her room reservation at Super 8 Seville has been made for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Report of the Treasurer: As always, a complete financial report will be made available to any member upon request. Rhadine reminds us that our account is now officially Huntington Bank.

Reports of the Committees:

Agility – A reminder that our trial is Friday only. Entries close tomorrow, and we're very similar in number to last year. Committees are formed – (other) CSSC members who are there please let Cheryl know in case you're needed.

Herding – The morning trials for Friday and Saturday are filled and the afternoon trials are filling up nicely. Sheep runs are no longer available. The afternoons still has duck run openings. Sunday still has available sheep runs.

Unfinished Business:

Roster – Sue will be sending everyone a copy of the revised roster via e-mail. It's finished, but she can still make changes so let her know if your info needs tweaking. She'll have hard copies available at the May meeting.

Calendars – Order forms were handed out at tonight's meeting, and Sue will send forms out via e-mail as well. Please remember that all orders must be in and paid for by our May 9 meeting in order to meet the cost deadline.

New Business:

BRAGS: **From Barb K** – Chipper is celebrating his 13th Birthday!!

From Kristie – Raven got 1st in her age group on Saturday and 2nd in her age group on Sunday at the recent Ravenna Kennel Club shows. Also, Raven and Bear are both celebrating their first birthdays March 4 and 5.

From Barb S – Sophie went to the ASCA Trial and got Gambler's Jumpers and HIT. She also mentioned that her granddaughter's Collie got TD1.



MOTHER'S DAY FOR DOG-MOMS?

From the Blog of Lisa Spector, Canine Music Expert
(throughadogsear.com/lisa-spectors-blog)

Mother's Day is not the easiest of holidays for me. I have no human children and have never been called "mom." No one has ever said, "Happy Mother's Day mom, I love you!"

But, can we be mothers to species other than humans? I am the single provider for two dogs, Sanchez and Gina. But, I usually think of them as my companion animals, not my children. Even though others may see me as a dog-mom, with my children being of the furry sort.

My 81-year-old mother is 3,000 miles away. I am very grateful that she is in good health, and we will have some time together at the end of the month. And, even though my dogs are not my children, I am very happy to be spending Mother's Day with them. Whether I take them for a hike, drive them to the beach, or they sit by my side at an outdoor cafe, they are still my full responsibility.



I pride myself with being a very conscientious care-taker for them, providing a very healthy diet, plenty of exercise, daily reward-based dog training, environmental enrichment, participation in dog sports, playtime, and an infinite amount of love. They won't ever graduate from high school, leave for college and produce offspring. But, when I adopted them, I promised them a forever home. They get room and board with medical and dental for life. I am their provider, care-taker, training partner, agility partner, canine freestyle partner, and human snuggler, even if I am not their mom.

A study in New Scientist reported that pet dogs rival humans for emotional satisfaction. After playing with their pets, dog owners experienced a burst in a hormone linked to infant care. I honestly have had more experience playing with puppies than taking care of infants, so I can't compare. But, I do know that my engagement and relationship with my dogs is extremely emotionally satisfying and bonding. It's not surprising to me that Dr. Rollin McCarty, Director of Research at the Institute of HeartMath, conducted an experiment and found that heart-rhythm entrainment, or synchronization, occurs between people and their dogs.

There are 75.1 million children in the United States. Stats.gov projects that number will increase to over 100 million by the year 2050. At the end of 2009, The Humane Society reported there were 77.5 million owned dogs in the U.S. and 93.6 million cats. The pet over-population problem is out of control.

So, this Mother's Day, I'm going to enjoy being a mom, if only for a day. I'm not going to feel guilty raising good canine citizens instead of good children. I'm going to be proud of my choice to not add to the over- human- population and remind myself that I am helping the pet over-population.



AKC NEWS AND VIEWS

In October 2016, the American Kennel Club (AKC®) joined the world of online learning with the launch of AKC Canine College. Canine College brings robust, interactive learning content to breeders and judges. Subject matter for groomers and trainers is in development and will be coming soon.

AKC's growing catalog of online courses features educational material for all breeders. Anyone just starting out should begin their learning with **AKC *Breeding Basics***. For more advanced learners, we have detailed courses on nutrition, whelping, and a series on genetics.

For AKC Bred with H.E.A.R.T. members, Canine College is a great way to meet the annual education requirement. Breeders may access the educational materials at no cost. They also may opt to be tested on the material and receive a certificate upon passing the examinations for a nominal fee.

The most recent course addition to Canine College comes from famed dog author and breeding expert Claudia Waller Orlandi Ph.D. ***The ABC's of Dog Breeding – Selection*** provides breeders with the knowledge to understand selection from the point of view of simply inherited, polygenic and threshold traits. Highlights of the course include prioritizing defects in your breed, understanding fitness traits, evaluating correct temperament, and more.



