



# Cleveland Shetland Sheepdog Club

## SPOTLIGHT

December, 2017  
Merry Christmas !



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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, December 12, 2017**   
Brown Derby Restaurant, Middleburg Heights, 6 p.m. gathering time

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



December refreshments will be provided by the Brown Derby!

**Coming Events for 2017 & 2018 (Mark your calendars):**

<i>CSSC Specialties at the Crown Classic (2017)</i>	<i>December 9 and 10</i>
<i>December Christmas Dinner at Brown Derby (2017)</i>	<i>December 12</i>
<b>2018</b> <i>January meeting, (Board) refreshments by Suzi</i>	<i>January 9</i>
<i>February meeting, refreshments by Barb S - program?</i>	<i>February 13</i>
<i>March meeting, (Board) refreshments by Steve</i>	<i>March 13</i>
<i>April meeting, refreshments by Kristi - program?</i>	<i>April 10</i>
<i>CSSC Agility Trial</i>	<i>April 27</i>
<i>May meeting, (Board) refreshments by Betty</i>	<i>May 8</i>
<i>CSSC Herding Trials</i>	<i>June 8, 9 and 10</i>
<i>June meeting, AWARDS BANQUET</i>	<i>June 12</i>
<i>July meeting, (Board) refreshments by Chris</i>	<i>July 10</i>
<i>August meeting, refreshments by Donna - program?</i>	<i>August 7</i>
<i>September meeting, (Board) refreshment by Sue</i>	<i>September 11</i>
<i>CSSC Independent Specialties at CABTC (tentative)</i>	<i>October 6 and 7</i>
<i>Annual Meeting/Election of Officers, refreshments by Kim</i>	<i>October 9</i>
<i>November meeting, (Board) refreshments by Mary</i>	<i>November 13</i>
<i>December meeting, CHRISTMAS PARTY, refreshments tba</i>	<i>December 11</i>



**FIRST REMINDER . . . . . DUES ARE DUE!!!**  
**Club dues are due by January 1. Please use the form provided on page 5 of this newsletter, and either mail it to Rhadine with your check or bring it with you to the December meeting.**

# CLEVELAND SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Notes from the meeting which took place November 14, 2017



**President's Report** – President Barb called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and welcomed the nice BIG crowd consisting of Sue Moreland, Mary Thrall, Chris Cammern, Betty Hitzler, Suzi Stachurski, Donna Waldorf, Kim Furlong, Cheryl Sacerich, Lori Chegan, Barb Schmauder and Kristie and Steve Mariner. No guests.

**Recording Secretary's Report** – Steve moved and Kristie seconded that the minutes of the October meeting be approved as they were published in the newsletter. Motion carried.

**Report of the Board** (8:15 p.m. start) Sue will create a “Board Member” group page on Facebook for our use.

## **Corresponding Secretary's Report:**

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

- Oct. 13 from AKC approving our specialty on 12/09/17
- Nov. 3, e-mails sent out to President (Bill Sahloff) and Corr. Secy. (Eric Wagener) of Fulton County Kennel Club, our letter of request that they consider approving dropping Shelties from their All – Breed Shows starting October 6 and 7, 2018.
- Nov. 6, acknowledgement from Mr. Sahloff; their meeting is November 14 and he has added our petition to their agenda, but he is “pretty sure they will approve.”
- Nov. 14, an e-mail sent to Mr. Sahloff asking him to text us tonight with their decision.

***Correspondence sent/received via USPS*** –

- Nov. 3, hard copy back-up of the e-mails sent to Mr. Sahloff and Mr. Wagener

**Report of the Treasurer:** Rhadine was absent this evening

## **Reports of the Committees:**

**Agility** – We've been approached to see if we want to add another day or days (Friday) – not positive on dates yet. Suzi moved that we go ahead on this if we are invited in actuality, seconded by Chris. Motion carried.

**Specialty** – Using the checklist that was created in 2016, we went over all details. Donna has all trophies, and will be there to give them out, and she also ordered the tables. Lori will bring the tablecloth. We are not using the “sheltie head” placement markers this year, and we no longer need to provide our own wicket. We are not offering Sweeps this year, so don't need calendars for our sweeps judges. Kim will have a calendar and a gift card for Randall Sheets. Plenty of people offered to bring cookies; we're just not expecting much of an entry to warrant a huge amount of food. Sue will have a grooming spot reserved near the ring, so she can keep the cookies there. Sue also has plates, napkins, and a platter for the cookies. No mention of the Memorial Trophy was in the premium list, so we will “save it” for our independent specialties.

