



Sheltie Showdown



A publication of the Central Indiana Shetland Sheepdog Club

May 2016

Club Meetings

NEW LOCATION!!!

Our membership meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. at Camp Bow Wow, 10830 Pendleton Pike, Indianapolis, IN 46236. Camp Bow Wow is just past North German Church Rd. **Next Membership Meeting: May 6th.**

Meeting Program:

A brief overview of 2016 Indiana Legislation relating to Dog Regulations will be presented.



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Sheltie Info Line: Becky Hamm

Showdown: Carole Creech

Specialty Show: Cheryl Sharp

Website: Carole Creech

Think Spring!!



2016 CISSC Upcoming Events

Specialty Shows - Back-to-Back

May 14, 2016

Johnson County Fairgrounds
Franklin, IN

Sweeps: Stephanie Trautman-Riley

A.M. Judge: Meredith Hector

P.M. Judge: Hector Hector

Link to Premium List:

<http://www.specialtyshowservices.com/cissc0516.html>

Hoosier Hoedown

After Show Dinner

Please plan to attend the after show dinner on Saturday, May 14th at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. The Indiana Collie Club invited us to join in the festivities. It is a pitch-in dinner with members from CISSC and ICC contributing to the food. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Meat will be provided by ICC. R.S.V.P. to Karen Weber at braetondog@sbcglobal.net.

All Breed Obedience Trial

July 23-24, 2016

Pawsitive Partners Obedience

Training Center

Beech Grove, IN

Premium List can be found on

www.cissc.net under Events

Agility Trials

August 6-7, 2016

November 19-20, 2016

Pawsitive Partners Dog

Training Center

Beech Grove, IN

President's Corner

Happy Spring!! Even though the weather doesn't seem like spring right now, at least we know warmer temps are coming.

We have another busy 2016 planned for CISSC. Our Specialty Shows are coming up on May 14th. We're trying out the one day concept, with back-to-back specialties held on the same day. We also added Sweepstakes back to the venue. We hope the one day shows are a big hit with exhibitors and that we can continue this for years to come. Summer brings our All-Breed Obedience and Rally Trials and our first Agility Trial of the year. The second trial will be in the fall. In between, we have opportunities to participate in the Mutt Strutt at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and also the Meet the Breeds event at the Muncie/Anderson KC shows. Plans for another late summer/early fall picnic will no doubt include a CGC testing opportunity.

A big thank you goes out to Mike and Kathy Underwood for opening their Camp Bow Wow building to our membership meetings. Our first meeting will be held there on May 6th. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely, Carole Creech



AKC News

FIDO TV

All Dogs. All Day

FidoTV Channel's new original series, "Which Woof's for Me?" premiere Thursday, March 31st. Each episode profiles the characteristics of specific breeds and provides the viewer with complete A to Z information on the breed, including history, traits, exercise, care tips for the breed and how to best go about finding a dog. The first episodes will feature Boston Terrier/Bulldog (Mar 31); Golden Retriever/German Shepherd Dog (Apr 7); Pembroke Welsh Corgi/Pug (Apr 14); Mastiff/Coton de Tulear (Apr 21); Labrador Retriever/Beagle (Apr 28); and Airedale Terrier/Bull Terrier (May 5).

FidoTV is available on Dish Network Channel 245. Call your provider at the number below and ask your provider to start carrying Fido:

DIRECTV	800-531-5000
UVerse	877-999-1035
Comcast	855-817-7969
Verizon	800-837-4966
Charter	888-438-2427
Time Warner	800-892-4357
Cablevision	718-860-3513
Cox	866-961-0027



Judge's Selection

The Judge's Selection Committee needs suggestions from CISSC members about upcoming breed judges for 2017 and beyond. Please email your suggestions for judges to Carole Creech at sassyroo1@yahoo.com

ASSA Research Advisory Committee - November 2015

Gallbladder Mucocele Research Update

Gallbladder mucocele (GBM) formation is a relatively uncommon problem in dogs in which the normally fluid bile contents of the gallbladder become partially solidified resulting in inflammation and possible rupture of the gallbladder wall. Clinical signs of affected dogs include vomiting, loss of appetite, and abdominal pain. Without surgical removal of the gallbladder, the dog may die if rupture occurs. Many other diseases cause similar clinical signs, and because gallbladder mucoceles are relatively uncommon, the diagnosis can be missed or delayed. The diagnosis is usually made via ultrasound examination, exploratory surgery, or on necropsy.

