



Sheltie Showdown



A publication of the Central Indiana Shetland Sheepdog Club

September 2014

Club Meetings

Our membership meetings are 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). **Membership Meetings for 2014:** January 3rd, March 29th Awards Banquet, May 2nd, August 24th Picnic, **September 5th**, November 7th. Board meetings for 2014: February, April, August, October.

September 5th Meeting Program

Dr. Bonnie Pilbeam, an orthopedic veterinarian, will give a presentation on Sports Injuries in Dogs and how to recognize and prevent them.

2014 Officers

President: Kathy Underwood

Vice President: Liz Carroll

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Board of Directors

Elizabeth "Babs" Beck

Carole Creech

Linda Lee

Kathy McKee

Standing Committees

Agility Trial: Babs Beck

Education: Liz Carroll

Equipment: Doug McKee

Judges Selection: Carole Creech

Legislative: Carole Creech

Librarian: Karen Burton

Membership: Becky Hamm

Obedience Trial: Kathy Underwood

Policies & Constitution: Cheryl Sharp

Sheltie Info Line: Becky Hamm

Showdown: Carole Creech

Specialty Show: Cheryl Sharp

Website: Carole Creech

Website URL: <http://www.cissc.net>

2014 CISSC Upcoming Events

Fall Agility Trial

November 15-16, 2014

Judge: Scott Stock

Pawsitive Partners Dog Training Center

Beech Grove, IN



Bragging Rights!!!

From Liz Carroll

I want to thank my friends at CISSC for their support after my recent surgery. Your calls and cards were very welcome! I appreciate everyone pitching in at the obedience trial and all of you who told me to "sit down; we'll take care of it." And a special and heartfelt thank you to Bettie Hartsock who took over running the rent a ring on very short notice!

From Carole Creech & Linda Lee

"Halle", Whitehall Corjalin Hallelujah, whelped 5 puppies on June 22nd, sired by GCH Cameo I Have A Dream. There are two bi-black males, two bi-blue males and one bi-blue female. Four of the puppies have gone to their wonderful, forever homes. One bi-black male is staying with Linda as a potential show prospect.

Happiness is a Warm Puppy ☺



Message from the President

Wow, we're already going into fall - where did the summer go? If you missed the summer picnic, you missed a lot of fun. We beat the heat, thanks to Babs Beck, in the comfort of the air-conditioned Pawsitive Partners Obedience Center.

Thanks to Liz Carroll for arranged for lots of great food and fun games with our dogs. The highlight of the afternoon was the pass the puppy game. Thanks to Linda Lee and Bettie Hartsock for bringing the puppies - love - what fun!!!

Our next member meeting is Friday, Sept. 5th at 7:30 pm at Bark Tudor in Broad Ripple. Dr. Bonnie Pilbeam will be presenting on sports injuries in dogs - how to prevent them, how to recognize them. This is a timely subject, especially as many of our furry friends compete in agility, obedience and herding or chasing that squirrel in the backyard.

It's time to begin planning for next year. The nominating committee is forming and will be reaching out to you. Please consider serving as a director or officer. We need your input and ideas.

Sincerely,
Kathy Underwood



Pictures from the CISSC Picnic



2014 Legislative Update

(From the IPDA 2014 Newsletter)

On the Federal Level:

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS) RETAIL PET STORE RULE

A question breeders need to understand is why APHIS went about this rule making. In 1966, Congress passed the AWA. The intent of this law was to insure the humane treatment of animals. That was Congress' intent. So, the language and intent of the AWA govern the writing of the regulations. The original regulations were aimed at large scale breeders that sell to brokers or pet stores. The right to regulate has previously been challenged in court with the result that the court re-asserted that APHIS has the right to interpret in writing regulations. In the past, large scale commercial breeders sold primarily to pet stores, but that is not true for many today. Many large scale breeders that were formerly licensed because they sold to pet stores saw the opportunity to market directly to the public and so were exempt from regulation because they were classified as retail pet stores, another term for sellers who sell directly to the public. So under pressure from the Executive Branch, USDA via APHIS was instructed to address Internet selling due to health complaints. The intent was to deal with large scale unregulated breeders selling sight unseen to the public. However, APHIS has to operate under the law (the AWA) and the constraints of the law. If you read all 91 pages related to the rules that went into effect on November 18, 2013, you will begin to see the complexity of writing regulations to follow the intent of the law and yet not regulate the non-commercial hobbyist. This is why things are not as crystal clear as some would like. Bottom line, we are not the target of the regulations. AKC and hobby breeders also have little basis to request an injunction to delay implementation of the regulations. Is everything entirely clear? No. But, we are fortunate to have the NAIA and the AKC

