



Colonial Shetland Sheepdog Club

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Upcoming events

- *February 21 or 22: Sheltie video viewing and meeting, vote on judges, select nominating committee*
- *May 2 or 3: Club event and meeting, plan for specialty and agility trial*
- *May 16-17: Agility trial*
- *May 29: Spring specialty*
- *July: annual meeting*
- *August: fun match and picnic*
- *November 27: Winter specialty*
- *January 2010: Holiday party, board and membership meeting*

President's message

If we can make it through the drifts to our February meeting, it should be a good learning opportunity, with DVDs showcasing famous by-gone shelties as well as more recent stars. We will be voting on breed and sweeps judges for our spring specialty show in June 2010 and fall match for the coming year and a half. Come vote at the meeting so you won't complain about judging choices later! If you have obedience or agility judge suggestions, please submit them to me or Alanna Kelly. Agility judges book two to three years ahead, and some obedience judges do, too.

Congratulations on all the hard work behind our Fitchburg specialty, now in its second year—majors in both dogs and bitches this year! Also the holiday party was well attended and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Unfortunately, with the start of the new year and the new legislative season, a lot of new anti-dog legislation is being submitted at both the state and national level. Please be aware of what is going on—it is a good idea to get on the AKC Legislative Alerts list (sign up at www.akc.org), as well as NAIA, SAOVA or other alert lists. The ASSA member list is also doing a good job of sending out timely alerts. The anti-animal fanatics are noisy but few in number, and we can defeat them easily if enough of us write and call our representatives, instead of just assuming that no one would pass such silly laws. But if we don't educate our representatives, how are they to know? Also, if anything is coming up in your local towns be sure to let us know. I am the club's liaison with the Massachusetts Federa-

tion of Dog Clubs and Responsible Dog Owners, so you can call or email me or go directly to MassFed (www.massfeddogs.org). If there is any discussion in your town, I urge you to write letters to the editor of community newspapers to educate residents about the many myths spread by the animal rights groups. Many websites have position statements and articles you can use to educate people about animal rights legislation.

Here are a few:
www.naiatrust.org
www.naiaonline.org
www.saova.org
www.consumerfreedom.com
www.activistcash.com
www.pet-law.com
www.ncraoa.com
www.dfow.org

See you at the meeting!

- Bonnie Chandler

Please help get co-sponsors for these proposed Massachusetts bills

One of the most important things we can do to counter all of the anti-dog and cat bills is to be proactive. We have two bills this session that are proactive. Both of these bills have a better chance if they are co-sponsored by your Representatives and Senators. How do we get co-sponsorships? Your Representative or Senator need to call the office of the person who has filed the bill and ask to be added to the bill. Your part is to call your Representative or Senator's office and

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ask them to do this. The deadline to add co-sponsorships is Feb. 4. Please help with this effort! If you have asked that they co-sponsor, call and check back to ask if they have.

If you do not know your legislators or wish their complete information, please go to www.mass.gov/legis/city_town.htm

The two bills are:
1. Regulation of Animal Shelters. Rep. Khan's bill simply gives the Agriculture Department authority to

write regulations for Shelters that import thousands of dogs and cats to sell in Massachusetts shelters. Currently, shelters are regulated under emergency orders. The alternative is to regulate them as pet stores. Having the Department of Agriculture regulate importing shelters helps keep zoonotic disease out of Mass. and protects resident animal populations.

2. Dangerous dogs. Rep. Hill has filed a really good generic dangerous dog bill that describes dangerous dogs and holds their owners responsible and prohibits breed profiling.

Both of these bills show animal people as part of the solution by being proactive. Please take a few minutes to phone your representative and senator and ask them to sign on.

Here is a sample of what you might say:

My name is _____. I am a constituent of Rep/Sen____. Please co-sponsor the bill sponsored by Rep. Kay Khan related to regulating animal shelters.

Please contact Darrell Villaruz in Rep. Khan's office at 617-722-2011 to have your name added as a co-sponsor. Thank you for your support.