Two articles regarding gallbladder mucoceles in dogs have been published in 2015 from research done at North Carolina State University. An additional research study concerning gallbladder sludge was done as part of a Master's Degree thesis at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University was completed and posted online this year. The ASSA has supported the research done at NC State University through the AKC Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Fund and through encouraging owners to participate in the research being done there.

Take home messages from the articles:

The diagnosis of gallbladder mucoceles has increased in the last 10 years or so.

Shetland Sheepdogs are one of the breeds at increased risk, though the diagnosis has been made in many breeds.

Although there is no proof that imidacloprid* causes GBM, there appears to be association between the use of products containing imidacloprid and the formation of GBM in Shelties.

Mucocele formation involves excess secretion of gel-forming mucins with abnormal properties by the gallbladder wall.

Gravity dependent biliary sludge (sludge that moves with changing position of the dog) is commonly seen in dogs during ultrasound examination. Greater than 50% of dogs examined may have sludge in their gallbladders, so the presence of sludge is not cause for alarm. Gallbladder sludge is not the same as GBM.

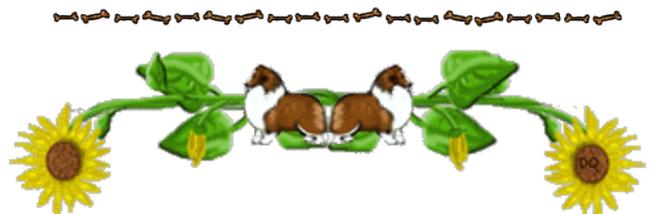
*Imidacloprid is the active ingredient in Advantage and Advantix

The citations and links are listed below:

Gookin, J.L., Correa, M.T., Peters, A., Malueg, A., Mathews, K.G., Cullen, J. and Seiler, G. (2015), **Association of Gallbladder Mucocele Histologic Diagnosis with Selected Drug Use in Dogs: A Matched Case-Control Study**. *Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine*, 29: 1464-1472.

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jvim.13649/abstract>

The study was conducted at the College of Veterinary Medicine, North Carolina State University



ASSA News

AKC's Government Relations Department Legislative Analysis Service

Health Issues

Participation is needed for the following active studies:

Urinary bladder cancer,
Dermatomyositis, Epilepsy, Abnormal
upper 3rd incisor teeth, Lance canine
teeth, Patent Ductus Arteriosus,
Cancer (multiple types), Kidney
Disease, and Gallbladder mucoceles

Prepaid Shipping Labels - Sheltie DNA
Studies at U. of Mo.

The ASSA Foundation Board of Directors donated \$500 to the Animal Molecular Genetics Laboratory, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Missouri, headed by Dr. Gary Johnson. The funds will be used to pay for shipping of blood samples for health research involving Shelties. The main studies to be covered by this arrangement include: lance canine teeth, abnormal upper 3rd incisor teeth, corneal dystrophy, and epilepsy. Diseases for which DNA tests are already commercially available at their laboratory will not receive funding for free sample shipping. Information about the dental and epilepsy studies, including submission forms, is posted under Health Issues on this web site.

Throughout the United States, radical attempts to change public policy governing dog ownership increasingly threaten the rights and liberties of purebred dog fanciers. This is by no means a new phenomenon. For the past several years, the number of legislative issues monitored and/or addressed by the AKC's Government Relations Department (GR) has continued to increase. In fact, while the department dealt with just over 800 issues in all of 2008; in 2009 GR had already surpassed that number by June! Since the momentum of this legislative onslaught is expected to continue growing at its current pace, it is imperative that dog fanciers work with GR to ensure that the rights of all responsible breeders and owners continue to be honored and protected by the law. One of the best ways to do that is to take advantage of GR's legislative analysis service.

