



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 13, 2018

Program: "Preparing Your Dog for the AKC Trick Title"

Presented by Rhadine Zabrecky

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Day*



February refreshments will be provided by Barb Schmauder

Coming Events for 2018 (Mark your calendars):

2018

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
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
CSSC Agility Trial *note new date!	*July 13
August meeting, refreshments by Donna - program?	August 7
September meeting, (+Board) refreshments by Sue	September 11
CSSC Independent Specialties at CABTC *note new dates!	*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



THIRD REMINDER . . .

Club dues are late after January 30. If you have not paid your dues, please contact Rhadine. We have lots of exciting events planned for 2018. Don't miss out!

CLEVELAND SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Notes from the meeting which took place January 9, 2018



President's Report – President Barb called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the observation that today is the first day in two weeks where the temperature made it above 32 degrees! Let's hope it continues, and thanks to everyone for coming out. Members in attendance tonight besides Barb were Sue Moreland, Betty Hitzler, Suzanne Stachurski, Kristie Mariner, Diane Walker, Rhadine Zabrecky, John Bush, Barb Schmauder and Lori Chegan. There were no guests.

Recording Secretary's Report – John moved and Diane seconded that the minutes of the December meeting be approved as they were published in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Report of the Board- N/A

Corresponding Secretary's Report –
Correspondence sent/received via e-mail

- From AKC, the processing has been completed for our upcoming Agility events to be held September 7, 8 and 9, 2018. Processing was initiated by Kathie Lester using online event management. For all three events, at this time the application status is Pended, and at this time the judges panel status is Pended.
- From AKC, notification of closeout for our specialties which were held at the Crown Classic on December 9 and 10, 2017.
- E-mail correspondence to and responses from prospective judges Donna Francis, Robert Kelly, Jo Ann Pavey and Joann Avery containing invitations to judge our 2018 specialties and their replies to the affirmative. For the record, Mrs. Francis will judge Regular Classes on Saturday AM, Mr. Kelly will judge Regular Classes on Saturday PM, Ms. Pavey will judge Regular Classes on Sunday, and Mrs. Avery will judge the Saturday AM Sweeps. Ms. Mary Lou Herman will judge Sweeps on Saturday PM, and the Sunday Sweeps judge is still tba although we're going to invite Mrs. Jerry Mancuso or Mrs. Marilyn Schultz. If either of these two lifetime members cannot judge, Wayne Moreland said he would step up.

Correspondence sent/received via USPS – all judges will receive contract letters which have not been sent out yet as of the reading of this report. (Note: all letters were sent out the week of January 10 – 17.)

Report of the Treasurer – As always, a complete financial report will be made available to any member upon request. There was discussion about the fact that “in the old days” members were asked for donations for the Trophy Fund at the same time that the dues notice went out, and members typically contributed. It was decided that Sue will send a notice out to the members explaining this and hoping for donations. This is especially a good time for the associate members to be able to contribute to a good cause, and because we want our specialties to be especially memorable this first year. Dues are overdue after the 30th.

Reports of the Committees –

Agility – There are changes at CABTC. They have decided NOT to continue having their trials at the Sportsplex because the footing is too slippery and dogs/people are getting hurt. Instead, they are going to use the facility in Niles from June through October. The April trial will be a 2 day-trial at CABTC –but Shelties cannot have Friday (as we have in the past) because of business parking, so they have offered us the Friday in July at the Niles facility. Suzi moved that we move our April trial to July 13th for this year, in conjunction with CABTC. Kristie seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Specialty – Sue thanked everyone who came out to help the specialties go smoothly at the I-X Center. Although we didn't have a big entry (as we anticipated due to the new Interstate Specialties) our club members supported each other and made it a nice event. We FINALLY have received approval (“permission” from Fulton County Kennel Club and acknowledgment of same from AKC) and are “good to go” for our independent specialties.

Contracts are done and ready to mail out tomorrow. Chairs are being selected and committees appointed. Suzi has a lot of innovative ideas, such as “welcome bags” for all entrants. There was discussion about local area Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts to help unload/clean-up, etc., and Barb S has lots of ideas for great trophies. Thanks to everyone who is excited about this challenging venture!

Web Site -- We have created a “Save the Date” flyer for our specialties and it is already on Facebook and our CSSC website. Sue will send it out to Sheltie clubs in the surrounding states.

