



# Cleveland Shetland Sheepdog Club **S P O T L I G H T**

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Happy New Year !



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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, January 9, 2018**

Board Meeting to follow the General Meeting

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



January refreshments will be provided  
by Suzi Stachurski

Coming Events for 2018 (Mark your calendars):

<b>2018</b> January meeting, (+Board) refreshments by Suzi	January 9
February meeting, refreshments by Barb S - program?	February 13
March meeting, (+Board) refreshments by Steve	March 13
April meeting, refreshments by Kristi - program?	April 10
CSSC Agility Trial	April 27
May meeting, (+Board) refreshments by Betty	May 8
CSSC Herding Trials	June 8, 9 and 10
June meeting, AWARDS BANQUET	June 12
July meeting, (+Board) refreshments by Chris	July 10
August meeting, refreshments by Donna - program?	August 7
September meeting, (+Board) refreshments by Sue	September 11
CSSC Independent Specialties at CABTC (tentative)	October 6 and 7
Annual Meeting/Election of Officers, refreshments by Kim	October 9
November meeting, (+Board) refreshments by Mary	November 13
December meeting, CHRISTMAS PARTY, refreshments tba	December 11



**SECOND REMINDER . . .**  
**Club dues are due by January 1. If you have not paid your dues, please contact Rhadine and let her know that your dues will be late. We don't want to lose you, but you must be responsible for the deadline!**

**CLEVELAND SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING**

Notes from the meeting which took place December 12, 2017



**President's Report** – Barb welcomed those members who were brave enough to venture out on a night that threatened snow: John, Kim, Betty, Barb K, Kristie, Steve, Cheryl, Ulli, Ray, Suzi, and Rhadine. Some of us started out and had to turn around due to the severe squalls that we got caught in . . . so disappointing! Happy birthday to Steve and yours truly; I'm writing this now but wasn't actually there at the Brown Derby due to the crummy weather! Editor's note: thank you to everyone who helped out at the I-X Center and made our specialties go smoothly. The table looked nice and the goodies were delicious and much appreciated! I felt that our members really supported each other!!

**Recording Secretary's Report –N/A**

**Report of the Board- N/A**

**Corresponding Secretary's Report –N/A**

**Report of the Treasurer – N/A**

**Reports of the Committees – N/A**

**Unfinished Business – N/A**

**New Business – N/A**

**RESULTS FROM THE I-X CENTER SHOWS (bred/owned/loved by CSSC members)**

**Thursday, Judge Mr. Edward Wild**

WD/BOW Stonehaven Grandgables Game On

WB Kizzbri's Divine Design

**BOS CH. Masterpiece La Perla**

BOB CH. Barwood Belmark Top Notch

**Friday, Judge Mr. Lee Herr**

WD/BOW Belmark Road Less Traveled

**RWB Solstice Presidio Unequivocal**

WB Kizzbri's Divine Design

**BOS CH. Masterpiece La Perla**

BOB CH. Barwood Belmark Top Notch

**Saturday, Judge Mr. Randall Sheets**

**RWD Kellcrest Ghostly Gray**

WD Lynphil Greendor Envision

WB/BOW Kizzbri's Divine Design

**SEL CH. JUSDANDY MORANGO MOONGLOW NA HSADS**

**BOS CH. Masterpiece La Perla**

BOB CH. Barwood Belmark Top Notch

**Sunday, Judge Mrs. Rita Holloway**

**WD/BOW Bravo Diamond Jim**

WB/BOS (to finish) Gypsy's Etched Bi Angels

**SEL CH. JUSDANDY MORANGO MOONGLOW NA HSADS**

BOB CH., Barwood Belmark Top Notch



## The American Kennel Club Launches New Trick Dog Titling Program

*By: Samantha Seymour*

The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce the launch of the AKC Trick Dog program. The program will include four levels allowing dogs with any amount of experience the ability to participate. Teaching their dog tricks is enjoyable for owners, mentally stimulating for their dogs and can take place at any time or place that fits their lifestyle.

“It is easy to see why trick training is becoming so popular,” said Dr. Mary Burch, AKC Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog Director. “The primary characteristic of trick dog training is having fun. Tricks can be both entertaining and practical, such as teaching a dog ‘paws up’ for a therapy setting. Trick dog training makes a team out of the handler and dog. We hope this exciting new program will encourage more dogs and owners to become involved in training.”