U.S. Congressmen and veterinarians Ted Yoho, Ralph Abraham, Kurt Schrader and have joined forces across the aisle to introduce a Congressional Resolution in support of ***National Purebred Dog Day***.

The resolution highlights the essential and important role that [purebred dogs](#) and breeders of purebred dogs have played throughout United States history and spotlights the many ways purebred dogs continue to serve U.S. citizens as military working dogs, guide and [service dogs](#), search and rescue dogs, disease detection dogs and more.

“There's a reason dogs are known as man's best friend. The special functions and abilities of each unique breed enable them to serve everyone from America's farmers to our military and law enforcement,” said Kurt Schrader. “As a veterinarian and farmer for over 30 years, I believe it is important that we set aside a day to honor these animals that brighten, improve, and enhance our lives each day.”

“As a farmer, veterinarian, and military veteran, I can personally attest to the many ways purebred dogs have made a difference in the lives of Americans,” said Abraham. “Each purebred breed was developed for a specific purpose. From search and rescue and working dogs to service animals and loyal companions, purebred dogs continue to play a critical role and I am proud to sponsor this legislation that recognizes their contributions to our country.”

National Purebred Dog Day (NPDD) is celebrated on May 1 and was originally created by Colorado dog enthusiast Susi Szeremy in 2013 as a way to increase awareness and celebrate all of the ways purebred dogs better our lives. Thousands of breeders and dog owners from across the United States celebrate purpose-bred dogs and the predictability of breeds during NPDD on all social media platforms.

“The American Kennel Club appreciates this recognition of National Purebred Dog Day,” said Dennis B. Sprung, AKC President and CEO. “The predictability of purebred dogs not only makes them great family pets, but it also makes them wonderful service dogs, military dogs, search and rescue dogs and working dogs in our society. It is important to set aside a day to honor the pride, purpose, and preservation of these dogs and to celebrate all they do to enhance our lives.”



Leptospirosis is a disease that affects dogs, as well as many other kinds of animals. The organism that causes leptospirosis is a spirochete bacteria and is found throughout the world. There are a very large number of *Leptospira*; about 230 of them have been identified.

In the United States, Leptospirosis is in the environment because it is carried in rats, wildlife, as well as domestic livestock. More cases are seen in late summer and fall and often after heavy rainfalls. *Leptospira* is known to exist in standing water, dampness, and mud. Winter conditions tend to lower the risk because *Leptospira* do not tolerate freezing temperatures.

Pets can become infected through contact with urine of infected animals such as raccoons, skunks, rats, feral cats, dogs, and other animals. Often, dogs contract the disease by swimming in stagnant water or drinking contaminated water in puddles.

Prevention is best accomplished by stopping your dog's access to contaminated water. Also, try to sanitize your dog's environment by eliminating food and garbage to reduce the attraction of rats, raccoons, or feral cats.

Leptospirosis is a zoonotic disease. In other words, it is contagious to humans. The most likely way humans contract Leptospirosis is via exposure to dog or rat urine. However, any bodily fluid, including vomit and saliva, can transmit the disease. If your dog is infected with Leptospirosis, it is very important to observe proper hygiene even after he has recovered (wearing protective gloves when cleaning up after your dog, preventing face licking, etc.)

Vaccination for leptospirosis is an option to consider if your dog is at high risk of contracting the disease. The American Animal Hospital Association considers Leptospirosis a “non-core” vaccine for dogs. That is, they do not recommend it unless there is a good chance your dog will be exposed to Leptospirosis. The efficacy of the vaccine is variable: short lasting or limited. There have been reports of reactions to the vaccine that vary from minor to severe.

Vaccination does not always prevent infection, but it tends to make the disease much milder if infection occurs. There is the potential for vaccinated dogs that do become infected to become long term carriers of Leptospirosis. Some long-term carriers have more frequent incidence of reproductive failure and stillbirths.



ASSA NEWS

RESULTS OF THE 2017 NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW AT PURINA FARMS, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Best in Futurity – Laureate Importance of Being (from 6-9 class, dogs)

Owners: Kim Aston and Peter Culumovic

Runner Up to BIF – Belmark Drum Roll Please (9-12 class dogs) Owner: Bella Thompson

Winners' Dog – Mystic Son of Anarchy (Open Blue) Owner: Tracy Tuff

RWD – Belmark Drum Roll Please (6-9 dogs AOAC) Owner: Bella Thompson

Winners' Bitch – Mainstay Pin-Up Girl (from Am-Bred Class) Owners: M. Jason,
P. Copabianco, S. Barger and V. Jason

RWB – Belmark Siren's Call (from 6-9 class) Owner: Bella Thompson

Veteran Dogs 9-12 – GCH Mill Creek's Vital Signs R Good Owner: Frank Keen

Veteran Bitches 9-12 – CH Playland Sweet Home Alabama Owner: C. Pike and D. McCulloch

