



Sheltie Showdown



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Club Meetings

Our membership meetings are usually held at 7:30 p.m. at Bark Tudor, 2122 Broad Ripple Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46220. Bark Tudor is located in a strip mall just west of the intersection of Keystone Avenue and Broad

Ripple Avenue (62nd Street). **Next Membership Meeting: October 25th - Canine Good Citizen Test, Picnic & Fun Match at Pawsitive Partners Obedience Training Center, 575 Main St., Beech Grove.**



2015 Officers

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Specialty Show: Cheryl Sharp
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2015 CISSC Upcoming Events

Agility Trial
November 14-15, 2015
Pawsitive Partners Dog
Training Center
Beech Grove, IN



2016 CISSC Upcoming Events

Specialty Shows - Back-to-Back
May 14, 2016
Johnson County Fairgrounds
Franklin, IN
A.M. Judge: Meredith Hector
P.M. Judge: Hector Hector

All Breed Obedience Trial

July 23-24, 2016
Pawsitive Partners Obedience
Training Center
Beech Grove, IN

Agility Trials

August 6-7, 2016
November 19-20, 2016
Pawsitive Partners Dog
Training Center
Beech Grove, IN



President's Page

Greetings everyone and Happy October!

A few thanks and some updates. First, thanks for being involved in CISSC. Everyone is busy and has choices about how to spend their time. Our furry friends appreciate you spending your time in promoting a love of Shetland Sheepdogs! Summer flew by and we had an agility seminar and trial, an obedience/rally trial plus rent-a-ring, and a Meet the Breeds event. It takes a village to put these events on and it couldn't be done without the commitment of many people.

We canceled the September 12th picnic and have replaced it with a "Fall Festival on October 25th." This will be held at the Pawsitive Partners Obedience Training Center, 575 Main Street in Beech Grove. We canceled the September date because we didn't want to compete with the Lafayette Kennel Club show. While there is no perfect date, we hope this will allow more people to attend. CGC testing will be available free to members at the Fall Festival. We are running CGC testing between 10:30 and 12:30. Food arrives at 12:30, we'll have a members meeting and then we will have a fun match. Fun match will be for puppies and adults and altered dogs can participate. We expect to start the fun match around 2:30. Please feel free to bring a guest and your dog(s). You do not need to bring any food but if you bring a dog, please bring a crate and a blanket, rug or crate pad to place under your crate. Please let me know if you are

attending so we get the right amount of food. You can email me at hardy196ome@hotmail.com.

Be thinking about what you'd like to do in 2016-- what charities we'd like to support and what activities we'd like to do as a club. At the members meeting, in addition to planning for 2016, we'll be discussing making it easier to become a club member, reviewing financials, and talking about our upcoming agility trial. It isn't too early to think about serving on the board and becoming a club officer in 2016!

I also wanted to remind everyone we'll need volunteers for the agility trial November 14 and 15. Volunteers are generally most needed on Sunday afternoon but we would welcome help anytime!

Hope to see you all on October 25th and again, thanks for all that you do!

Sincerely, Liz Carroll



AKC Canine Health Foundation Research Studies Needing Participation:

Just a reminder that dog owners can go to the following link and search for studies needing participation by selecting the dog breed (Shetland Sheepdogs, of course) and even type of disease problem: <http://www.akcchf.org/research/participation-needed/> .

Mary Mahaffey
Chair, ASSA Research Advisory Committee



NAIA study confirms fewer dogs, scarce purebreds in US animal shelters

National advocacy group calls for tougher federal and state laws to reform shelters

PORTLAND, Ore., July 14, 2015 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The number of dogs entering US shelters has reached an all-time low, and the number of purebred dogs found in shelters has dropped to about 5%, according to [a study just released by the National Animal Interest Alliance \(NAIA\)](#), an advocacy organization for responsible animal ownership. NAIA President Patti Strand said the study shows "tremendous progress" in eradicating dog overpopulation and substantially reducing the number of shelter deaths which occurred in the past due to indiscriminate or accidental breeding. Strand credited animal sheltering groups and national dog organizations like the American Kennel Club (AKC) for launching ongoing campaigns encouraging pet owners to select their pets more carefully, neuter dogs not intended for breeding programs, and understand the lifelong commitment that responsible dog ownership requires.