Background

In 2004, a puppy shipped from the streets of Puerto Rico to a shelter in Cape Ann arrived with rabies. It wasn't the usual raccoon strain of rabies, it was canine rabies, something we don't

have in the U.S.! This is one of the worst examples of what is happening in Massachusetts. Tens of thousands of dogs and cats have been flown and trucked to our state to populate shelters that might otherwise be empty. They have brought tropical diseases and parasites, various tick born diseases, resistant mange, you name it. In response, the Mass. Agriculture Department has had to issue emergency orders to try to insure that animals coming into the state are healthy before being sold to the public and to help stop the spread of zoonotic disease.

Rep. Kay Khan has submitted a bill to codify the Agriculture Department's ability to regulate this trade. You can help by asking your State Representative to co-sponsor this Bill. They can do so by calling Rep. Khan's office at 617-722-2011 and requesting that their name be added as a sponsor. This is a public health issue and an animal health issue. Please find your representative at

www.mass.gov/legis/repdis03.htm

PLEASE NOTE**Deadline is Feb. 4 to add co-sponsors!

Text of bill

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

An Act relative to the regulation of animal shelters.

Be it enacted by the

Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

To Amend Chapter 129 of the General Laws by inserting the following:

Section 39E: Animal Shelters and Rescue (rehoming) Organizations

SECTION 1. Definitions:

"Shelter" – Any 501 (c)3 organization or other IRS not for profit status organization that finds homes for unowned animals.

"Rescue Organization" – A 501 (c)3 organization or other IRS not for profit status organization other than a shelter as defined in this act that arranges for transfer of unowned dogs and cats to temporary or permanent homes in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

"Department" – Department of Agricultural Resources

SECTION 2: The Department may promulgate rules and regulations for the operation of shelter and rescue organizations operating or conducting business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts regarding the transfer of ownership of domestic animals, including but not limited to their importation, transportation, housing and medical treatment.

The Dangerous Dog Bill is sponsored by Rep. Brad Hill. Here is a sample of what you might say:

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Tracking Club of Massachusetts spring beginners' clinic

Contact Alanna Kelly to obtain application forms Saturday and Sunday, April 4- 5, 2009

Wrentham Development Center, Wrentham, MA 8:00 to 4:00 daily.

Instructor – Art Twiss, AKC Tracking Judge

Goals for the Clinic:

- Show you that your dog can track,
- Teach you how to train your dog to track,
- Start your dog tracking,
- Equip you to pursue an AKC tracking title, if you wish.

What to bring for yourself and your dog:

- Weather appropriate clothing and footwear, (clinic held rain or shine)
- Portable chair,
- Pad, pens and whatever other note-taking equipment you want,
- Lots of food treats for rewards for your dog,
- Old gloves and socks for him to find,
- Flat buckle collar and short lead or tracking harness and lead,
- Water bowl and water and
- Crate for dogs nap time and

Sandwich for lunch.

Conduct of the Clinic:

- The Clinic emphasizes understanding the AKC tracking rules and regulations, as well as teaching the needed training techniques to satisfy them.
- Each entered dog will complete 8 or more short tracks during the weekend
- To ensure proper individual attention for every student, attendance is limited to fifteen dog/handler teams. Each attendee receives all handouts.

Coffee, doughnuts, pas-

tries and soft drinks are provided in the morning and breaks. Drinks and desert is served each day to go along with your sandwich for lunch.

Clinic fees:

The cost will be \$150.00 per dog and handler and \$75 to audit without dog.

First fifteen entrants to send in both \$150 check made out to Tracking Club of MA and signed hold harmless agreements will be the dog/handler students. In case of snow full refunds will be made.