Veteran Dogs over 12 – CH Echowyn Almost Famous Owner: Krystn Messer

Veteran Bitches over 12 – Ch Dynstar Emelina Owner: Hanna Campbell

BEST OF BREED – BCHB Laureate Invincible Owners: Kim Aston & Peter Culumonic

BEST OF OPP. SEX – GCHS Solange Significant Owner: Linda Nicholas

Stud Dog – CH Syringa Treasure Trove Owner: Deborah Sirdofsky

Brood Bitch: GCH Mystic Ava Gardner Owners: Ni Yadong & Jiang Yaozhong

Editor's note: I was unable to find the results of all other competitions (Herding, Rally, Obedience and Agility) due to the fact that the ASSA has not posted them on their website, and the "Infodog" site has only posted Conformation results, so please know it's not a slight on my part. I was told, however, that our CSSC member **Cheryl Sacerich** and "**Mora**" placed in the **TOP FIVE** for

BEST ALL-AROUND SHELTYE

**I hope that I have this information correct, and
CONGRATULATIONS to Cheryl and Ulli, because this is an
outstanding achievement. CSSC is proud of you!!!**



The following is an actual question given on a University of Arizona chemistry mid term, and an actual answer turned in by a student. The answer by this student was so 'profound' that the professor shared it with colleagues, via the Internet, which is, of course, why we now have the pleasure of enjoying it as well

Bonus Question:

Is Hell exothermic (gives off heat) or endothermic (absorbs heat)?

Most of the students wrote proofs of their beliefs using Boyle's Law (gas cools when it expands and heats when it is compressed) or some variant.

One student, however, wrote the following:

First, we need to know how the mass of Hell is changing in time. So we need to know the rate at which souls are moving into Hell and the rate at which they are leaving, which is unlikely. I think that we can safely assume that once a soul gets to Hell, it will not leave. Therefore, no souls are leaving. As for how many souls are entering Hell, let's look at the different religions that exist in the world today.

Most of these religions state that if you are not a member of their religion, you will go to Hell. Since there is more than one of these religions and since people do not belong to more than one religion, we can project that all souls go to Hell. With birth and death rates as they are, we can expect the number of souls in Hell to increase exponentially. Now, we look at the rate of change of the volume in Hell because Boyle's Law states that in order for the temperature and pressure in Hell to stay the same, the volume of Hell has to expand proportionately as souls are added.

This gives two possibilities:

1. If Hell is expanding at a slower rate than the rate at which souls enter Hell, then the temperature and pressure in Hell will increase until all Hell breaks loose.
2. If Hell is expanding at a rate faster than the increase of souls in Hell, then the temperature and pressure will drop until Hell freezes over.

So which is it?

If we accept the postulate given to me by Teresa during my Freshman year that, 'It will be a cold day in Hell before I sleep with you,' and take into account the fact that I slept with her last night, then number two must be true, and thus I am sure that Hell is exothermic and has already frozen over. The corollary of this theory is that since Hell has frozen over, it follows that it is not accepting any more souls and is therefore, extinct..... ..leaving only Heaven, thereby proving the existence of a divine being which explains why, last night, Teresa kept shouting 'Oh my God.'



THIS STUDENT RECEIVED AN A+.

10 Bizarre Flea and Tick Facts You Need to Know

We all know that fleas and ticks cause a lot of harm for our beloved pets, but how much do you really know about these dangerous parasites?

Here are a few weird, crazy and scary facts about fleas and ticks to keep you informed.

Flea Facts

Fact 1: A female flea will lay at least 20 eggs a day. Half of the eggs will be female, which can eventually produce about 20,000 new fleas in 60 days.

Fact 2: Fleas put Olympic athletes to shame. They can jump 110 times their length. A flea jumping several inches is like an average-sized human jumping over a 30-story building.

Fact 3: When a flea jumps, it accelerates 20 times faster than a space shuttle.

Fact 4: Fleas have been on the earth for at least 165 million years. Flea fossils date back to the Mesozoic era, which includes the Jurassic period. At that time they were giants compared to today's fleas, and their victims would have been dinosaurs.

Fact 5: Winter does not always kill fleas. Many larvae can survive short periods of freezing temps as long as they are wrapped snugly in their cocoons. The lucky ones find warm spots to hide out until temperatures are more hospitable.

Tick Facts

Fact 6: Ticks are arachnids. Meaning, they are more closely related to spiders and scorpions than insects.

Fact 7: Ticks do not fly, jump or fall from trees. They generally crawl up their hosts from the tips of grasses and shrubs.

Fact 8: In many hard ticks, the saliva also acts like cement, helping to anchor the tick in place and making it harder for you to remove it.

Fact 9: There are more than 850 species of ticks on the planet.

Fact 10: Bites from a Lone Star Tick can cause rare allergies to red meat in humans. Dogs can also develop this allergy and will react with itching, skin lesions and hair loss if their diets contain beef, lamb or pork.

Sources:

Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine