



Cleveland Shetland Sheepdog Club

SPOTLIGHT

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Happy Valentine's Day!

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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, February 14, 2017 

Important Note: sometimes we have to cancel due to winter weather.

It's a good idea to check your e-mail before you leave home . . .

When in doubt, call one of the board members!

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February refreshments will be provided by Kristie Kuhls

Coming Events for 2017 (Mark your calendars):

CSSC Agility Trial

CSSC Herding Trials

Awards Banquet

Agility Trials

Annual Meeting/Election

CSSC Specialties



Friday, April 28

June 9, 10 and 11

June 13

September 8, 9 and 10

October 10

December 9 and 10



A dog owner in Michigan is alive and recovering, thanks to his Golden Retriever, Kelsey. On New Year's Eve, Bob was going to get wood for his fire when he slipped and fell, injuring his neck. Unable to move, Bob was stuck in the snow in temperatures as low as 24 degrees. If it weren't for Kelsey finding her owner and laying on top of him, Bob may not have survived.

"I don't think he would be living unless the dog were there. The dog kept him warm," Dr. Chaim Colen, the doctor in charge of Bob's procedure said. Kelsey stayed with Bob, keeping him warm for 20 hours, until a neighbor found him. Bob had to have neurosurgery to repair his injured neck, but it was successful.

"The last thing he remembers is telling Kelsey that he was so sorry, that he tried as hard as he could to stay alive," said Jenny, Bob's daughter. "He wasn't sure by the end; he remembers losing consciousness and kind of putting his head to the side and saying ' I gave it all I could give it' and that was it," she said.

After Bob's surgery, he and Kelsey were reunited. There were tears and licks all around.

Way to go, Kelsey!

CLEVELAND SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
Notes from the gathering which took place Tuesday, January 10, 2017



President's Report – The meeting was not called to order until 7:25 p.m. in hopes that more members would arrive. Unfortunately, we did not have quorum and so were unable to vote on the membership application of Steve and Kristie Kuhls-Mariner. Members in attendance this evening were Barb Kaplan, Betty Hitzler, Barb Schmauder, Laura Chegan and John Bush. Guests were Steve and Kristie.

Recording Secretary's Report -- N/A

Report of the Board – N/A

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Correspondence received via e-mail – From AKC, notification that the results of our specialty held on December 10, 2016, have been processed. Our projected date for 2017 is December 9. Also processed were the results of our specialty held on December 11, 2016, and next year's date will be December 10, 2017.

Report of the Treasurer: N/A

Reports of the Committees:

AGILITY – not much could be accomplished, but those members here did commit to working our April agility trial. Barb Schmauder, John Bush and Barb Kaplan promised to work. We'll put this on February's agenda as unfinished business.

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

BRAGS: **John** – John thanked everyone for their condolences for the loss of his beloved Scamper. John has adopted one of Jane's older dogs, a fine boy named Pete, and things are working out great!



**There being no further business, Betty moved and Barb S seconded
that the meeting be adjourned, 7:41 p.m. No board meeting.**





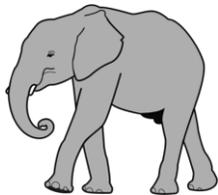
AKC NEWS AND VIEWS

Dogs are social creatures, we know, but they're also extremely food - motivated. So, scientists wondered: Would dogs be willing to share food in a social circumstance? That speculation led to a study conducted by researchers at the Messerli Research Institute in Vienna.

During the study, the dogs were trained to touch three tokens, each leading to a different action: touching one earned the dog a reward, another earned a partner dog a reward, and a third led to no rewards. The scientists found that the dogs were willing to touch the token that rewarded the other dog, especially if the other dog was not a stranger.

To make the task more difficult, giving the researchers a better sense of how complex dogs' rationale is when deciding whether to share, the dogs were also tested on their willingness to treat another dog if the partner dog was in an enclosure visible, but not close, to them. For this portion of the test, the lead dog was able to touch a token that would earn him a treat in the beginning, and then was only offered two options in the form of tokens: treat the partner dog in the enclosure or do not treat at all. In spite of the added complexity, the dogs remained charitable, though less frequently and were three times more charitable when the partner dog was known to them than when it was a stranger.

The results of the study showed the researchers that dogs, like humans and few other species, are prosocial and generous, especially to their friends.



The news that the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus will no longer tour America is a blow for all Americans whose fond memories of childhood included a day at the circus, and for future generations who will never have the opportunity to share this special experience.

The circus showed millions of Americans how humans and animals can bond and interact. It brought us a sense of wonder, it showed how interaction with animals can sometimes be unpredictable, and it gave us a chance to see animals we'd never see otherwise. Losing Ringling Brothers puts another brick in the wall that increasingly separates most Americans from interactions with a variety of animals. These interactions are built upon an understanding and respect for the fundamental differences between animals and humans, and it's what makes the bond with animals so special.

Ringling Brothers circuses were notable because of their high level of commitment to scientific expertise, research, and understanding of the animals they worked with. They did not humanize elephants; they respected them. Through their elephant conservation centers in Florida and Sri Lanka, they devoted millions of dollars to elephant conservation and research and funded cutting edge research worldwide to advance scientific understanding of the animals they sought to preserve.

In recent years, the circus became the center of hateful campaigns by radical animal rights groups rejecting science-based animal care in favor of political agendas and self-proclaimed expertise. Thousands of well-meaning but misinformed individuals joined the bullying and legislative campaigns to stop circus parades or even to prevent use of tools, such as guides often mischaracterized as bullhooks, which humanely protected the safety of the animals and onlookers and made the public experiences possible.

Ringling Brothers was vindicated in federal courts after animal rights groups falsely accused them of cruel practices, and used litigation to pursue fraudulent claims against the circus. In 2012, American Society for Prevention of Cruelty (ASPCA) paid \$9.3 million to settle their portion of these damages to Feld. In 2014, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) settled a Racketeer-Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) lawsuit for \$15 million after it became clear that HSUS and others had made false claims about animal cruelty by Ringling Brothers, including paying a witness to lie in court about animal care at the Ringling Brothers facilities.

Despite these wins, the challenges for the circus continued. In 2016 alone, dozens of communities around the country sought bans on the use of bullhooks or animal acts based on misinformation by extreme animal protection groups. Falsehoods about animal cruelty easily captured the imagination of a public with little animal experience or reference point to judge appropriate animal care.

In 2016, Ringling Brothers announced it would retire all its elephants to its conservation centers, foreshadowing the final closing of the circus announced Saturday.

The loss of the circus represents the damage that hatred, extremism and bullying can cause to science, the public good, and the human-animal bond.

The groups that fraudulently attacked Ringling Brothers continue to attack dog breeders as “cruel puppy mills.” For the sake of our animals and the future of the human-animal bond, let’s learn from this tragedy, take time to ask tough questions about bullying attacks on animal enterprises, and ensure this situation never happens again.



Rover.com released their annual list of popular dog names this weekend. In addition to seeing the classics remain in the top ten, they also saw an increase in pop culture dog names, dogs named after powerful women, and food names. The top ten names for male dogs are, in order, Max, Charlie, Buddy, Cooper, Jack, Rocky, Bear, Duke, Toby and Tucker. For female dogs, the names are Bella, Lucy, Daisy, Lola, Luna, Molly, Sadie, Sophie, Bailey and Maggie. For 2016, Rover also found that 53% of dog owners have named their dog after a movie or TV character, book character, or celebrity.

In particular, Pokemon Go and Game of Thrones were well represented in the survey, Pokemon names include Haunter, Skitty and Bayleaf, and GOT names include Arya, Snow and Khalessi.

Powerful women names include Coco Chanel, Beyonce, BettyWhite, Madonna and Eleanor. For the foodies out there, the names include Taffy, Brandy, Espresso, Kale, and more.



Canine Herpes Virus



Canine herpes virus (CHV), also known as “fading puppy syndrome,” is a viral infection that infects the reproductive organs of adult dogs. While adult dogs infected with CHV usually do not show any symptoms, the infection is the leading cause of death in newborn puppies. One puppy in a litter may be affected, and death may occur abruptly, with little or no warning, or an entire litter may perish within a 24-hour period. If the disease is contracted when the puppies are older than three weeks, it is often less severe. Older puppies have a much better chance of survival, but may have long-term effects of a persistent CHV infection.

How Is Canine Herpes Transmitted?

