



Sheltie Showdown



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CLUB MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Friday of every other month starting in January at **Indy K-9 Kollege, located at 575 Main Street, Beech Grove, IN 46107**. Directions to Indy K-9 Kollege: From I-465, take Emerson Avenue exit #52 toward Indianapolis. Turn north on Emerson Avenue and go 1.2 miles to Main Street and turn left. Indy K-9 is located on the left side of Main Street.

Remaining membership meetings for 2010:
March 5th May 7th, July (picnic), Sept. 10th, Nov. 5th.

Remaining board meetings for 2010: April 2nd, Aug. 6th, Oct. 1st. No meetings are scheduled for June or December.

CISSC AWARDS BANQUET

The CISSC 2009 membership awards banquet will be held **Friday, March 5th at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Hollyhock Hill Restaurant, 8110 N. College Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46240**. Please **R.S.V.P. to Carole Creech at sassyroo1@yahoo.com or 317-694-9236 by Monday, March 1st**. Members, spouses, significant others and special guests are invited to join us to recognize the 2009 achievements of CISSC members and their dogs.

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DUES!! DUES!! DUES!!

Dues are due each year on January 1st. If you have not paid your dues for 2010, please send a check for \$15 to Doug McKee, Treasurer, 8040 Oak Hill Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46250. Any dues not paid before March 1st will cause a lapse in your CISSC membership.

CISSC 2010 Upcoming Events

Fall Agility Trial
November 26-27-28, 2010
Pawsitive Partners Dog Training Center
Beech Grove, IN
Judge: David Hirsch

Properly trained, a
man can be dog's
best friend.

Corey Ford, American writer

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IN MEMORIAM

Heartfelt condolences to Sheila Kitchens on the unexpected passing of "Pippin" - Ozark Crest Pippin Plail PT, CDX, RE, MX, MXJ.

The President's Corner

CELEBRATION! The March Awards presentation meeting is devoted to celebrating! We are celebrating the many successes and achievements of individual members with the annual awards presentation meeting. Congratulations to all members receiving an award for 2009 accomplishments. We celebrate our connection to the Club and to each other, our mutual goals and love for Shelties bring us together in a group that can celebrate our common ground. In addition we celebrate those members who have worked so tirelessly toward a successful year for the Club.

It's time to say thank you to each other for all of the efforts toward our 2009 events - the Specialty Show, Obedience Trial, Rally Trial, CGC test, Agility Trials, Meet the Breeds events, and all of the behind the scenes work that all of these events take. As we celebrate we also look forward to another year full of

successes, of dedicating some of our efforts to charitable endeavors, to taking care of the business of the Club, and to having fun as we strive to reach our goals!

Please plan to join us on March 5th at Hollyhock Hill for the Celebration Dinner. Everyone is invited, including your spouse or your guest. Check out Hollyhock Hill's website www.hollyhockhill.com and then let Carole know that you will be there!

Sincerely,
Kathleen Morphew

Brag All About It!

From Karen Adams:

Piper (Brandywines Sea Breeze, NAJ) earned her 2nd Novice Standard leg with a first place finish under judge Lisa Haidle-Potts on January 16, 2010 at the CISSC Agility Trial.

Zachary (Ch Prelude's Puttin on Heirs, OA, OAJ, OJP, NAP, NF) earned his second Excellent A Preferred Jumpers with Weaves leg with a first place finish under judge Lisa Haidle-Potts on January 17, 2010 at the CISSC Agility Trial. He earned his 3rd leg and Agility Jumpers Preferred title (**NEW TITLE**) at the Greater Lafayette Kennel Club with a first place finish on February 5, 2010 under judge Annette Narel.

From Bettie Hartsock:

Qsim's Tornado Warning, CDX, RE, CGC. On Friday Feb. 12th, at the Hoosier Kennel Club, 3rd place Utility A for his 2nd UD leg.

From Kathy McKee:

At CISSC's January agility trial with judge Lisa Potts, Bliss got her Open Standard Title with a 2nd place Q. On February 5th at the GLKC agility trial with judge Annette Narel, Bliss got her Excellent A Title (**NEW TITLE**) with a 1st place Q.