Unfinished Business – Rhadine reminded us that we must be diligent as to our insurance, letting our coverer know these new upcoming events and how many people will be attending. Rhadine will take care of all the details once we let her know our needs.

New Business – Lifetime member and longtime President Louise Walter is recovering from a stay in the hospital. We have offered to help with Louise’s remaining senior Sheltie, and we sent a card to her this evening. This newsletter will keep members posted with updated info as we have it. Other news: we have just found out that Sheltie breeder Helen Scherer (Edlen Shelties) passed away on December 29. Helen was 91. Helen donated a picture from her collection of artwork that will be offered in our raffle at our Specialties in October.

BRAGS



Kristie - “Bear” got his Novice Rally title at the I-X Center.
Sue - “Jimmy” went WD and BOW at our Sunday specialty for 2 points
and also took BOB at Rubber City on Sunday for 1 point

There being no further business, John moved and Diane seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:03 p.m. Board Meeting to follow.

And... Fun facts about Valentine's Day

- In addition to the U.S., Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, United Kingdom, France, Australia, Denmark and Italy.
- The most fantastic gift of love is the Taj Mahal in India. It was built by Mughal Emperor Shahjahan as a memorial to his wife.
- In the 1800s doctors commonly advised their heartbroken patients to eat chocolate, claiming it would sooth their pain. To this day, many women find comfort in a box of chocolates when dealing with heartbreak.
- A love knot is a symbol of undying love, as its twisting loops have no beginning and no end. In the past, they were made of ribbon or drawn on paper to prove one's eternal love.
- Every Valentine's Day, the Italian city of Verona, where Shakespeare's lovers Romeo and Juliet lived, receives about 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet.
- About 3 percent of pet owners will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets.
 - 220,000 is the average number of wedding proposals on Valentine's Day each year.
- In the U.S., 64 percent of men do not make plans in advance for a romantic Valentine's Day with their sweethearts.



The Sheltie Pacesetter ” TRADE SECRETS” – published 1982 by Nancy Lee Marshall (*editor’s note – I found this booklet in with my old, old Sheltie stuff. Did I mention old? Let’s see how much the oldsters can teach us.)

If you have girls in season, a pair of little boy’ underpants work beautifully. Turn the pants so that her tail can be pulled through the fly. This keeps them on much better than those contraptions you can buy. A mini pad can be used inside also. A boys size 6 or 8 fits most Sheltie girls. This idea can also be used if the female has been spayed – it will keep her from chewing at her stitches.

Unable to find rubber matting or other suitable flooring for your dog’s crate? Try a non-skid bath mat as a substitute. With the rubber, cleaning is simplified as you can just hose it off. If you have a solid crate, you can also put the mat on the top of the crate and groom the dog there.

I once had a Sheltie’s ear split like a “V” by a cat and the vet said he could not stitch it and it would not heal. I went home, shaved the hair around the ear wound (inside and out) and applied solid tape on the underside and a butterfly bandage on the top side in order to allow the air in. When the tape fell off, the ear was healed and when the hair came in, it was all normal.

When I start to wean my puppies, I add a “liver cube” to one meal a day. To make these I put equal amounts of raw beef liver and water in the blender and liquefy it. I pour into ice cube trays and freeze. Then I pop them out and store in a plastic bag. This adds terrific additional nutrition plus good taste and pups are always fat with big healthy coats. Their weaning food consists of dry puppy food which I grated in my blender. This makes a fine, dry meal that I offer free choice starting at 3 weeks of age. I start by mixing it with warm water to make a gruel, and as the pups get older I use less and less water. When I introduce them to their very first meal, I hold the dish up to their faces rather than pushing their heads down into the dish.

Do you have a problem of light rims around your Sheltie’s eyes? We feed powdered Vitamin C in our dogs’ dinner, approximately 1000mg each day and the rims return to the natural dark color.

Use the herb thyme for coat and nerves. If your dog is overactive and will not calm down or is bouncing in a car from seat to seat, try mixing thyme in with his food. Thyme can also improve coat, help retard hair loss by improving superficial blood vessels of the skin which feeds the hair roots.

Eggs are an excellent source of protein and calcium. When you are cracking your eggs (for dogs or for yourself) save the eggshells, grind them up with a rolling pin, and add them to your dogs’ food. You will find they like it and it’s a good “cheap” source of calcium – great for pregnant and lactating bitches.