Canine herpes virus lives in the reproductive and respiratory tracts of male and female dogs. In adults, the disease is transmitted via aerosol and direct contact, including sneezing, coughing, nosing, sniffing, licking and sexual activities between an infected and an uninfected dog. Puppies usually contract the disease in the birth canal or from nasal and oral secretions of the mother shortly after birth. Puppies can also spread the virus to one another. Just because one puppy in a litter is infected with CHV does not mean they all are.

Can I Catch Herpes from My Dog?

No. Humans are not at risk for catching canine herpes.

How Is Canine Herpes Diagnosed?

If a puppy is stillborn or dies soon after birth, a necropsy should be performed to determine the cause of death. There are many potential causes for puppy death, and you will want to evaluate whether the rest of the litter is at risk and what care is needed. Please call your veterinarian for instructions on how to arrange this.

Adult dogs are generally tested for CHV if they are intended for breeding or if their history suggests a problem with CHV. A veterinarian may check bloodwork to attempt to confirm recent exposure to the virus.

How Is Canine Herpes Treated?

Anytime newborn puppies are observed to be unwell or “fading,” it is crucial that you contact the vet. If CHV is confirmed, treatment can begin with antiviral medication and supportive care. It is also important to keep puppies warm, as the virus requires a low temperature to survive. Unfortunately, death often occurs rapidly in CHV-infected puppies despite good care.

How Can Canine Herpes Be Prevented?

CHV is a common virus that many adult dogs come into contact with. The best way to combat this disease in young puppies is through preventing exposure. It is important to isolate a pregnant female from other dogs during the high-risk period--both late in her pregnancy and during the first three weeks after birth. A CHV vaccine exists, but is not yet licensed for use in the United States.



TEN REASONS WHY DOGS MAKE THE BEST DATES FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

As Valentine's Day approaches you could be thinking a couple of things. Maybe you're contentedly daydreaming about perforated paper bunny cards, too-hot cinnamon hearts and the various secret admirers you are sure to have doting on you this year.

Or perhaps you are thinking, "Ugh."

You're not alone. *Yahoo News* reports that one in five people would prefer to spend Valentine's Day with their pet over their partner.

So here are the top ten reasons why a dog makes a better date this Valentine's Day:

1. Dogs don't talk. I could elaborate, but I think we can all agree this is a good thing.
2. If you worry your dog will destroy your lovely home four seconds after you step out the door, you can put him in a crate. The authorities frown upon this when it comes to dates.
3. Dog slobber is cute. Date slobber is **very. not. cute.** Ever.
4. You don't have to share your dessert with a dog (and probably shouldn't). This is great because dessert is the best part about Valentine's Day and all that stuff conveniently makes dogs sick. So you get your tempting torte all to yourself. Perfect!
5. For the not-so-romantic folks out there, a dog won't look hopefully, then desperately, and finally disdainfully into your eyes when the evening doesn't end in a helicopter ride to Paris and a romantic marriage proposal. Won't happen. Prolonged eye contact totally freaks dogs out.
6. When a dog follows you around it's cute. Am I right? Pretty much nothing is better than being adored by a dog. If a date follows you around ... we call that little phenomenon "stalking."
7. Dogs don't care if you are "presentable" or not. You don't have to buy expensive shoes to hang out with your dog. You don't even have to shower. Just head out on a couple of hikes, toss a ball around, dole out a healthy belly rub and you're golden! No makeup, no ironing, no Spanx required. Amen.
8. You will never have to dream up a way to gently/firmly/sneakily "get rid" of a dog. Because you'd never want to get rid of a dog! Dogs are fun, and funny, and goofy, and handily clean food right off the kitchen floor for you when you drop it. Dates seem to think that kind of thing is below them. Lame.
9. Pup snuggles are **the best.** Okay, snuggles from a human can be pretty darn good too, but when Fido nuzzles into the nape of your neck and huffs a grumbly sigh, you'll stay in that exact same position for ages so you don't disrupt the little mutt's comfort.
10. Did I mention dogs don't talk?



ASSA NEWS – Announcing the New ASSA Website

The new ASSA website was launched December 19, 2016. Take a look at it and browse through the pages. Jen Milani of Showtime Design and Joan Johnson of Blue Ridge Graphics did a masterful job of designing, formatting, and organizing the new site. Jen Milani, ASSA Webmaster, Mary Mahaffey, Research Advisory Committee, and Sharon Parrish, ASSA President spent many hours of volunteer time to update page content, lists, maps, etc., to make the information on the site current and correct.