Sunny got his 50th double Q on January 17th with judge Lisa Potts at the CISSC trial. Sunny is over half way in points to his MACH 2.

From Kathy Underwood:

Gabriel earned his Rally Advanced title (**NEW TITLE**) this past weekend at the Indy Winter Classic with a 3rd place finish on Sunday with a score of 95. He also competed in Novice B for the practice (he has his CD title) with qualifying scores of 192 1/2 and 195.



Let the Truth Be Known

Recently, I was confronted with a comment regarding the distribution of information regarding legislation to the dog loving populace that actually set my hair on fire. I'm sure it was intended to be quite innocent, however, with all of the information flowing across the internet highway, I found the comment to be most degrading to those that have been working in the trenches with legislative issues across the country, protecting those that won't protect themselves and felt it was a worthy comment to respond to. The simple comment that had me talking to myself for several hours was "The animal rights activists seem to be the only people out there with the resources to inform the public. Somebody needs to let the public know what's really going to happen to man's best friend!" So, for all of you out there that have this same thought in your mind, this is for you. Nothing could be further from the truth. There are many of us, but not near enough, that have been preaching, writing articles, educating and literally begging for people to see what is going on around them, since the early 80's! The onslaught of information has been escalating over the years and only recently, has anyone decided to actually pay attention. Kennel Clubs across the country have and continue to use the media and the internet to disseminate information - organizations hold seminars regarding the issues confronting the dog loving populace - the AKC sends out alerts, but not near as often as other groups that work in the legislative trenches. Those alerts are non-stop, daily and up-to-date. The internet is agog with information. There has never been a withholding of information or warnings - ever. It isn't the lack of information from our side - it's the apathy of the people who refuse to believe that the possibility of the demise of dog showing, breeding, and ownership could possibly exist. It's those people that, when legislation is mentioned, respond with, "I don't get involved in that" or "I don't have time for that and it will never pass anyway." Those people that say, "I'm sure somebody else is

taking care of it." "That could never happen here," are only kidding themselves and in all actuality, are assisting in endangering their passion and sport as a whole. The worst response being, "I don't believe any of that stuff" clearly indicates that people are not taking advantage of the information available to them and these people who simply refuse to believe or get involved, are a large part of the problem. It's ironic that those very same people who don't have time - seem to have time to be on the computer in some chat group, discussing where the majors could be, or how many dogs they finished so far this year, or how many champion get their dogs have produced, and even go so far as talking about some other breeder in their breed, (especially if it's some rumor) but, they don't have time to take an interest in something that will eliminate all of the discussions on those chat groups? All of that - "stuff" - won't matter if everybody doesn't take the time to get involved in the movement to save their passion and sport - to save their right of choice - to save their dogs.

Laying the cards out on the table and holding nothing back

It's the inability of the dog people to work with others who share the same feelings, whether they are a hobby breeder or a high volume breeder. It's the attitude and elitism that keeps those who share the concern to "save our rights" from working together on issues that could save our dogs, rights and our sport. It's the refusal to set aside issues of husbandry, breeding practices and selfishness that will cause the demise of the very sport that people are so passionate about. It's the constant use of animal rights phrases and descriptions such as "puppy miller" & "back yard breeder", names that were coined by the animal rightists to use against us, yet our own people use those same animal rights names for those who are their fellow breeders! The animal rights crowd loves the fact that the dog owning, showing, breeding fancy can't seem to live in peace and harmony - it's one of their greatest weapons, created for just the purpose it seems to serve. How many times have we seen a fellow dog owner become engaged in problems, whether it is too many dogs or too many litters and need assistance (for a variety of reasons such as age, health, loss of job, confiscations, et al) yet, people, and people in the very same breed, don't bother to help - in fact, they sit and talk about it and refer to those people using animal rights terms and have even created their own AR term of "show millers". We're supposed to