All dogs (purebred and mixed breeds), can earn Trick Dog titles provided the dog is AKC-registered, enrolled with AKC Canine Partners, or enrolled in the Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) program. The titles will be listed on the dog’s AKC record and will appear on pedigrees.

Trick titles can be awarded by AKC approved Canine Good Citizen Evaluators, and the AKC will also recognize trick titles earned through the Do More With Your Dog (DMWYD) organization.

“The AKC is proud to partner with DMWYD. Founded in 2005 by Kyra Sundance, DMWYD has introduced trick dog training to thousands of owners and their dogs,” said Doug Ljungren, Vice President of Sports and Events. “By providing basic training to our dogs, whether through CGC training, trick training or in preparation for AKC sports, we prepare our dogs to participate in more areas of our life. Together we encourage all owners to join the fun.”

To learn more about the AKC Trick Dog program and access the title application form, please visit [www.akc.org/trick-dog](http://www.akc.org/trick-dog). The AKC will begin processing Trick Dog title applications on May 1, 2017



## OTHER NEWS - OHIO

### **Q: Does Ohio law consider dogs and other animals property?**

**A:** Yes. Ohio law considers pets to be personal property, except that the law does not allow you to abandon or throw away a pet as you might a piece of furniture. And while you are free to keep a piece of furniture out in the rain until it is ruined, there are laws in Ohio that protect dogs from inhumane neglect or abuse.

### **Q: Since my dog is my personal property, can I do anything I want with my dog?**

**A:** No. Ohio law prohibits a person from knowingly causing serious physical harm to a companion animal and specifies that a violation of the prohibition is punishable by up to a fifth-degree felony on the first offense. Under Ohio law, serious physical harm is any of the following: physical harm that carries an unnecessary or unjustifiable, substantial risk of death; physical harm that involves either partial or total permanent incapacity; physical harm that involves acute pain of a duration that results in substantial suffering or that involves any degree of prolonged or intractable pain; or physical harm that results from depriving the animal of good, wholesome food and water and that proximately causes the death of the companion animal.

## Top 6 New Year's Resolutions for Dog Owners



While dogs aren't capable of resolving anything, December 31 is a good time to take stock of ways to help your dog become healthier and happier. Below, Dr. Trisha Joyce of New York City Veterinary Specialists offers suggestions for pet-centric resolutions.

### **Resolution No. 1: I will take my dog on regular walks.**

"It's a well-being issue in terms of both physical and mental health," says Joyce. "The biggest health problem dogs have is weight-related, which is helped with exercise.

When dogs are acting up, which we could think of as being related to mental health, the first line of advice behaviorists give is to make sure they get lots of exercise. If you think about it, your dog lives the life of a shut-in. It needs the stimulation of daily walks to feel content."

### **Resolution No. 2: I will not feed my dog table food.**

Commercial dog food is formulated to give dogs all the nutrients they require. Table scraps, however, can cause serious health problems in your pet. "Table food is the No. 1 thing contributing to weight gain in most dogs, and a lot of health issues are associated with it -- from diarrhea to pancreatitis," explains Joyce.

### **Resolution No. 3: I will brush my dog's teeth.**

Inflamed and receding gums can occur if teeth are not brushed, causing your pet pain and leading to expensive medical procedures. "Dental health in dogs is generally really poor," says Joyce. A bit of fluoride just once a week helps stave off teeth extractions or difficult cleaning procedures that require anesthesia -- which can be risky, especially for older dogs.

### **Resolution No. 4: I will play with my dog.**

"Everybody's so busy, but your pets still need time that's devoted solely to them. Resolve to play five or 10 minutes a day -- tossing a ball, tugging a rope. The attention makes them feel important and loved," says Joyce. "Making that effort benefits the owner too: You're reminded that you have this creature that loves and depends on you."

### **Resolution No. 5: I will put an end to my dog's behavior problems.**

Nothing prevents an owner from enjoying his dog like persistent behavior problems. Identify any issues -- from urinating in the house to begging for table food -- that keep you from fully appreciating your pet. Consult with a dog trainer or a training manual on how to eliminate the behavior. "It doesn't take long to train your dog if you do it consistently. In a couple of weeks, you can train out behaviors you don't appreciate," says Joyce.

