



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

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MEETINGS ARE HELD on the second Tuesday of every month . The General 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, March 13, 2018

Board Meeting will follow the General Meeting

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



March refreshments will be provided
by Steve Mariner

Coming Events for 2018 (Mark your calendars):

2018

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



CLEVELAND SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Notes from the meeting which took place February 13, 2018



President's Report – President Barb called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. We've got a lot to discuss and a program this evening, so she expressed the hope that we would keep things moving. Members present this evening were Sue Moreland, Suzanne Stachurski, Betty Hitzler, Kristie Mariner, Steve Mariner, Barb Schmauder, Cheryl Sacerich, Rhadine Zabrecky, John Bush, and Laura Chegan. There were no guests.

Recording Secretary's Report – Barb S moved and Suzi seconded that the minutes of the January meeting be approved as they were published in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary's Report –

Correspondence regarding the Herding Trial – all our applications have now been approved with judges panel pending panel processing, for our dates June 8, 9 and 10, two trials each day.

Correspondence regarding the new Agility date – application for July 13 has been received and approved.

Correspondence regarding our Independent Specialties – signed contracts have been received and acknowledged from all three Regular class judges and two Sweepstakes judges.

Report of the Treasurer – As always, a complete financial report will be made available to any member upon request.

Reports of the Committees –

Agility – The date has been changed to July 13 and paperwork has been filed with AKC.

Herding – Paperwork has been filed with AKC; this year entry fees will be \$45 across the board. One of our judges is coming from Arizona and the other from New Mexico and Cheryl has judges already on standby for 2019. Cheryl will send the judges' contracts to Sue so that travel arrangements can be made.

Membership – Steve has several ideas on how we can encourage attendance and participation. He will send an outline to Sue, who will then send it to the Board for discussion. Finally, it will be brought before the general membership for discussion and vote.

Specialty – Barb has lots of wonderful ideas for trophies. Hopefully, we'll have a good idea of a working budget soon. Sue will send a second "please donate to the trophy fund" message to the members. Suzi asked Sue to ask Diane Troese if we can have the digital file for the logo she created for CSSC. At the same time, Sue will ask Diane if she would consider being a vendor at our specialties.

Unfinished Business – N/A

New Business – Louise Walter's new address is c/o Century Oak Care Center, 7250 Old Oak Blvd., Middleburg Hts., Ohio 44130. Sue will send another card and maybe a box of candy, if it's allowed.

BRAGS



Cheryl - "Chani" made her Herding Championship with a 4-point major in zero-degree weather. Now THAT'S dedication!

There being no further business, John moved and Kristie seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:02 p.m. Barb S brought yummy refreshments, and the Trick Title program will follow. Thanks, Barb and thanks, Rhadine!

PROGRAM: EARNING THE 'TRICK DOG' TITLE



Rhadine presented a very enjoyable and informative program about the new AKC Trick Dog Title and provided us with the official application form that gives general information on how to get started. Any dog can register and get a number, and then there are certain specified tricks that must be completed in the presence of an approved CGC evaluator. Also acceptable (for the title) are levels earned in the “Do More With Your Dog” program. The four titles in the Trick Dog structure are: AKC Novice Trick Dog (TKN), Intermediate Trick Dog (TKI), Advanced Trick Dog (TKA), and Trick Dog performer (TKP). In the DMWYD program, the titles are: Novice Trick Dog (NTD), Intermediate Trick Dog (ITD), Advanced Trick Dog (ATD) and Expert Trick Dog (ETD) or Trick Dog Champion (TDCH).

If you have a CGC certificate or title on record at AKC, that counts as 5 of the required tricks for the TKN; a total of 10 tricks are required to earn the TKN title. The Foundation Behaviors for the CGC training include: accepts friendly stranger, sits politely for petting, appearance and grooming, out for a walk, walking through a crowd, sit/down/ stay in place , coming when called, reaction to another dog, reaction to distractions, and supervised separation. The list of tricks outside of the CGC training include: walk on low board, bark on cue, crawl, fetch it, find it, get your (object), get in the box, get on low platform, hand signals for down/sit/come, high five, jump through hoop or over bar, kennel up, kiss, shake hands, spin in circle, touch it, and going through a tunnel. To train for these novice behaviors, handlers may use food and/or a toy lure if needed. Also, a handler may use food/clicker reinforcers.