help each other, not assist in running our fellow dog owners and breeders down. You may not agree with something they do or the way they do it, but they are still our fellow breeders and if they need help, in order to preserve our OWN integrity and rights, we should help as much as we can (and keep quiet about it) - but people don't. The issue (and story) becomes compounded, (to the delight of the rightists) by spreading it further. They'd rather agree with those that are fully intending to get to your dogs at a later date, rather than help the poor soul whose dogs need help. We may not agree with their practices, but that is something to be considered later, once we have managed to solidify our position to continue to do what we do. All else will cease to exist if we don't start working together and put aside feelings. People that know me, know I have been passionate about the subject for more years than they care to remember. and in those years, I have learned that there are those that simply choose to remain uninformed. It's not because the information is not available to them - they just don't care to become involved and don't believe it could happen to them or it "won't affect them." Others are concerned but don't know what to do or perhaps they really don't understand the severity of the problems, yet when offers are made to help educate people and assist them with truly understanding, nobody seems to want to participate. It is impossible to force people to be involved for they do have a right to make a choice...for now.

Relax - Somebody will tell you what to do

It's unfortunate that the choice may come down to having animals ... or not. Without the concern and assistance from the dog owning, dog loving, rights loving, freedom of choice loving, competitive people, (and I do mean each and every one) - rest assured, somebody will soon be relieving the burden of your inactivity in legislative issues for they will be telling you how many dogs you can have, if any, what kind, where to get them, how many times you can breed a dog, if at all, what vet to use, how many permits you will need to own/breed a dog, at what age your dog has to be spayed/neutered, the type of living arrangements required, what kind of records you must have and who gets copies of them - the list will go on, making it impossible - monetarily, mentally and physically impossible - to consider owning any animal. How will you feel when somebody knocks at your door and tells you that you must "get rid" of all but 3 dogs - which ones will you choose to keep

and how will you feel watching the others loaded into a truck dispatched for some shelter? How will you react to five or six people going through your home, inspecting every corner and crack, because somebody called in a complaint about your dogs? How much can you afford for citations, lawyer fees, shelter costs and how will you ever recuperate from the heartache?

Forewarned is forearmed - sooner or later, somebody will be making your choices for you and when that happens, there is nobody to blame but yourself. The information and people to help you become involved are out there!

Supporting Legislation and AKC

I just returned from the AKC Delegate meeting and it's dismal. At this time last year, registrations were 1.5 million and currently, for this year, they are 750,000 and continuing on a downward spiral. The AKC has acknowledged that the future is becoming dim and the possibility of them remaining the reigning registry of the world may soon be history. Though that may not mean much to some of you, it should. If the AKC continues to lose ground, they will also lose face in other areas, including having "clout" regarding legislation. The word of AKC and AKC breeders will mean nothing to legislators or the general public and AKC pups will be worthless, right along with AKC dog shows, titles and awards. Although some profess that they don't want to be "thrown in the pile with those other breeders," it's ironic that because of apathy, you will become just what you dislike. The end of the sport, and your passion for the same, will be visible on the horizon. The choice will have been made for you. Dog people tend to be their own worst enemy and sadly, doing a good job of it. You still have the freedom to choose to make a difference. I, and all the others that have been working to protect all dog owners in this country, hope you'll make the right decision.

The cards are on the table. Bet, Call, Raise or Fold - the choice is yours.

By Linda D. Witouski
Via Sheltie Vibes

Editor's note:

The Indy Winter Classic shows on Feb. 11-14, 2010 are a prime example of the truth in this article. Defend the Dogs, an organization with ties to the HSUS, was invited by the show committee and had a booth at these shows. Ignorance is not bliss!

GUIDE TO HEREDITARY AND CONGENITAL DISEASES IN DOGS

By W. Jean Dodds D.V.M.

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5. Achondroplasia: Abnormal development of cartilage leading to dwarfism (seen aberrantly in most breeds, but that's what makes a Basset hound and other achondroplastic breeds long and low).