If weight gain is a problem with your Shelties and they receive enough exercise and you are not over-feeding, the problem may be inadequate iodine. The Sheltie, being a native islander, was often fed fish. Try supplementing your dog’s diet with fish or kelp.

I like to use astro-turf (green carpet grass) on the top of my grooming table. The non-slip surface is rubber-backed and is easily hosed off and sterilized. I also use it in my breeding pen as it provides excellent footing.

With the parvovirus threat upon us, we take a special precaution before leaving shows. The dogs are pulled from their crates. The papers/rugs are changed and the inside is sprayed with Clorox solution. Then each foot is dipped into a jar of solution (a mason jar is good for this). The dog is returned to his clean crate without making contact on the floor or ground of the show. Then, before entering the car, each person gets the bottoms of his shows sprayed well.

**Want a DNA test for white-factoring? By Mary Mahaffey as published in the
ASSA Bulletin Board Fall 2017**

On Facebook several weeks ago, someone mentioned a DNA test for piebald and wondered if there was a test for white-factoring. Dr. Leigh Anne Clark of Clemson University had done quite a bit of work on color genetics, so I asked her. The answer – basically, a color-headed white is a piebald, and white-factored dogs are carriers of the piebald gene. So, if you want to know whether or not a dog is genetically white-factored, you can use the DNA test for piebald! How cool is that?!



S-Allele Results:

- S/S Piebald** The dog carries two copies of the dominant MITF S allele. The dog will have limited coat color and will always pass on the “S” allele to any potential offspring. In Shelties, this is what is called a color-headed white.
- n/S Carrier** The dog carries a single copy of the S allele. The dog will have limited white spotting and/or more extensive white than usual. the dog can pass on either allele to potential offspring. This is what Sheltie breeders call a white-factored dog.
- n/n Negative** No copies of the MITF S allele were detected. The dog will not pass the MITF mutation on to offspring. Non-white-factored.

Many DNA testing laboratories off this test. A few are listed below:

- PawPrint Genetics – <https://www.pawprintgenetics.com/products/traits>
- VetGen – <http://www.vetgen.com/canine-slocus.html>
- Animal Genetics – <http://www.animalgenetics.us/Canine/Canine-color/SLocus.asp>
- DNA Diagnostics Center – <https://dnacenter.com/blog/ddc-veterinary-expands-canine-coat-color-testing-to-the-s-locus/>
- VetNostic Laboratories – <http://www.vetnostic.com/coat-color-testing-s-locus>. This one is \$40 but offers a volume discount.

Additional information from Dr. Clark: There are three possible combinations in Shelties: s(i)/s(i) or s(i)/s(p) or s(p)/s(p). This is because all Shelties and Collies are s(i) – they all have the Irish spotting s(i). On top of that, they may have piebald s(p). I am not sure how the companies will report the results since they don’t test for s(i), only s(p). So, they may report a white-factored Sheltie as being S/s(p) when really it is s(i)/s(p).

For additional reading see:

<http://www.doggenetics.co.uk/white.htm> - “Piebald carriers are often referred to as “white-factored” and are generally identified by having white extending further up the hind legs, onto the knees.

<http://colliehealth.org/variations-collie-color/> - Good discussion on color in Collies, and also applies to Shelties. Scroll down toward the end to see the section on white-factoring.

Canine Influenza Virus Notice

Dr. Jerry Klein, Chief Veterinary Officer of AKC | January 29, 2018



There have been reports of recent pockets of outbreaks of canine influenza virus (dog flu) in various parts of the country. As with the human influenza, the dog flu will remain with us. The difference now is that we know what the viruses are that cause two different strains of influenza, and that helps veterinarians diagnose and treat the illness properly. There are now vaccines available for both known strains of canine influenza: H3N8 and the more recent H3N2. In fact, you may be able to obtain one vaccine for both.

Dogs most susceptible to the canine influenza are those that frequent communal activities: competitive dog events, dog parks, grooming shops, day care and boarding facilities, but all dogs can contract the virus from other infected dogs or from vectors (inanimate objects such as dog bowls, clothing, etc.) that have recently been exposed to the virus. People do NOT become infected from infected influenza dogs, and dogs do not become infected from infected humans with the flu.

Though dogs can die of the flu, as in humans, most do not, though many will require veterinary attention. The signs of influenza are usually: lethargy, fever, decrease in appetite, cough, runny eyes/nose, possibly vomiting. Worsening signs are the development of pneumonia.

