



The CSSC Bulletin

August—September

2008—2009 CSSC Calendar

Sunday, September 28, 2008	Herding at Sunflower Sheep Farm (see page 5) Board and general meeting and lunch to follow Carlisle, MA
Sunday, November 2, 2008	Fall Plan B match Canine Mastery, Seekonk
Friday, November 28, 2008	Winter specialty show Fitchburg
Sunday, January 4, 2009	Holiday party, board and member meeting Canine Mastery, Seekonk
February 21 or 22 (Sat or Sun)	Event and meeting: vote on judges, select nominating committee
May 2 or 3 (Sat or Sun)	Event and meeting: plan agility trial and spring specialty
May 16 & 17, 2009	Agility trial
May 29, 2009	Spring specialty
November 27, 2009	Winter specialty

Reminder: dues were due on September 1, 2008

President's Message

Fall is coming, hard to believe it after this broiling summer. Our September meeting should be a learning opportunity for many of us who like to see our dogs doing what they were bred to for. Cheryle Oetting and Judy Asarkof will be introducing us to Carolyn Wilki positive herding training techniques (non-stressful for both dogs and sheep) at their Sunflower Sheep Farm in Carlisle. This is an introduction to sheep for inexperienced dogs, and Judy tells me that the dogs (unless they show no interest) will not actually be allowed in with the sheep but will work outside the fences of small pens. In a change from the usual order of our meeting, the event will start before the meeting so the animals can work in the cooler part of the day. At the meeting itself, we will work on plans for our fall match in November.

The schedule should allow at least ten dogs to try herding at \$20.00 per dog for members. Nonmembers can sign up for \$25.00 per dog as long as there is space available. Please email me to sign up. I hope you will bring a dog and give herding a try!

-Bonnie

Hi Everyone,

Just a reminder that ticks are in full swing again, so please be sure that we protect our canine friends as well as yourself from those awful creatures.

-Denise

2008 Awards

The following awards were presented to CSSC members at the annual meeting for titles earned from May 2007 through June 2008. Congratulations to all!

MACH Belcroft Lightn Strikes, Alanna Kelly (MACH)

CH Belcroft Majestyk Scotland Yard, Cindy Hanlon (CH)

Dreamcatcher Erin Go Bragh, OA, Cindy Hanlon (Open Agility)

MACH Bare Cove Blue Lite Special, Bob Olsen (MACH)

CH Kaskia Something About Mari, Carolyn Ing & Kim Schive (CH)

CH Foxglove Suntera Face Value, Carolyn Ing & Kim Schive (CH)

CH Foxglove Ashburton Bottoms Up ROM, Carolyn Ing & Kim Schive (ROM)

CH Foxglove Ashburton Casablanca, Carolyn Ing & Kim Schive (CH)

Foxglove Small Change AXJ, Carolyn Ing (Excellent Agility Jumper)

The Colonial Shetland Sheepdog Club has donated \$500.00 to the ASSA Foundation, designated to be used for health research, rescue and legislation.

Urgent! Bad legislation hits Massachusetts—take action now!

The following news release is from the AKC. Please take the time to write letters to your state representative as well as to the committee members listed at the end of this article. If enacted, this would have onerous effects on all of us as dog owners. It is of the utmost importance. There is a possibility that the bill will come up for vote the week of September 15. Please take immediate action!

In a stunning procedural move, Massachusetts House Bill 1948, which was a reasonable and non-discriminatory dangerous dog bill supported by both the AKC and the Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs, has been replaced by House Bill 5092, a conglomeration of many anti-dog, anti-responsible breeder, and anti-responsible owner proposals. The American Kennel Club is not only deeply concerned with the many unacceptable provisions of the bill, but is also disturbed by the procedural maneuver used to deny the concerned dog-owning citizens of Massachusetts an opportunity to state their objections to the egregious bill in a committee hearing format.

Representative Brad Hill sponsored HB 1948, the pragmatic dangerous dog bill, this legislative session. That bill was assigned to the Joint Municipalities Committee, which subsequently sent it to "study". That action usually indicates that the bill will not be considered for the remainder of the session. However, on July 28th, part of the bill was recommitted to the Joint Municipalities Committee, which then produced HB 5092. Among the many problematic provisions to HB 5092, the most egregious include:

- Imposing mandatory spay/neuter of all dogs over 12 months of age; or in the alternative, owners will have to qualify for and annually purchase an intact animal permit at a cost of up to \$500 per dog.
- Limiting the number of reproductive events per female dog to one litter per year, with few exceptions.
- Requiring the reporting of all sales of puppies to local jurisdictions.
- Eliminating the practice of humane tethering, without allowances for hunting or sled dogs.
- Allowing towns and cities to impose breed-specific ordinances.
- Instituting state-mandated vaccination schedules, instead of allowing vaccination schedules to be provided by, and in consultation with, a veterinarian.
- Establishing unreasonable nuisance laws that can result in the forced sterilization, banishment, or euthanization of dogs.