42. Cataract: As in humans, a change in structure of the lens of the eye leading to cloudiness and usually to blindness.

52. Choroidal hypoplasia: Improper development of a part of the eye.

59. Coloboma: An abnormal development of the eye, usually seen in collies, which can lead to blindness. (see #203).

65. Corneal dystrophy: An abnormality of the cornea usually characterized by shallow pits in the surface.

82. Dermatomyositis: A disease affecting the skin and muscles, usually in collies or Shetland sheepdogs.

86. Discoid lupus erythematosus: A form of autoimmune disease affecting the skin.

88. Distichiasis: Abnormally growing eyelashes.

108. Epidermolysis bullosa: An abnormal looseness to the skin characterized by large, deep, blister-like lesions.

121. Factor VIII deficiency or hemophilia A: The most common severe inherited clotting disorder of humans and nonhuman animals. Inherited as a sex-linked recessive trait (carried by females and manifested in males). Affects most dog breeds.

122. Factor IX deficiency or hemophilia B: Same as hemophilia A, but more rare and involves a different clotting factor. Affects about 20 dog breeds.

129. Folliculitis: An infection of the hair follicles.

147. Hemophilia A: A blood clotting disorder due to deficiency of coagulation factor VIII (this is the most common type of hemophilia in dogs). (see #121).

148. Hemophilia B: A blood clotting disorder due to lack of coagulation factor IX. (see #122).

149a. Hepatic lipidosis: An abnormal accumulation of lipids in the liver which leads to liver failure. Common in miniature schnauzers and Shetland sheepdogs.

151. Heterochromia, iris: The presence of different colors in the same or both irises.

152. Hip dysplasia: A developmental malformation or subluxation of the hip joints.

157. Hypercholesterolemia: A disease where the animal has too much cholesterol in the blood system. Commonly associated with hypothyroidism.

161. Hypopigmentation, lips and nose: A condition where an animal lacks pigment (color) in areas where it is usually present. (see #328).

166. Hypothyroidism: A common endocrine disease where the body produces an abnormally low amount of thyroid hormones. An autoimmune destruction of the thyroid gland which affects more than 50 dog breeds. (see #192). (see #312).

192. Lymphocytic thyroiditis: An autoimmune disease causing inflammation and destruction of the thyroid gland, which becomes infiltrated with lymphocytes (white blood cells) and leads to hypothyroidism. This is the most common endocrine disease of the dog and has an inherited predisposition (see #166). (see #312).

203. Multiple colobomas: A developmental abnormality of the structures of the eye.

220. Optic nerve hypoplasia: A condition where the optic nerve going from the eye to the brain is too small.

236. Patent ductus arteriosus: Failure of the vessel remnant joining the aorta and pulmonary artery in fetal life to close properly at birth, thereby shunting blood away from the lungs.

245. Persistent pupillary membrane: A developmental abnormality where the membrane forming the iris does not form properly.

256. Progressive retinal atrophy: A disease where the retina slowly deteriorates, producing night blindness.

270. Retinal dysplasia: A condition where the retina is malformed.

306. Systemic lupus erythematosus: An autoimmune disease where antibodies form against the nuclear protein of cells. Characterized by skin lesions as well as other organ dysfunctions and blood abnormalities.

312. Thyroiditis: An autoimmune inflammatory disease of the thyroid gland. (see #166). (see #192).

328. Vitiligo: A lack of pigment in the skin (called vitiligo in man and hypopigmentation in nonhuman animals). Common in Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, Old English Sheepdogs and Dachshunds. (see #161).

329. Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada-like syndrome: An autoimmune disease common in Akitas and the "sled" dog breeds where the eyes, blood and other tissues are progressively destroyed leading to blindness and death.

330. von Willebrand's disease: A type of bleeding disorder caused by defective blood platelet function. Occurs in 59 dog breeds but most often in Doberman pinschers. An autosomal trait affecting both sexes.

*These references relate to the Shetland Sheepdog, for a full list for other breeds and their health concerns go to:
<http://www.dogbiz.com/dogbiz-genetic-disease-guide.html#330>*