She also commended the AKC breed rescue groups that work directly with shelters to save purebred dogs suitable for adoption. "As a result of these efforts, 83 percent of household dogs are neutered, and tens of thousands carry microchips or tattoos that help shelters return lost pets to their owners," Strand said.

"The NAIA study results are very encouraging," said Sheila Goffe, Director of Government Relations for the American Kennel Club. "It is the most extensive survey on this subject to date and it shows that dogs identified as purebreds are rare in American shelters today, an outcome that responsible breeders, rescuers and AKC have worked decades to achieve. We are gratified that AKC programs were able to contribute to this result and we are committed to continuing these programs to further reduce the need for shelters and rescues - not just for purebreds, but for all dogs."

The study also identified several weaknesses in the U.S. animal protection movement, including the lack of transparency among non-profit shelters and inadequate or non-existent shelter regulation and oversight. Strand said transparency and regulatory oversight have become more important as nonprofit pet shelters have increased their share of the pet dog market. The increased demand for shelter dogs, combined with the dwindling supply from local sources, has led to unprecedented levels of dog relocation and importation. "Today's shelters include everything from traditional facilities helping local animals to new, retail-style models that meet customer demand by importing dogs from other states, offshore territories and even foreign countries," she said. "Very few people realize the scope of these rescue/shelter import programs."

According to the [Centers for Disease Control](#), 4 Northeastern states recently received more than 30 rescue dogs and cats from Egypt for adoption in the U.S., including one dog with rabies. "Importing dogs that may be infected with rabies, other zoonotic and/or infectious diseases puts American citizens and animals at risk of illness or death and should not be allowed," Strand says.

Connecticut veterinarian and NAIA Board member Dr. Arnold Goldman, counsels that "even though relocating pets may feel good in the short run, it is a false, potentially dangerous and ultimately ineffective practice that does nothing to solve the problem of surplus dogs at the source. Improving animal wellbeing and solving animal welfare problems such as homeless animals must be addressed at the place where animals first interact with people, by the development of targeted programs in their cities, counties and states of origin."

National animal rights groups, including the [American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals \(ASPCA\)](#), are taking [notice of the looming puppy dog shortage](#) in many parts of the country. At the same time, many animal rights groups are aggressively promoting state and local laws aimed at eliminating, rather than improving American breeders. Strand said such proposals do not distinguish between the majority of responsible dog breeders and the small fraction of substandard breeders who become the focus of animal rights fundraising campaigns.

"These extreme animal rights groups have become so ideological and irrational that they would rather risk importing rabid dogs from Asia and Africa than support humane, responsible breeding in the U.S. so consumers can purchase the dog of their

choice from a responsible and in many cases regulated American breeder," Strand said. If animal rights groups are successful in driving responsible dog breeders out of business, Strand fears that nonprofit shelters will turn increasingly to sources in China, India, Egypt, Iraq and Puerto Rico, all locales that have exported rabid rescue dogs into the U.S.

To address these issues, the NAIA is seeking changes in federal and state laws to:
Prohibit the importation of rescue dogs from foreign countries immediately
Impose the same oversight requirements on animal rescues and shelters as those imposed on other animal dealers
Require animal shelters to report the source and number of the dogs they take in and the disposition of those dogs

"Without these regulations, American consumers will have absolutely no way of knowing where their dogs came from, how they were bred and raised, and whether the shelter they've patronized is following responsible animal care practices. The pet dog market will be a virtual Wild West of unlicensed, unregulated shelters operating without rules, standards or accountability," Strand warned.

For more information, contact Patti Strand at naia@naiaonline.org or 503-761-8962 and visit www.naiaonline.org.

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