



Colonial Shetland Sheepdog Club

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Upcoming events

- *November 2: Fall match, board and members meeting*
- *November 27: Winter specialty*
- *January 3, 2010: Holiday party, board and membership meeting*
- *February 21 or 22, 2010: Activity and meeting, Vote on judges, select nominating committee*
- *May 1 or 2, 2010: Activity and meeting*
- *May 15-16: Agility trial*
- *May 28: Spring specialty*
- *July: Annual meeting*
- *August: Fun match and picnic*

President's message

We are going to try something new this year: a brief general membership meeting at the fall match, right after best in match and cleanup. Many clubs do this as a matter of course, but our club has not generally done so, at least only rarely during the 25 years I have been a member. However, due to increasing requests, we are going to give it a try and see how it goes. If people really hate it, we can go back to a separate November meeting next year. In the meantime, please help me make the meeting as productive as possible by staying for the meeting instead of leaving after best in match so we have a quorum of members and get our business done

quickly. I promise to make it as brief as possible!

At that meeting we will be finalizing plans for the specialty on Friday, November 27 in Fitchburg. We also need to start gathering recommendations for judges at the 2011 spring specialty and the 2010 fall match. Please send me your recommendations, by email, phone, or mail (jbcandler@verizon.net, 978-456-3169, 183 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard, MA 01451) soon, so the board can start assembling judge bios and finding out who is available on the dates.

We have also decided to hold an MDR-1 clinic this fall. MDR-1 is the gene that makes Shelties, Collies, and some other breeds danger-

ously oversensitive to Ivermectin and certain other commonly used drugs. A simple genetic test could save your dog's life by letting you and your vet know not to use drugs from the susceptible list. See the announcement on page 2. The more people participate, the less it costs per dog.

The members who attended our September 27 meeting, at Gemini Dogs in Littleton had a great time learning about Rally and perfecting their skills on Alanna Kelly's rally course. I learned a lot, enough to feel ready now to finally give it a try at a real show.

Thank you, Alanna, for all the help and advice!

- Bonnie Chandler

September 27 meeting minutes

Board meeting attendees: Bonnie Chandler, Carolyn Ing, Ann Lyman, Ray Lyman, Randi Parry, Kathy Fuller, Cindy Hanlon, Alanna Kelly.

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 pm.

Recording secretary's report: Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Corresponding secretary's

report: Not present.

Treasurer's report: A donation was made to NAIA as approved at the last meeting. MassFed may be soliciting additional donations shortly because of the increase in dog-related bills that need action. Alanna noted that the club treasury has been declining over the
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Your dues are due!

Annual membership dues were due and payable for the upcoming year as of September 1. Make checks payable to CSSC. Please mail dues to Alanna Kelly, treasurer. Her address and more detail on membership fees and non-member newsletter subscriptions can be found on page 5.

MDR-1 Clinic: test your dog for drug sensitivity

Colonial Shetland Sheepdog Club is sponsoring an MDR-1 clinic open to all, both members and non-members. The test uses a cheek swab to gather cells for a genetic test. We will order test kits (a cheek swab, instructions, and a submission form) for everyone who lets us know they want to participate. The kits must be sent back together to get the group discount.

Why: MDR-1 is the gene that makes Shelties, Collies, and some other breeds dangerously oversensitive to Ivermectin and certain other commonly used drugs. This

simple genetic test could save your dog's life by letting you and your vet know not to use drugs from the susceptible list.

Price: \$70 each with up to four participants (one kit per dog); over four, the price is \$60 each.

How to sign up: Email, phone or mail Bonnie Chandler at jbchandler@verizon.net, 978-456-3169, or 183 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard, MA 01451. Don't send a check: Bonnie will get the kits from Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab and distribute them and you should swab

your dog's mouth and return the kit to her with your check made out to WADDL. We will send them back as a group to get the discount.

When: If you let us know at least a week before the fall match, we can bring the kits to the match. If you can't make it to the match, we can mail you the kit. Everyone should return the kits back to Bonnie within a week after you get them. The swabs need to be used when the dog doesn't have food particles in his mouth (preferably in the morning before eating, but at least 30 minutes after any food) and

then air dried for a few hours or overnight, so unfortunately you won't be able to finish the whole process right at the match.

List of drugs that should not be used with MDR-1 dogs:

Anesthetics and analgesics: acepromazine, butorphanol
Antibiotics: erythromycin
Antidiarrheals: loperamide
Antiparasitics: ivermectin, selamectin, milbemycin, moxidectin

Chemotherapy: vincristine, vinblastine, doxorubicin

Other drugs to watch: cyclosporin, digoxin, doxycycline, morphine, buprenorphine, fentanyl.

Brag!

Alanna Kelly: On October 3 at the Western MA Agility trial, Blazer won the 12 inch Excellent A Jumpers class to complete her excellent A JWW title and was also highest scoring Sheltie in the class.

