



Cleveland Shetland Sheepdog Club

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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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 12, 2019

Board Meeting to follow



@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 John Bush

Coming Events for **2019** (Mark your calendars):

March meeting, (+Board) refreshments by John Bush	March 12
April meeting, refreshments by Steve Mariner	April 9
CSSC Agility Trial	April 26
May meeting, (+Board) refreshments by Barb Schmauder	May 14
Closing date for Specialty application/judging panel	May 15
CSSC Herding Trials	June 7-8-9
June AWARDS BANQUET at Red Lobster Day Drive	June 11
July meeting, (+Board) refreshments by Kristie Mariner	July 9
CSSC Agility Trial	July 12
August meeting, refreshments by Chris Cammarn	August 13
Specialty Premium List must go out	August 31 or sooner
CSSC Agility Trial 3-day	September 6-7-8
September meeting, (+Board) refreshments by Rhadine	September 10
Closing date for Specialty entries	September 18
CSSC Specialties with Rally	October 5-6
October meeting and ELECTIONS, refreshments by Kristie	October 8
November meeting (+Board) refreshments by Mary Thrall	November 12
December meeting, CHRISTMAS PARTY tba	December 10



CLEVELAND SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Notes from the General Meeting which took place February 12, 2019



President's Report – President Barb called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. and wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day. Members present this evening were Sue Moreland, Suzi Stachurski, Rhadine Zabrecky, John Bush, Kristie and Steve Mariner, Barb Schmauder, Betty Hitzler and Laura Chegan. There were no guests this evening, although Sue and Roman Kolosionek and their Sheltie, "Grace," stopped by after puppy class. We hope to see them again!

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

Report of the Board – N/A

Corresponding Secretary's Report –

- From Cheryl – she added Course D to the sheltie-only herding trial, limited to 10 runs. She wants to know if she should also do that on Sunday. Tabled for March meeting when Cheryl will be present.
- From AKC – April 26 agility Event Approved and Complete. July 12 agility Event Approved and Complete. Agility Events scheduled September 6, 7 and 8 are Approved and Complete. October 5 and 6 Rally Events are Approved and Complete. October 5 and 6 Conformation Judge Panel Approved. However, our specialty events are still considered PENDING because Fulton County's permission was not on official letterhead. E-mail was sent to their president (bsahloff@aol.com) on 2/12/19 asking him to please contact them directly.

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 committee is in place for the agility trial April 26

Herding – The dilemma about "D" course could not be solved because Cheryl was not present.

Specialty – Barb is having trouble ordering the software we need – Rhadine said she would see to it. Copies of the rally classes went to Barb S and Betty for the ordering of trophies and ribbons respectively. Barb S already has 3 rounds of prizes ordered. Sue will send Barb K all judge information for the premium list printing. It was decided that we will add several "New Champion" ribbons in case anyone finishes. We need to confirm with Mike Fine and make sure he will still be our photographer.

Unfinished Business – It has been determined that the AKC webinar "How to Put on a Dog Show" is not appropriate to our needs. As to our website, Steve now has the contact info and will contact Ryan to make the changes happen.

New Business – Cindy Bunner's membership application was voted on, and we are happy to welcome Cindy as a new member of the CSSC! As to the Awards Banquet, Betty moved and Diane seconded that we hold this year's banquet at the Red Lobster on Day Drive in Parma. They have a semi-private space and there is no charge to use it. Motion carried. Betty has reserved the room for June 11.

There being no further business, Suzi moved and Barb S seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

1. OPEN: OHIO POLITICS

Ohio legislature passes dog breeder regulation bill to crack down on puppy mills

Updated Jun 21, 2018 – became law September 28, 2018



Ohio lawmakers passed House Bill 506, which sets animal welfare standards for high-volume dog breeders.(Associated Press file photo)

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COLUMBUS, Ohio -- Ohio lawmakers gave final approval Wednesday to a bill that would strengthen state regulations on "high-volume breeders," crack down on puppy mills and make the Buckeye State a model for the rest of the country.

Animal rights advocates agreed last month to end their ballot measure campaign in exchange for assurances the new regulations wouldn't be watered down in the future.

Senators added much of the protections in an amendment proposed by the Stop Ohio Puppy Mills coalition to **House Bill 506**. The House approved those changes Wednesday afternoon, sending the bill to Gov. John Kasich for his signature.

"They are among the best practices as we know today," bill sponsor Rep. Brian Hill, a Zanesville Republican, said. "These things tend to change over time so having a statute is better than being in the constitution."

Lawmakers established some guidelines for "high-volume breeders" in a 2013 law dubbed the Commercial Dog Breeders Act. But animal rights activists said the law did little to protect animals from poor living conditions.