working diligently to see that our interests are conveyed to APHIS. Because APHIS has traditionally worked with large scale commercial breeders, they are just learning to understand how we in the hobby breeder community do things and they are making clearer that we are not the target. Breeders should try to understand that the major issue is primarily how you sell any pets. If you sell most of your pets sight unseen, and have more than 4 intact girls, you have to be licensed. If you have 4 or less intact girls, you do not have to be licensed.

Litigation is afoot from a group of dog organizations, spearheaded by attorney Frank Losey, that want to challenge the rule. The AKC has taken a different stand and is against litigation. The AKC made an independent evaluation not to pursue litigation to challenge the rule based on procedural or substantive grounds. Instead, AKC will continue to be proactively involved in the process to implement the rule, preserving all of its options going forward.

On the State Level:

Below is a list of bills presented in 2014 to the Indiana General Assembly:

SB 4 – Wild Animals on Airport Runways. Signed by Governor on 3/27/14.

SB 6 – Animal Fighting Contests. Assigned to Corrections & Criminal Law Committee – no action.

SB 230 – Wild Animal Permits. Assigned to Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee – no action.

SB 295 – Commercial Dog Breeder Regulation – this is the bill that would regulate Rescue Organizations. Assigned to Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee – no action.

SB 361 – Dog Training and Game Breeder Enclosures. Assigned to Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee – no action.

SB 421 – Professional Licensing Matters – passed by Commerce Committee – signed by Governor on 3/25/14.

HB 1013 – Release of Animal Veterinary Records. Signed by Governor on 3/13/14.

HB 1090 – Wild Animal Permits - no action.

HB 1199 – Release of Feral Cats. Linda Lawson was added as co-author. Signed by Governor on 3/26/14.

HB 1257 – Animal Neglect and Abandonment – Linda Lawson’s bill – no action.

HB 1400 – Companion Animal Sterilization Program – Linda Lawson’s bill for Medicaid recipients - no action.

On the Local Level:

South Bend Common Council:

Continued from 2013, Valerie Schey from the South Bend Common Council asked the AKC Legislative Department for input on breed specific discriminatory laws. The AKC asked IPDA to also give input and offer assistance. At a meeting in June 2013, the Common Council discussed the unconstitutionality of South Bend’s Dangerous Dog Law as it is written. We are hopeful that the Common Council will take the AKC’s and IPDA’s suggestions and amend the dangerous dog law language in the near future. Of late, we learned that the Common Council is looking at the St. Joseph County Fairgrounds, where Michiana hosts their cluster. It is inside the city limits and Animal Control says that they do indeed oversee ALL "animal events" at the fairgrounds.

Marion, IN Animal Care Ordinance, Requiring the Sterilization of Dogs and Cats and Requiring a Breeder’s Permit

A letter was written to the Marion, IN Common Council opposing this ordinance. Among other things that IPDA agrees to being good practice, we opposed the requirement of an annual Breeder Permit and accompanying fee of \$50 per year. The Common Council did not take our ideas into account and passed the ordinance including the breeder permit requirements.

Kokomo Proposed Ordinance

Many of the changes to the current ordinance involve stipulations for owners of “potentially dangerous dogs.” The new ordinance would require owners of such animals to obtain and maintain insurance in the minimum amount of \$50,000 against liability for damage the dog causes to property or a person.

The ordinance includes regulations on how animals should be cared for and the length of a tether they may be kept on. There is a series of fines ranging from \$250 to \$1,500 that can be imposed on the owner depending on the type of infraction and whether it’s a repeated offense. The council plans to discuss the enforcement of current laws. They proposed exceptions to the requirement for breeders.