Lori Underwood: Vogue Take A Number "Taken" (8 pts with a major) has sired his first litter. Taken is BISS Am Ch Vogue Take-Out x Vogue Jackie O (4 pt specialty major). The dam is Asharon Annika 3 pts. (BISS Am/Can Ch Dury Voe Iditarod x Asharon Simply Irresistible). She has a blue merle girl, tri girl, bi-black boy, bi-blue boy, and a tri boy.

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last several years. Our treasury peaked at \$14,000 several years ago, and at present stands at \$9,500. The decline has been caused by a steady increase in club operating costs without a corresponding increase in revenues, which consist primarily of entry fees. As an example, Alanna noted that the spring specialty trophy donations did not cover cost of the trophies and ribbons. The board concluded that we need to be more aware of expenses of our shows and events.

Fall specialty: Carolyn reported that there were no outstanding issues for the fall specialty, since Worcester County KC covers the bulk of the arrangements. Trophies and donor lists are complete. Breed judge will be Michael Esch.

Fall match: Bonnie reported that the match application had been approved by the AKC. Judges' letters have been sent. CGC testing will be held and Alanna will order the necessary forms. CGC fee will be \$15.00. Carolyn will provide trophies for the top prizes using glassware from donations or previous shows. Judges' gifts will be either gas cards or LL Bean gift cards. Stewards will need to be arranged. Randi Parry volunteered to coordinate the food.

Spring specialty: We will not offer obedience and rally at this show. Carolyn will request that we be assigned the ring on the end which will give us potential room to set up an EZ-Up for extra space, if necessary. Carolyn observed that we will be more careful to match the trophy income with expenses

for the next show. Unlike the fall specialty, the spring trophy budget includes the cost of ribbons in addition to the trophies.

Agility trial: 2010 judges have been set. Location TBD due to the problem with waste containers in 2009. Alanna has requested the same site but has not yet received an answer. We are considering holding a demo class of the new event Time2Beat.

Old business: Bonnie discussed the club's progress on fulfilling the annual AKC requirements. The CGC test and fall match fulfill the two requirements for the first portion. The four additional events we will hold during 2009 include breeder referral, rescue, educational events in conjunction with our meetings. The one remaining

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Colonial Shetland Sheepdog Club
Annual AKC-sanctioned specialty breed match
All-breed AKC Canine Good Citizen testing
Sunday, November 1, 2009
Canine Mastery, Seekonk, MA

- Time:** Entries: 9:00-11:00 a.m. (Sweeps entries close at 10:45)
Puppy Sweepstakes: 11:00 a.m., followed by Junior Showmanship and Breed
- Entry Fees:** Sweeps \$5; all other classes \$7. \$5 for the same dog entered in additional classes and for each additional dog entered with same ownership.
- Judges:** **Sweeps:** **Becky Jarit**
Breed & Junior Showmanship: **Jennifer Moore**
- Classes:** **Junior Showmanship:** Novice Junior, Novice Intermediate, Novice Senior, Open Junior, Open Intermediate, Open Senior
Sweeps: 3-4 months, 4-6 months, 6-9 months, 9-12 months, 12-18 months. All classes divided by sex. Award for Best in Sweeps and Runner-Up.
Breed: Puppies: 3-4 months, 4-6 months, 6-9 months, 9-12 months, 12-18 months, Open. All classes divided by sex. Award for Best in Match & Best Opposite to Best in Match.

All puppies must have had at least two sets of shots. Professional handlers may show only their own dogs. No dogs with majors. Please respect facility rules--chalk and powder are impossible to remove from floor mats.

New! AKC Canine Good Citizen test: Earn your CGC certificate. Be sure to bring your dog's brush. All dogs welcome. Fee is \$15. Evaluator is Kathy Buckley. Advance reservations appreciated: contact Bonnie Chandler, 978-456-3169 or jbchandler@verizon.net.

Absolutely no chalk or powder allowed, indoors or out!

For more info contact Carolyn Ing, (978) 371-1195 or carolyning@comcast.net; or Alanna Kelly, Alanna@pond-house.com

Sheltie calendars will be available at the match!

Directions to Canine Mastery, Seekonk, MA

From Rte. 195 E or W: Take Massachusetts Exit 1 and follow 114A (North). In approximately one mile you will reach a fork in the road. Bear to the right (Grist Mill Restaurant will be on your left). This is Arcade Street. You will come to the intersection of Rte 44. Go straight across and continue on Arcade to the end. This is the junction of Rte 152. Take a right onto 152 North (Newman Ave). Follow along for about 5 miles. You will come to the intersection of Central Ave. after the Rojacks. Go ½ mile and take a left onto Pond Street. Watch for Orion Industrial Park on the left (2/10 mile). Turn into the park; Canine Mastery is the second building on the left.

From Rte. 95 north of Attleboro: Take Exit 3A Rt. 123. At the second set of lights take a right onto County St. Follow along and after the Stone E Lea golf course, take a left onto Read St. (There are signs for the animal shelter). Take the second right onto Pond St. Turn right into the Orion Industrial Park in approximately 3/10 mile. We are the second building on the left.