MVMA pushes animal protection legislation

By Jennifer Fiala

For The VIN News Service

The Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA) has authored legislation designed to protect animals in domestic violence situations. MVMA plans to push the bill, scheduled to be submitted today, into the state's domestic relations code. If passed, the statu-

tory change would direct courts to consider animals when issuing emergency protection orders. Led by Maine, Vermont and New York, 10 states have passed legislation to allow courts to include family pets in temporary restraining orders or orders of protection, or to address violence against pets in domestic violations situations in other ways, the bill's language states. "Judges already can issue protective orders that include animals," explains Susan Weinstein, MVMA executive director. "By including specific language, we're trying to make it something that they regularly check on when they're considering orders for children." MVMA's bill closely mirrors last year's attempt

to address the issue, which was held up on a technicality in the House Committee on Ways and Means. This year, the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals plans to submit a similar measure to the Legislature, which potentially could rewrite a different area of the state's domestic relations code. Other bills headed for the Massachusetts Legislature, which begins its session this week, reportedly will address puppy mills and farm-animal confinement. The Humane Society of the United States is lobbying for both initiatives. **An attempt to ban the devocalization of dogs as well as a rewrite of the state's animal control laws also are on the agenda.**

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Co-sponsors (cont'd)

My name is _____. I am a constituent of Rep/Sen _____. Please co-sponsor the bill sponsored by Rep. Brad Hill related to dangerous dogs. This is a good bill and is not breed specific. Please contact Rep. Hill's office at 617- 722-2489. Thank you for your support.

-Charlotte McGowan

Errata

In the last issue of the *Bulletin*, the Best in Sweeps puppy's name at the fall match was incorrect. Conbrio Caprice Que Cera Cera, owned by Louise Cote was the winning puppy. Also, new member Ray Lyman's name was misspelled. Our apologies!

Board and general meeting minutes - January 4, 2009

Board meeting minutes Seekonk, MA

Board members in attendance: Bonnie Chandler, Cindy Hanlon, Carolyn Ing, Alanna Kelly, Louise Cote, Kathy Fuller, Liz Hildreth

Meeting called to order at 11:40

Corrections to previous club newsletter were noted: Best in Sweeps puppy was Conbrio Caprice Que Cera Cera, owned by Louise Cote. Also, new member Ray Lyman's name was misspelled.

Treasurer's report: Alanna Kelly, treasurer, reported that the balance in treasury as of 8/31/08 was \$9,753.94. \$5,425 is the current balance in the club checking account. The equipment rental charge for the upcoming agility trial has already been debited from the account, but other bills are starting to come in for the trial as well. Receipt of revenue and expenses are not yet complete for the winter trial, though the outlay and income is much lower than for any other club event.

Corresponding secretary's report: Jody Champlin, corresponding secretary was not in attendance.

Spring specialty report: Carolyn Ing, show chair, reported that obedience and rally have been approved; now all events, including the parade of rescue dogs, have been approved for the upcoming 2009 specialty show.

Bonnie agreed to be obedience and rally chair. The chair will ask Pat Wright and Rosemary Roberts whether they will be willing to be raffle chair and chief steward, respectively. Kathy Fuller is willing to chair the raffle for Pat, if necessary. Winter specialty report: Carolyn Ing, show chair, reported on the 2009 winter specialty. WCKC required a very early and quick selection of judges for the upcoming specialty. Carolyn submitted the previous year's list of judges for consideration, but none of those judges were possible for 2009. Denise Cornellsen was contacted and expressed interest in potentially judging our 2010 winter specialty. Because Denise is approved for all breeds, despite her geographical distance from the east coast, she will be able to fulfill many needs for the weekend all-breed shows. For 2009, Michael Esch, a provisional judge in Shelties and a long-time Collie breeder, accepted the invitation.

Carolyn also asked for suggestions for specialty-wide events that could be sponsored for the 2009 show—something akin to the desert competition that would foster participation by all the Friday specialty clubs. Also, a suggestion was made to scan the recently received win photos from the 2008 specialty for posting on the CSSC website.

Agility trial report: Alanna Kelly, show chair, reported that the plans for

the 2009 trial were on track.

New business: Kathy Fuller brought to the board's attention an article in her local newspaper on the growing problem of dogs being abandoned in the state park that is in her town. This could potentially spur bad publicity about dog breeders. The board discussed possible actions that could be taken by CSSC.

Alanna Kelly discussed correspondence from Mass Federation of Dog Owners. The organization solicited additional donations to support the subscription to Insta Trac, the legislative alerts service company that provided information to MassFed about last fall's poorly conceived MA dog control bill. The board approved an additional donation of \$100, plus the \$50 membership fee, to MassFed for this purpose.