### **Resolution No. 6: I will help myself while helping my pet.**

While you're making resolutions that will benefit your dog, why not think about yourself too?

- Guarantee your pet-related financial health by starting a pet savings fund. Stock away a little money each month in case of a pet emergency.
- Get organized. Clean out old, dirty toys that neither you nor your dog enjoy.
- Make sure your dog has adequate ID, either on its collar or in the form of a microchip. If your pup is regularly on the run, this will help reduce your stress levels.
- Do a good deed: Consider taking in a foster dog. Inquire at a local shelter about good matches for your current pet.

## **AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, DECEMBER 2017**

As we near the end of our 133rd year as America's strongest advocate for purebred dogs, it is a privilege to reflect on how much we have accomplished. The cornerstone of our mission, AKC Sports and Events are our link to the past, present and future. In 2017 we challenged ourselves to create a path to growth for Events. An extraordinary set of projects were set in motion this year to fortify and expand our events for the benefit of all dogs and exhibitors.

A retention strategy was developed to ensure that current exhibitors will have a lifetime of activities to enjoy with their dogs. To achieve it, we created ways to expand existing sports and encourage transitions into other types of events. The Conformation Puppy of Achievement pilot program, the first Retriever Field Trial National Derby Championship, two new classes in Rally and the introduction of FSS breeds into Junior Showmanship are just some of the opportunities we created to encourage exhibitors to "go deeper" into our sports. We also introduced an enhanced Juniors Recognition Program and Junior Versatility scholarships to celebrate and support the diverse accomplishments of our youngest constituents. Our new advanced levels of the Breeder of Merit program recognize breeders' long term commitment and honors their mentorship of puppy buyers. The new Achiever Dog pilot program and an email campaign to CGC graduates not only recognize versatility but also encourage exhibitors to try their hand at new events.

Attracting new participants to AKC events was also a focal point of the year's activities. Education, communication and innovation were the components we leveraged to build a foundation for growth. Five videos were produced to educate newcomers about our Sports, including dog shows, the Agility ACT class, CGC and STAR Puppy, Farm Dog and Rally. There is now an AKC Sports Facebook page that shares our stories with a broadening audience. We have been making significant improvements to the Event Search functions on AKC.org to make it easier for potential exhibitors to find events, classes and training. A geo-targeted email campaign to new dog registrants will build awareness about Specialty shows and plant the seeds of community that we so enjoy through our breeds. We also launched an email campaign expressly for first-time exhibitors to welcome them to the sport and encourage continued participation.

Expanding our portfolio of events has been another means to increase and diversify our constituency, as first happened with Agility back in the nineteen-nineties. This year we introduced the AKC Tricks program and the new sport of AKC Scent Work, which are welcoming new dog owners to the wonderful and wide world of AKC. Scent Work outpaced expectations with five thousand entries in its very first month. Our Tricks program has already achieved more than fifteen thousand title applications, proving the value dog owners place on training that is fun and

flexible. Notably, thirty percent of Tricks title holders are new to AKC Events. Reaching a new audience through innovative programs is the first step in engaging dog owners, opening their eyes to broader possibilities with their dogs, and inspiring them to challenge themselves further.

Clubs are the lifeblood of our Sports and Events, so in 2017 we put new infrastructure in place to provide them with even greater support. We launched the Club Development Program to help clubs needing extra assistance to manage their shows and to devise strategies for growth. As a result of working with this new department, several clubs have seen a notable increase in entries. Offering a helping hand and proving our commitment to quality and integrity are the most important ways in which AKC can make a difference for our Sports. Revisions to the judging approval process that emphasize breed education have been approved and will become effective in January; we hope the end result will be more qualified judges, more confident exhibitors, more successful shows, and happier host clubs. We are already seeing the positive effects of this approach. Participation in the National Owner Handled Series has grown to cover nearly seventy percent of all breed shows, thanks in part to our strengthening of judging requirements for NOHS in 2017.

Improving the overall experience for current exhibitors and drawing in new participants with innovative programs are key objectives as we continue to foster the health and growth of AKC Events. Our focus over the past year will only sharpen as we head into a new year and a new season of exciting and rewarding events to share with our purebred dogs.

With very best holiday wishes,  
Ron