**Unfinished Business:** Steve had some questions about the Membership Requirement changes that we talked about previously, and it was decided we'd wait until after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. Sue will send him a copy of the present membership application for his information and reference.

**New Business:** The refreshment list was passed around and we are all signed up for 2018. As to the CSSC Christmas party, we will begin assembling at the Brown Derby around 6 p.m. and plan on ordering around 6:30. The club will pay for Entrees and non-alcoholic beverages only.



**BRAGS:** **Suzi and Nike** had a perfect weekend at the CPE Trial, 10 for 10. **Cheryl and Ice** earned 3 HIT's on ducks; he's one shy of his Master's Title. **Suzi and Rory** got double Q's #18 and #19 towards his MACH at the CABTC October trial. **Barb and Buster** finished his CPE Agility Team Excellent (CATE).

**There being no further business, Suzi moved and Barb S seconded that the meeting be adjourned, 7:42 p.m. and the Board Meeting will follow**



We've done it again. In the 17th year of the AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin the event has drawn record entry numbers.

An entry of 4803 dogs will compete for the title of National Champion on December 16 and 17, 2017 in Orlando, Florida. Combined with the other weekend events including the inaugural AKC Royal Canin National All-Breed Puppy and Junior Stakes, AKC Agility Invitational, the AKC Obedience Classic, AKC National Owner-Handler Series Finals, NADD/AKC Diving Dogs Championship, and the Junior events, the overall show totals top 8600 entries, making this the largest dog show held in the United States since the AKC 1984 Centennial event and the largest dog show in North America.

“The AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin is a must-attend event,” said Dennis Sprung, AKC President and Show Chairman. “With more than 1,000,000 square feet of event space, top canine athletes competing in a wide variety of dog sports, tons of vendors selling unique dog-themed items in time for the holidays, more than 160 AKC Meet the Breeds® booths and more, this unique experience is truly a canine extravaganza.”

**Viewing Coverage:** The AKC National Championship evening competition will be streamed live beginning at 5:00 p.m. each night on [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) and [live.royalcanin.com](http://live.royalcanin.com). The Bred-By Exhibitor groups, Junior Showmanship Finals, Best Miscellaneous, agility and obedience will be taped and available on demand at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org). The Agility final will be streamed live on [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).



#### OTHER NEWS - OHIO

The American Kennel Club applauds the Sixth District Court of Appeals in Ohio for handing responsible dog owners a monumental victory earlier this month, when it ruled that local and state breed-specific "vicious" dog laws were unconstitutional on equal protection and due process grounds, as well as being unconstitutionally vague.

The Court held that a Toledo ordinance limiting ownership to one "pit bull" per household and an Ohio law which penalizes a pit bull owner who does not provide liability insurance violated several constitutional rights, including the right to *due process*. The Appellate Court believed, just as the Ohio State Supreme Court did in 2004, that such laws do not provide owners with an opportunity to appeal a "vicious" dog finding before being penalized or charged with non-compliance, thereby violating their right to be heard and to defend their property.

"The victory in Ohio serves as a valuable precedent for future efforts to prevent or overturn breed-specific legislation," said AKC's Vice President of Communications, Noreen Baxter. "We have long claimed that breed-specific legislation is unconstitutional; now we have a specific Court decision on record that supports our claim. This ruling is extremely significant to those who have argued against breed-specific legislation for so many years."

## 2018 MEMBERSHIP / DUES FORM



# Cleveland Shetland Sheepdog Club

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Single Membership \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership (2 members of same household) \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Member \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Member \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Life Member \$0.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Trophy Fund \_\_\_\_\_

**To be remitted by January 1, 2018**

*No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year.*

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Cleveland Shetland Sheepdog Club  
664 Winesap Rd  
Amherst, Ohio 44001



People go to adopt a dog from a foster home or shelter and take their impressions of the dog from what they immediately see. And really, for the average adopter, they think what you see is what you get. Not so much. If you had been abandoned, sent to a new home, or your best friend had died, or you were in an unfamiliar situation for a host of possible reasons, would you be at your best? You would be in unknown territory and so would have to try to adapt with whatever skills you had or just try things and see what worked. This is what so many dogs are doing when a potential adopter comes to meet them. With luck, the dog will be happy go lucky and thrilled to see every new person and go joyfully with them wherever they want to go and do whatever they want to do. This rarely happens. And really, would you go with a stranger, without reservations, and do whatever they asked of you? I think not. In fact, the argument might be made that this would be foolishness. Why then, do we ask it of dogs?