The board meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

General meeting minutes

Members in attendance: Robert Olsen, Richard Hildreth, Jeanne Stanechewski, Pat Wright, Rosemary Roberts, Cindy Hanlon, Trisha Brais, Karen E. Manchester, Linda Loring, Janet Whalen, Louise Cote, Allana Kelly, Carolyn Ing, Kathy Fuller, Liz Hildreth, Donna Rainvill, Diane Gregoire, Lynda Hamilton, Susan Morris.

Guests in attendance: Carol Langford, Pat Loring, Paul Morris

Meeting was called to order at 12:45.

All the items discussed in the board meeting were presented to the general membership and guests.

Additional items discussed: Rosemary Roberts agreed to be listed in the premium as chief steward for now; but her status could be subject to change. Pat Wright will check her schedule and will be raffle chair if she will be in town for the specialty.

At the 2008 winter specialty, Bob Olsen noted that the food concessions closed before the start of our show. The food stand closed at approximately 4:00 pm, so participants were unable to have any refreshments during the show. Carolyn agreed to talk to the show organizers about this.

Suggestions from the membership for the specialty-wide event at the winter specialty was a Christmas tree display where participants from all the specialty clubs could bring items for donation to local Worcester County shelters. Local shelters could be contacted in advance by WCKC to find out items that might be especially needed. This would be a good opportunity for positive press coverage. Diane Gregoire suggested an ex-pen decorating contest.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm. Refreshments and the holiday party followed. The Yankee swap was followed by several games for dogs and their owners, organized by Liz Hildreth.

Golden Oldies DVD viewing and judge voting on Sunday, February 22 at 12:30

Our next club meeting will be on February 22 at Bonnie Chandler's house in Harvard. Board meeting will be at 11:00 and lunch and refreshments start at 12:30 for the general membership and guests. At our meeting, we will be selecting our judges for the 2010 spring specialty and the 2009 fall match. After that, we will watch Pepper Power's *Golden Oldies* which features dogs from the past, including Scot, Peter, Pow, Luke, Thunder, Chance, and many more. Pepper obtained old film

footage and compiled a fascinating collection of Sheltie greats from the past.

Don't forget to bring a dish or beverages to share. Guests are welcome.

Directions to 183 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard MA 978-456-3169

From I-495:
Exit onto Route 2 going west. On Route 2 take Exit 38, Route 110/111 South. Turn right off the ramp (it's the same no matter which way you were going on Route 2). Cross over highway

and take the first local road on the right (small island in the middle of the road with signs for Fruitlands Museum and Old Shirley Road). Follow straight to #183 Prospect Hill Road. The road name changes at the Depot Road crossing. You will pass Fruitlands and a scenic overlook on the right, then a side road on the left. After the side road we are the fourth house on the left, a red house on a hill with three mailboxes squeezed between two close driveways. We are the farther of

the two driveways. If you miss it, turn around where the road joins another road, and backtrack three driveways on the right.

From the northwest: I-91 to Route 2 East. Then follow directions above.
From the Mass Pike West of Worcester: I-290 North to I-190 North to Route 2 East, then follow directions above.
From the Southwest: I-390 North to I-290 North to I-190 North to Route 2 East, then follow directions above.

Potential judges for spring 2010 and 2009 fall match

Following are the judges that were suggested by members.

Spring specialty

Sue Barlow (IN) Collie breeder. Last Sheltie assignment Echo Hills KC, OH (all-breed show) 6/07.

Bernadette Biasi, Bernbrite (PA). 1986 ASSA member. Past assignment: Greater Philadelphia KC, 11/08.

Marcia Bittner, Tradewynd (NV). 1973 ASSA member. Past assignments: Tidewater KC (VA) 12/07, Interlocking SSC (IL) 4/08.

Linda Foiles, Flolin (VA). 1980 ASSA member. Past assignment: Central OH KC, 11/07.

Ann Poirier Foreman, Saranac (AL). 1980 ASSA member. Past assignment: Central NY SSC, 11/08.