Rhadine has offered to follow through with this, and will TEST individual dogs at a upcoming meeting (tba based on interest and preparedness). CSSC members should let either Rhadine or Sue know if you are ready to be tested, and we will program it into a general meeting.

THANK YOU, RHADINE!





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. Enjoy!) Vol. 2

Due to much winter sinus trouble from the dry air and wood heat, I have been forced to use a house humidifier and cold air vaporizer in my home. To my delight I have found that the mist from these not only helps me, but helps keep my dogs’ coats lustrous and glowing during this dry season, and eliminates any problems with dry broken coats.

To cut down on mats behind the ears or any static electricity in the coat, spray with “Static Guard.” It makes brushing a breeze and fine hair will not mat as fast.

To give pills or capsules, first cover them with a dab of “snack mate” cheese in a can. The cheese squirts out quickly and neatly to make the pill appetizing. It also does not stick to the roof of the mouth like peanut butter, nor does it spoil.

Are you troubled by scars on a particularly nice show prospect? Try equal parts of lanolin, camphorated olive oil (sic) and peanut oil as a massage twice to three times daily. It also helps the hair grow in faster after a skin infection or abrasion.

Teeth cleaning can be made easier with the use of hemostats. They chip tartar off quickly with less apparent bother to the dog. Cleaning teeth is quicker, easier, more complete and comfortable for the dog by using a dowel. Beginning at an early age we insert a small dowel, about 4-1/2” long, behind both sets of molars such that it protrudes on either side. The dog’s mouth is fully open and under control for scraping and brushing. Believe it or not, they do get used to it.

Make a “fun fort” for your adult Shelties to play in. Bales of straw will build a nice “fort” and your dogs will love playing “King of the Mountain” or “Hide and Seek” and they make terrific windbreaks as well. In the spring, you can use the straw to mulch your garden.

To quickly rid your house of doggy odor, put a tablespoon of ground cloves and a squeeze of lemon juice in rapidly boiling water. Boil for a few minutes and your house will take on a pleasant spicy aroma.

If you are cleaning up poop for only a few dogs, a good way to “store” it is in a baby diaper pail. Plastic liners fit easily. There is a good handle and lid (some even lock) and there is a place for a deodorizer and they can be bought cheaply at garage sales.

For those of you who live in northern climates – cleaning the yard is tough when the wind chill is zero and the droppings are stuck to concrete or snow. After breaking a new scooper trying to pick up, I began using an old putter of my husband’s. Don’t know if my golf scores will improve, but it sure solved my problem! (that one’s for you, Diane)

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 it into ice cube trays and freeze. Then I pop them out and store in a plastic bag. This adds terrific nutrition plus taste and my pups are always fat with big healthy coats.



AKC NEWS AND VIEWS

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. The AKC will begin processing Trick Dog title applications on May 1, 2017

ASSA NEWS AND VIEWS

To Test or Not to Test? *Mary E. Galloway DVM*

As ASSA Health chairperson*, people who want to purchase a Sheltie frequently contact me asking what they should know about the breed’s health problems. A recent call highlighted some concerns expressed by both breeders and owners about the current focus on canine health and research and how it reflects on the perceived health of purebred dogs and Shelties in particular.



"I am interested in buying a Sheltie but when I hear about all the tests my puppy’s parents should have it worries me. I see your club is involved in various health research projects and is trying to raise money for further research. Should I look for a healthier breed? When I spoke with one breeder I was told about all the tests her dogs have had for a lot of diseases. I can get a Sheltie from another person who told me they don’t have to test for problems since they don’t have any in their lines. What do you think?"