It is the job of GR's legislative analyst to scrutinize federal and state bills and local ordinance proposals for context, content, and legislative intent; then provide reasoned opinions to GR's Director and AKC executive staff regarding the potential impact of the proposal on AKC and its constituent groups. A secondary role for the Legislative Analyst is to offer the same service for fanciers should they need assistance with interpreting proposed legislation in order to be successful grassroots advocates.

Bills are drafted in ways that may make it difficult for the general public to understand how proposed changes may affect them, yet those challenges must be overcome. While bills in some states make it easy for readers to appreciate what changes are sought, other states' bills do not. Take Louisiana, for example. Louisiana's legislation drafting rules require that proposed language changes to a statute be incorporated into that statute's existing language. As a result, once filed and published for the public's consumption, a Louisiana bill will show both current and proposed language. Existing law to be deleted by a Louisiana bill will be stricken through (like this), while proposed new language will be underscored. These rules help a reader more easily see exactly where proposed language changes occur in a bill and better understand the context of the proposed changes within existing law. Other states that follow

similar drafting conventions include Texas, Colorado, and Montana.

Other legislative bodies, including the United States Congress and the Massachusetts General Court, feature more complex bill drafting rules that generally make it more difficult for readers to determine what a bill seeks to accomplish. Bills of these types usually begin by featuring a starting reference point where new language may be amended, then quoting the proposed language change. Case in point: In dealing with a bill of this type, a fancier contacted GR in 2007 asking for assistance with understanding the substance of Massachusetts House Bill 1339, which began with:

"Section 77 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the word "weather," in line 12, the following words: or knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly and unjustifiably fails to provide veterinary care that a reasonably prudent person knows or should know is necessary to prevent suffering to an animal."

On its face, the proposed additional language in the bill looked like a supportable attempt to add additional instances of criminal behavior under Massachusetts' animal cruelty statute. When reviewing proposals, it is helpful to first manually insert the proposed new language into the current law to more fully understand the context of the proposal. By doing so in this instance, the initial suspicion was confirmed—it was apparent that the bill sought to strengthen the criminal statute by adding behaviors that would have qualified as animal cruelty. Therefore, these contextual changes were supportable.

However, when one looked at the content of the proposal, matters were not so clear. . Words and phrases like "recklessly", "reasonably prudent person", and "should know", as proposed by the bill, are not germane to the *criminal* law where animal cruelty statutes appear, although they are relevant to *tort* law. Criminal law and tort law are two different fields of law that should never be confused by legislation.

Criminal law seeks to address behaviors society

has determined to be most egregious. Because conviction under criminal law results in society's most severe punishments (i.e., a taking away of one's liberty or death), criminal law requires that the strongest burden of proof be satisfied to determine that someone is guilty "beyond a reasonable doubt". In contrast, tort law addresses and provides remedies for civil wrongs (not criminal behavior) and only requires that "a preponderance of the evidence" establish liability. This burden of proof is significantly easier to meet because the defendant in a torts case has much less at stake if he loses (i.e., only a financial penalty).

The inherent problem with the content of the Massachusetts bill was that, if passed and signed into law, the new language would have had far-reaching ramifications. Not only would it have included a lessening of the criminal burden of proof in Massachusetts (in-and-of itself an earth-shattering change in legal philosophy), but it would have also affected much larger legal topics, including due process, personhood, insurance, veterinary medical care, and the integrity of the law. In the end, GR determined that the bill should be opposed based on this overarching reason, supplied fanciers with talking points, and wrote letters of opposition that helped to successfully defeat the bill.

The Massachusetts example is an excellent example of how AKC's Government Relations Department can help. Concerned fanciers asked GR for assistance in analyzing a confusing bill. In turn, the department provided analysis and support materials to assist those fanciers' successful grassroots efforts. If you or your fellow club members are confronted with a difficult-to-understand proposal, contact GR at (919) 816-3720. GR is here to serve you.

For more information or assistance, call the AKC GR Department at 919-816-3720, email doglaw@akc.org, or visit www.akc.org/canine_legislation.

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