The new site is accessible through either <http://www.assa.org> or <http://www.americanshetlandsheepdogassociation.org>

ACTIVE RESEARCH INTO DISORDERS AFFECTING SHELTIES!

Information about these studies can be found on the ASSA website under the “Active Studies” tab.

DERMATOMYOSITIS (DMS) – Skin samples are needed from affected and healthy dogs. Financial support for obtaining the skin sample from affected dogs may be available. For additional information: www.clemsoncaninegenetics.com/geneticstesting.htm.

BLADDER CANCER – 2 different studies are active:

1) Study at NIH – DNA samples from normal & affected dogs needed:

<http://assa.org/documents/BladderCancerTCCUpdate08-20-12.pdf>

2) Study at VA Tech – Urine samples needed from normal and abnormal dogs. For further information, contact Dr. John Robertson (<mailto:drbob@vt.edu>) or call 540-239-0169

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“BORDER COLLIE” COLLAPSE SYNDROME - <http://www.cvm.umn.edu/academic-departments/vbs/CanineGeneticsLab/BorderCollieCollapse/index.htm>

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Best of Breed – Glenda Henson Dogs – David Calderwood*

Bitches – Jan Haderlie Futurity – Jane Hammett-Bright

Guess Which of America's Favorite Breeds Have Never Won Best in Show - by Jan Reisen

For 140 years, the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show judges have chosen one dog, and one dog only, as Best in Show. You would think that, with 140 different dogs being chosen, America's favorite breeds surely must have won a few times. You'd be wrong. Every year, the AKC ranks the breeds that are most popular according to registration statistics. By this measure, some of the most beloved dog breeds in the country have never, ever won Best in Show. Here are the breeds that, although winning our hearts, have never won the coveted top honor at Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show presented by Purina® Pro Plan®.

8. Shetland Sheepdog

This bright, energetic herding breed is beloved for their intelligence, devotion to their people, and eagerness to please. However, they've never pleased the judges quite enough to win Best in Show, although they have done well in the Herding Group, taking home Best of Group five times.

7. Great Dane

Most recently ranked 15th in popularity, this giant of a dog has a friendly, steady personality. They're sweet, friendly family companions, but you may need to add a room to your house to accommodate their size. Although winning Best of Group five times, his combination of majesty and temperament has never won him a Best in Show.

6. Chihuahua

On the opposite end of the size scale, the Chihuahua consistently ranks among the 25 most popular dogs in the U.S. Although recognized by the AKC since 1904, this sassy toy breed has never won the top prize, and it's only won Best of Group once.

5. Miniature Schnauzer

The most popular of the three Schnauzer breeds, this cheerful, energetic, and trainable little dog most recently ranked 16th in popularity among all registered breeds. And, although terriers in general do well at Westminster, this little guy has only won Best of Group once, back in 1947, despite being a fan favorite.

4. Shih Tzu

This ancient breed from imperial China has won devoted fans because of its playful, happy personality and flowing coat. Only recognized by the AKC in 1969, the beloved toy breed has done pretty well for a fairly recent addition. He's won Best of Group three times, but has yet to earn the very top spot.

3. Dachshund

Ah, Doxies! Almost always in the top 20, if not the top 10 most popular dogs in the country. The AKC recognized this spunky and friendly little dog in 1885, which explains its many Westminster wins for Best of Group (10). However, this beloved breed has never won Best in Show.

2. Golden Retriever

Very few breeds inspire such fierce loyalty as the Golden Retriever, currently ranked the third most popular in the AKC rankings. This friendly, joyful, and childlike breed wins hearts and minds, but sadly doesn't have the same appeal to the judges. Since they were first recognized by the AKC in 1925, they've only won Best of Group once and placed twice.

1. Labrador Retriever

And finally, America's most popular dog, the Labrador Retriever, which has been at the top of the list for decades, has no Best in Show ribbons to display. Not one. Everyone who has ever fallen in love with a Lab's outgoing, heart-meltingly friendly temperament and expression can only take heart in the breed's four 2nd-place finishes.