Testing for diseases and monitoring the occurrence of diseases by breed clubs and breeders does not indicate that problems exist in that breed or line. In fact it is a positive indication that the people who breed these dogs are trying to produce the healthiest puppies they can. As researchers become more aware of the underlying causes for many diseases in our dogs, breeders try to use all the resources available to them to produce healthy dogs. This includes feeding a proper diet, providing proper exercise and housing and may include testing for abnormal conditions or diseases that exist in the breed. Testing for specific conditions will allow only

unaffected animals to be used for breeding. The abnormal conditions currently recognized in Shelties are found in low numbers in the breed. Testing will allow these uncommon conditions to remain uncommon or even be eliminated from the breed.

A test may be one that screens for the presence of a condition or disease. This would include eye exams (CERF)**, radiographs of the hips for hip dysplasia (OFA, PennHip) or a blood test for thyroid disease. When a dog has one of these tests done it will tell the owner whether the condition is present in that dog at that time. Many of these tests need to be repeated throughout the dog's lifetime since the condition can develop as the animal matures and ages. Some tests are done just once at a predetermined age since it is unlikely the condition will develop after that time. Checking for these conditions will allow breeders to breed only dogs that appear normal. What must be remembered is that although the dog may not show the condition him/herself these tests do not show if the dog is genetically free of the problem. The dog may appear normal but carry recessive genes. When this dog is bred to another dog also carrying recessive genes they may produce animals that will develop the disease. This is how affected animals can come from "normal" parents. The best safeguard we have to reduce or eliminate these problems in our dogs is to screen all breeding stock and breed only from those who are free of the condition. In the case of eye checks and thyroid testing, it must be repeated many times in a dog's lifetime since these abnormalities may not appear until an animal is older. If all animals in the first 3-4 generations of your puppy's pedigree have been tested and found normal it is unlikely that your puppy will develop the condition. It is important to point out that many of the disease conditions we recognize as having a genetic basis can also be influenced by the environment. The development of hip dysplasia is a good example. Research has shown diet and exercise as well as growth rates, can influence the development of hip dysplasia. Obesity can cause or aggravate a number of disease conditions in dogs. It is the owner's responsibility to know how to correctly feed, house and exercise their growing puppy to ensure a healthy adult and to maintain good health in your adult dog.

The only absolute way to know your puppy will not develop a certain disease or condition is through genetic testing. A genetic test allows us to know what is actually coded in the genes of the animal being bred. It is not influenced by environment or outside stresses. It will tell you what genes the dog actually carries and not just which ones are expressed. Research is unlocking the key to many diseases in dogs and people. As these tests are developed and become available, breeders will test their breeding stock and know the genetic makeup of each animal. This will allow breedings to be planned to avoid producing affected offspring and to eventually eliminate the disease from the breed. The only genetic based test currently available for the Shetland Sheepdog is for von Willebrand's Disease, a bleeding disorder. (As of 2008, additional DNA tests have become available. See the CHIC section.)

That is why all this research is so important. Projects are underway to study many of the conditions that affect our Shelties today. Funding is needed for other projects that are of equal importance. As we eliminate one disease from our animals there will be others to demand our attention. That is why parent clubs like the ASSA monitor the breed through health surveys. Living creatures including dogs and man are constantly changing. Gene mutations are an ongoing process. Some mutations will produce disease conditions not recognized today. It is said all people carry 5-6 lethal genes as well as numerous genes that can cause the development of many disease conditions. The same is probably true for our dogs. The challenge for breeders is to use all the knowledge available today to avoid breeding animals together that carry the same deleterious genes. There is no dog or line of dogs that is free of all disease causing genes. If testing is not done, breeders may not be aware of problems that exist, but they are still there. It is true some diseases can't be tested for at this time. They can be unpredictable and the best we can do is not use for breeding animals that develop the condition.

So don't be afraid of a breed or breeder that is active in health research and testing of their breeding animals. This indicates the acceptance of responsibility and an ongoing effort to produce beautiful healthy Shelties.

* Although Dr. Galloway is not the current Chair of the ASSA Research Advisory Committee (formerly known as the Health Committee), the information in this well-written article is still appropriate and helpful.

**CERF (Canine Eye Registry Foundation) has been replaced by OFA Eye Certification Registry.