Often the dogs are sad, afraid, looking for safety. Trusting you to provide what they need is something that must be earned. If they came from a good, loving home, hopefully this will come quickly. If they have never had care, love, and safety, they must learn that these things are available and will be a constant in their lives. Expecting a new dog to integrate immediately into your life is not likely to happen and not fair to the dog. Sometimes I have seen a family come to meet one of our foster dogs and have an immediate bond. This is rare. Usually the dog becomes anxious and sometimes panicky when it is time to leave with the new owners. Sometimes the foster dog tries to get out of the car and gives us a pitiful look with forlorn or panicked eyes. Or acts dejected. On fortunate occasions the dog is just happy to go for a car ride and jumps in. And these are dogs that have been living in our home, which admittedly is not very normal, but is loving, with lots of attention and company from humans and other animals.

Think then what it must be like for a dog living in a shelter or pound. Don't get me wrong, most of these places now are wonderful, doing the best they can to provide for the animals in their care and often doing a fine job. Still, the animals are there because, for some reason, they have lost their homes, if they ever had a true home. And these places are not homes, even though they may simulate them. Workers and volunteers still have to go home at night. It is not physically possible for the sheer number of animals seeking homes to have an actual home to stay in during this transition.

These dogs in shelters and pounds can exhibit behaviors like slinking in the back of the cage, cage aggression-protecting the only thing they know, and shutting down, becoming non-reactive, or exhibit fearful shaking. These dogs do not "show" well to potential adopters. They get passed by, so spend longer in the shelter, which makes them have more negative reactions as they spend even longer in the shelter. It can become a vicious circle. Getting them out of their cages for walks and one-on-one interactions can help. It gets them out of that reactive situation.



With all dogs that you are meeting though, in foster homes or shelters, don't expect miracles. The true personality of the dog may not emerge until you have

adopted them and had them in your home for a while. How then can you make a decision on who to adopt? Well you can take them out of the current setting if possible and see if there is a connection with you and your family, including any other dogs you may have. It would also be wise to ask the shelter workers for their advice and opinions of the dogs and what is normal for them.

My experiences while fostering have taught me that, on average, the true personality of a dog won't begin to emerge for about a week, maybe longer. Once they start to develop a routine and become familiar with a place, they start to relax and do things that seem normal *to them*. So keep in mind that input from someone who has spent some time with the dog can be invaluable!



### *What is a Title, Really*

*Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher Title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a Title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain, in record and in memory, for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard.*

*And although the dog itself doesn't know or care that its achievements have been noted, a Title says many things in the world of humans, where things count.*

*A Title says your dog was intelligent, and adaptable, and good natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.*

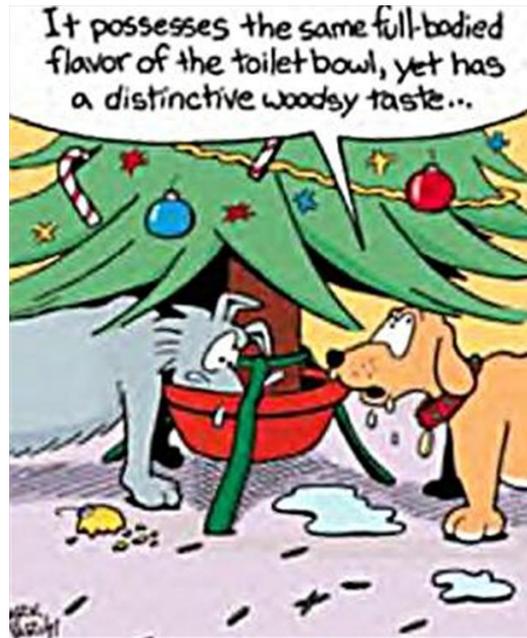
*And a Title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with it because it was a good dog, that you believed in it enough to give it another chance when it failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified.*

*A Title proves that your dog inspired you to the special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a Title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.*

*And when that dear, short life is over, the Title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials before or after the name.*

*A Title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received, and permanently recorded.*

*Contributed by Barb Kaplan*



AS I GET OLDER . . . . .

I talk to myself because sometimes I need expert advice.

Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.

I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off.

My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.

the biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

When I was a child I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.

The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.

Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.

Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes and come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?

"Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.