As recommended, discussion with your veterinarian regarding vaccination for influenza is warranted, especially in the previously mentioned higher risk groups. Also, owners of boarding and day care facilities may require vaccination of dogs frequenting their establishments due to the high amount of effort required to properly sanitize and quarantine as well as the possible high economic loss.

Here is some additional information about canine influenza virus and tips for how to minimize the risk and reduce the spread of the disease:

Canine Influenza Virus

Canine influenza virus is a highly contagious disease that is easily spread through:

- Close proximity to infected dogs
- Contact with contaminated items (bowls, leashes, crates, tables, clothing)
- People moving between infected and uninfected dogs.

Almost all dogs that are exposed to the virus will contract it, and about 80% will show symptoms of the illness. Dogs are contagious 3-4 days prior to showing symptoms and 7-10 days after symptoms subside (this may cover a period of several weeks).

Dogs may contract and spread the virus without showing symptoms.

Most dogs will completely recover with proper treatment, but the disease can be fatal. The most likely victims of canine influenza virus are social dogs – dogs that regularly interact with dogs outside of their own family or frequent places where many dogs gather.

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Symptoms

- Dry, hacking cough (similar to kennel cough)
- Lack of appetite
- Lethargy
- Discharge from the nose or eyes
- Fever (normal temperature is 101 – 102)

Prevention

The best prevention is vaccination. There is now a single vaccination to prevent both the H3N2 and H3N8 strains of the virus. The vaccination requires a booster shot two weeks after the initial vaccine. Vaccines take 3-4 weeks to provide immunity.

Isolate sick animals and keep them isolated for up to 10 days after symptoms subside.

Practice good sanitation. Use a bleach and water mixture to disinfect common areas such as tables, bowls, leashes, crates, etc. Allow items to thoroughly air dry before exposing dogs to them.

Wash your hands frequently, ideally between handling different dogs. At the very minimum, hand sanitizer should be used between handling dogs.

Use disposable gowns or wipe down clothing and shoes with a bleach solution between dogs or after leaving an area where dogs congregate.

Treatment

Treatment of canine influenza virus requires veterinary assistance. If you believe your dog may have canine influenza virus, please contact your veterinarian immediately. Untreated, the illness may progress to pneumonia or other, more serious problems.

Although most dogs recover from this illness, some otherwise healthy dogs have died from it.

Most dogs take 2-3 weeks to recover from the illness.

Any dog suspected of having canine influenza virus should be immediately isolated from other dogs and should not attend dog shows, day care, grooming facilities, dog parks, or other places dogs gather. Dogs are contagious for 7-10 days after they have stopped showing symptoms.

Contact your veterinarian to let them know that your dog may be showing symptoms of canine influenza virus. If your dog is going to a veterinary hospital or clinic, call ahead to let them know you have a suspected case of canine influenza virus. They may ask you to follow a specific protocol before entering the to minimize the spread of the disease, including waiting in your car until they are ready to examine your dog. Keep sick dogs at home and isolated from other dogs and cats until you are certain the illness has run its course (typically 3-4 weeks).

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Keep sick dogs at home and isolated from other dogs and cats until you are certain the illness has run its course (typically 3-4 weeks). *(Dr. Jerry Klein was personally involved in treating hundreds of dogs sickened by the virus during its initial outbreak in Chicago in spring of 2015.)*

Many folks will pamper very unconventional valentines on February 14: their pooches. And their felines. And even their feathered friends.



One in five Americans will show their non-human companions some love, spending a collective \$815 million on Valentine's Day goodies for their pets, according to a new survey from the National Retail Federation.

In another survey, the American Pet Products Association says pet owners have treated even fish, horses and "small animals" to Valentine's Day gifts.

It may sound strange to some, but to loving pet owners, these animals are invaluable companions and it makes those owners "feel good" to coddle them, says Kristen Levine, a pet expert and founder of pet-focused marketing firm Fetching Communications.

The physical interaction that comes with taking care of a pet is even more special - and novel -- in an increasingly digital world, she says.

"You communicate digitally with most people in your life through text, e-mail and Facebook," she says. "But you can't do that with your pet."

Seizing the opportunity to capitalize on these love-struck consumers, pet retailers, manufacturers and shelters have rolled out myriad Valentine's Day-themed promotions that tout everything from adoptions to "be mine"-logoed dog clothing to heart-shaped dog treats.