From Rte. 95 south of Attleboro: Take Exit 2A (Newport Ave.) to the 2nd light. Take that left onto Benefit St. At the next light bear left onto Central Ave. to the end. Take a left onto Rte. 152 (Newman Ave.) Go ½ mile and take a left onto Pond St. Watch for the Orion Industrial Park on your left (2/10 mile). Turn into the park, we are the second building on the left.



Annual Meeting — Thursday, October 29, 2009
Leo's Ristorante - 11 Brackett Ct., Worcester, MA 01604

Cocktails: 6:30 p.m. Dinner: 7:00 p.m. Meeting/Program: 8:00 p.m.

How Legislation Impacts Veterinary Care

Panel discussion with
Dr. Cynthia Schaefer, Apple Country Animal Hospital
Dr. Scott Shaw, Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine
+ Veterinarians to be named later

Directions: Leo's Ristorante, 11 Brackett Ct. (off Shrewsbury St), Worcester, MA 01604; 508-753-9490;
<http://www.leosristorante.net/directions.html>

From North: 495 S to 290 W; 290 W to Exit 16; At the bottom of the exit ramp is a set of lights; turn left onto E. Central St. but get into the right lane. Go through a second set of lights and take the first right into the Leo's parking lot.

From South: 395 N to 290 E or 146 to 290 E; 290 E to Exit 16; At the bottom of the ramp take a right onto E. Central St. Take the first right into the Leo's parking lot.

From East: Mass Pike, West to Exit 10 Auburn; After toll booth bear left on 290 E to Exit 16. At the bottom of the ramp take a right onto E. Central St. Take the first right into the Leo's parking lot.

From West: Mass Pike, East, to Exit 10 Auburn; after toll booth bear left on 290E to Exit 16. At the bottom of the ramp take a right onto E. Central St. Take the first right into Leo's parking lot.

Reservations with payment must be received by Friday, October 23

Please make checks payable to "MassFed" and mail with the form below to:
Julie Rembrandt Seeley, MassFed Corresponding Secretary,
P.O. Box 295, Harvard, MA 01451; 978-456-8644; jrembrandtseeley@aol.com

Leo's BUFFET
 Appetizer / Antipasto / Marcaroni / Meatballs / Sausage with Peppers & Onions
 Eggplant Parmesan / Chicken Marsala / Sliced Roast Beef / Chicken & Broccoli
 Dessert Compliments of Worcester County Kennel Club

Name/Guest Name: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Telephone / E-mail: _____

Number of Reservations: _____ Amt. Enclosed: _____

\$24.00 per person includes Appetizer, Entrees, gratuity and tax.

For planning / research purposes please include a question for the panel on the reverse side of this reservation form. Questions will also be taken from the floor.

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How to qualify for annual club awards

Titles that are earned from May 1, 2009 to May 1, 2010 will be eligible for awards at the annual meeting in July 2010. 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, 2010.

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. Fees are as follows:

Adult: \$15

Junior: \$12

Family: \$25

Non-members may subscribe to the club newsletter for an annual fee of \$12. Make checks payable to CSSC and mail to club treasurer Alanna Kelly, 197 Vernon St., Norwood MA 02062.

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, December 5, 2009.

- Carolyn Ing

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requirement can either be participation in Meet the Breeds at the Bay Colony shows or an MDR1 clinic. Bonnie volunteered to coordinate an MDR-1 clinic. Discounts can be obtained for a minimum number of participants. The MDR-1 clinic will fulfill the fourth requirement for AKC.

Upcoming meetings were planned: next meeting on Nov. 15. *[Note that meeting was subsequently cancelled.]* Suggested topics were emergency care or to ask Anita Migday to speak about dog flu. Jan. 3 will be the holiday party, and the February meeting will be a video day at Bonnie's house. Suggested videos were Pat Hastings' Puppy Puzzle, Pagey Elli-

ott's Dogsteps, or the Hutchins seminar from the Collie club meeting last fall.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

General meeting attendees: Board members above plus Jeanne Stanechewski, Susan Morris, Paul Morris, Karen Manchester, Donna Rainville, Madison Donnelly. Guests: Mandy Cromwell, Phil Rainville.

The general meeting was called to order at 1:40 and consisted of the items discussed in the board meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 2:10.

Alanna set up a demo rally course and described the rules and recent changes to the event for our members and guests.

Next board and members meeting

The next board and members meeting will be held on the day of the fall match, November 1, 2009. The board meeting will begin at

9:30. The members meeting will start after the conclusion of the match, once cleanup is complete. Please plan to attend the meeting!

Match raffle and food!

Don't forget to bring donations for our raffle to the match. We always have a fantastic raffle with a large selection of good stuff.

Randi Parry is coordinating food. Contact her to let her know what you will be bringing.
randineparry@comcast.net
or 508-875-6519.