Higher standards

House Bill 506 builds on that law in several ways:

- Lowering the threshold for regulation from 9 litters and public sales of 60 puppies per year to entities that keep six breeding dogs and sell five dogs or puppies to pet stores, sell 40 puppies to the public or have on the premises 40 puppies under four months old per year;
- Establishing basic standards of care such as feeding dogs twice per day, providing clean water and requiring dogs have exercise and social interaction every day;
- Limiting the number of litters a female dog can produce in her lifetime to eight;
- Banning the practice of stacking cages on top of each other and setting minimum cage sizes relative to the dog's length.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture would continue to license and inspect breeders under the proposed law; violations are civil penalties. Local law enforcement officials could pursue criminal charges in situations violating state animal cruelty laws. Pet stores

could only buy dogs from breeders (in- and out-of-state) who comply with the new standards.

Ballot measure deal

Ballot measure backers, veterinarians, breeders and other interested parties reached an agreement with lawmakers: advocates would stay away from the ballot box for 10 years, lawmakers wouldn't water down the bill's protections and all sides would have to sign off on future changes.

Corey Roscoe, Ohio Director for the Humane Society of the United States, said advocates felt they had to go the constitutional amendment route after the legislature passed a bill preventing local governments from regulating sales of dogs to pet stores. They also feared lawmakers would take a page out of Missouri's playbook and change a citizen-initiated statute after it passed.

But getting on the ballot is expensive in Ohio. By conceding to House Bill 506, supporters won't have to spend millions of dollars to collect the necessary 300,000 signatures of registered voters and to educate voters on the issue.

Roscoe said the thousands of Ohioans who volunteered to collect signatures should get credit for pushing the legislature forward on the issue.

"In the end, our goal was to change policy for dogs," Roscoe said. "We were never doing a ballot measure purely out of spite. It was simply about taking care of the dogs."

Mike Gonidakis, who represented Petland stores in the compromise negotiations, said the bill is a rare example that activists and industry leaders can see eye to eye.

"This law is a win-win and we're grateful we received strong bipartisan support because at the end of the day, we all believe in animal welfare and this legislation will ensure our puppies and birth moms are protected and bred in a humane way," Gonidakis said.

National leader?

Ohio ranked No. 2 for the worst conditions among large-scale breeders in a recent report from the Humane Society of the United States.

About 35 states have some sort of commercial regulations for dog breeding kennels. They range from bare bones prohibitions on harming animals to setting forth care standards and requiring inspections.

The new Ohio regulations could pressure the U.S. Department of Agriculture to improve its national standards for breeders, said John Goodwin, senior director of the humane society's Stop Puppy Mills campaign.

"Their regulations are abysmal," Goodwin said. "Enclosures can be just 6 inches longer than their body. A female can be bred every cycle until her body wears out."

Goodwin said, with the addition of Ohio, the biggest breeding states in the country will have stronger regulations than the feds. Even in Missouri, where lawmakers weakened the law, half to two-thirds of puppy mills closed under stricter regulations, Goodwin said. He expects a similar effect in Ohio.

Gonidakis said the new law, which was backed by the Ohio Dog Breeders Association and Sportsmen's Alliance, could be the gold standard for reform in other states and on the federal level.

"We hope someday to live in a country where reputable breeders exist from coast to coast and reputable pet stores can operate freely in Ohio and have a system where we can ensure that happens on a daily basis," Gonidakis said.



Of the many legends surrounding St. Patrick, the ones that resonate for us involves this most famous of Irishmen and dogs. Around 400 A.D. legend has it when he was sixteen, Patrick was captured by Irish marauders who enslaved him, he then endured six years as a half-naked shepherd with only a dog and some sheep for companionship. One day he had a dream that his favorite sheepdog, in the guise of an angel, told him to escape to a ship on the coast that was over 200 miles away—the ship from Gaul filled from stem-to-stern with Irish Wolfhounds. Making his way to the ship, the exhausted Patrick begged to come aboard but his pleas were refused—until someone noticed that he had a calming effect on the feisty Irish canine cargo. So they let him on in exchange for some dog caring and training. It didn't take long after that for Patrick to come up with his first miracle. The ship had crashed upon the shore of northwest Gaul, the men and dogs soon were starving, having run out of food. The men, pagans all, turned to Patrick and taunted him to ask his Christian god for help. Patrick prayed all night, in the morning a herd of wild pigs magically appeared from the forest, and he quickly set the hounds on them. The now well-fed crewmembers were so impressed that they became Christian converts. After about twenty years spent on the continent, Patrick, who had made quite a name for himself there and became a priest, decided to come back to Ireland. But upon landing on the Emerald shores he was met by Dichu, an Irish pagan prince, out hunting with his favorite hound. Dichu put his Wolfhound, Lauth on attack alert but when the dog lunged for Patrick, he uttered a few words and the dog went into an immediate down-stay and licked his outstretched hand. According to Irish folklore, this kindly saint repaid all his doggy pals by allowing the legendary Irish hero Oissain to take his hounds to heaven with him.