Edna Kay Gammill, Indian Creek (IL). 1976 ASSA member. Past assignment: Lorain Cty KC OH, 12/08.

Diane Hawes, Wistwin (NC).

Provisional. 1970 ASSA member. Past assignment: 11/08 Fayetteville KC, NC. Upcoming: 4/09 IL specialty.

Glenda Henson, Glenarry (CO). 1980 ASSA member. Past assignment: Tri-State SSC 2003. Upcoming: ASSA 4/09.

Guy Jeavons, Grandgables (ON Canada), 2003 ASSA member. Past assignment: WMSSC 2007. Upcoming: ASSA 4/09, Olean KC NY 6/09

Robert Kelly, Glenesk (MD) 1994 ASSA member. Past assignment: Gloucester County KC VA 2003.

Mark McMillan, Grandgables, ON Canada Louise Palarik (IL) Collie breeder.

Jean Simmonds, Carmylie (WV). Past assignments: Des Moines SSC IA 4/08, Mid-Hudson KC 2/04

* **Susan Christie**, Carloway (IL) 1996 ASSA member. Upcoming: Tri-State SSC

4/09.

* **Holly Masters** (IN). No longer judging.

* **John Masters** (IN). No longer judging.

* **Marjorie Tuff**, Seawood (NJ). 1988 ASSA member. Upcoming: Tri-State SSC 4/09.

Specialty sweeps, fall match

Rebecca Jarit (CT)

Barbara Paine (CT)

Jennifer Moore (VT)

Jane Davies (VT)

Aneita Frey (NJ)

Sue Miller (NY)

Karen Wnek (NY)

Robyn Fatula-Confer (PA)

Peter Denbow (VA)

Catherine Pruss (PA)

Carolyn Vack (PA)

Christine Bjork (Heart Lake) (PA)

Mary Stuller (PA)

Sue Mancini (CT)

Braggs and memoriam

January 10 at the Merrimack Valley KC, CH Vogue Take-Out ("Domino") won Best of Breed. The next day at the Merrimack Valley KC, Vogue Happy Camper ("Foster") was Winners Dog for his first point. Domino was Best of Breed.

Vogue Jackie O

(4 pt specialty major and 2 pts) October 12, 2005 - January 23, 2009. My young star developed a rare, non-

hereditary disease diagnosed as immune-mediated bone marrow destruction. She became ill on December 29, 2009 and all the vet specialists, drugs, etc. couldn't save her.

-Lori Underwood

Striker is the father of six new pups, four girls and two boys: one tri girl, one tri boy, one blue boy, 2 blue girls, and a cryptic blue girl.

-Alanna Kelly

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How to qualify for annual club awards

Titles that are earned from May 1, 2008 to May 1, 2009 will be eligible for awards at the annual meeting in July 2009. In order to qualify, you must be a member in good standing; you must attend two meetings and work at one event during the year for which you are receiving the award; and you must send proof of the title and date to Alanna Kelly by June 1, 2009.

The awards are 9" x 12" plaques arrayed with twelve brass plates, one of which is engraved with your dog's name, title and year earned. Once you receive a plaque, the club will engrave additional brass plates for subsequent titles earned.

Visit the club website
www.colonialssc.org

Join our Yahoo group:
groups.yahoo.com/group/ColonialSSC

Membership and dues

Annual club dues are due each year on September 1. Membership fees should be submitted to the club treasurer. Fees are as follows:

Adult: \$15

Junior: \$12

Family: \$25

Non-members may subscribe to the club newsletter for an annual fee of \$12.

Potential members interested in applying can download an application from the club website (www.colonialssc.org) or by contacting Alanna Kelly, club treasurer. New members must have attended two club events and have received endorsements from two current members in good standing.

One more thing . . .

Did you notice anything missing from the bulletin, such as a brag, article or announcement? Well, that's because you didn't submit it personally to me, your newsletter editor! I troll for fresh newsletter nuggets but

can't guarantee that you will be included unless you send them to me directly.

The submission deadline for the next issue is Saturday, April 4, 2009.

- Carolyn Ing

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