Legislative staff in Massachusetts has confirmed with the Massachusetts Federation that the House Steering, Policy, and Scheduling Committee currently has cognizance of the bill. This committee does not consider the policy of pending legislation. Instead, it acts as a manager of legislation, determining which bills will be sent to the full House for its consideration, and the timing thereof. Effectively, this means that at any time the House Steering, Policy, and Scheduling Committee will send HB 5092 to the full House for its consideration and vote, effectively denying Massachusetts citizens the opportunity to participate in the legislative process by stating their objections to the bill in a policy committee hearing!

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

It is imperative that Massachusetts residents contact the members of the Steering, Policy, and Scheduling Committee, and implore them to not send HB 5092 to the floor for a vote. Instead, encourage them to return the bill to study, or in the alternative back to the Joint Municipalities Committee for consideration and public comment on the policies contained in HB 5092.

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Massachusetts residents are also encouraged to contact their own state representative and express their vehement opposition to egregious provisions of HB 5092, and urge them to do the same. (Massachusetts residents can find out who their state representative is by clicking here.)

For more information, contact AKC's Government Relations Department at (919) 816-3720, or e-mail doglaw@akc.org.

Letter to the committee from Bonnie

President Bonnie Chandler sent a letter dated September 16 to the members of the House Steering Committee on behalf of CSSC. All members are encouraged to use this as a starting point for your own letters to the committee and your representative.

Dear House Steering Committee Member:

The Colonial Shetland Sheepdog Club vehemently opposes a bill recently sent to the Steering Committee, Rep. Pedone's H.B. 5092, "An Act Relative to Animals." We urge you not to present this bill to the Massachusetts House of Representatives but to send it to the appropriate committee for public hearings and open discussion, which the bill bypassed through procedural maneuvers.

The Colonial Shetland Sheepdog Club is a group of responsible Sheltie owners located mostly in Eastern Massachusetts. Our membership of about 60 includes people involved in breeding, pet ownership, rescuing abandoned Shelties, training dogs, visiting hospitals to entertain patients with our dogs, educating the public, and competing in conformation shows, obedience, agility, herding tracking, and other types of dog events.

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Minutes of CSSC Board Meeting, July 13, 2008
Annual Meeting, Brunch, and Awards Presentation

Holiday Inn, Mansfield , MA

Members:

Rita Connolly, Denise Battle, Cindy Hanlon, Carolyn Ing, Alanna Kelly, Kim Schive, Bonnie Chandler, Rosemary Roberts, Jeanne Stanechewski, Bob Olsen, Pat Wright, Kathy Fuller, Louise Cote

Guests:

Dorothy Young, Hazel Mott

Treasurer's Report:

Club account is down 10% this time of year from last year. In 2008 we have \$11,307.70 vs 2007 balance of \$12,582.09.

\$1,500.00 profit from agility trial. Increased costs for 2008 lowered the profit. The club will increase entry fees for the 2009 trial. The current fee schedule is \$24.00, \$14.00, and \$12.00.

Club lost \$400.00 on the spring specialty show, \$240.00 will be donated to rescue.

Watch town laws to protect dog owners' rights. Recommend continued support of ASSA Foundation, MassFed, rescue, NAIA. Board approved the recommendation

Judges booked through 2010 for the agility trial.

Winter Specialty:

Best dessert in show competition will be organized by WCKC. Each club holding Friday specialties will have three entries.

Calendars will now cost \$12.00.

Fall Match:

Club agreed to eliminate obedience and rally at the fall match due to lack of interest.

The obedience committee will decide what obedience/rally classes to offer at the spring specialty.

New Club Officers

President: Bonnie Chandler

Vice President: Louise Cote

Recording Secretary: Carolyn Ing

Corresponding Secretary: Jody Champlin

Treasurer: Alanna Kelly

Board Members:

Denise Battle

Steve Champlin

George Donnelly

Kathy Fuller

Cindy Hanlon

Liz Hildreth

The membership voted to accept the slate of new officers.

Resolution accepted to make a donation in memory of Kathy Dziegiel.

Awards presentation (see page 2 for awards).

Meeting and Herding Day

September 28, 2008

See our dogs do what they were bred for!

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – herding for inexperienced dogs

1 p.m. – lunch (bring a dish to share) and club meeting

Cheryle Oetting and Judy Asarkof of Sunflower Sheep Farm in Carlisle, MA, will introduce us to Carolyn Wilki Positive Herding Training techniques, which are non-stressful for both dogs and sheep. This is an introduction for inexperienced dogs – most of the dogs (unless they need some extra stimulus to get started) will not actually go in with the sheep but will work outside the fences of small pens. The event will start before the meeting so the animals can work in the cooler part of the day.

There is time for at least 10 dogs to try herding, at \$20 per dog for members. Nonmembers can sign up for \$25 per dog, as long as there is space available. Please email Bonnie Chandler (jbchandler@verizon.net) to sign up.

Both the event and the meeting will be outdoors -- dress appropriately. Meeting Agenda: Work on plans for our fall match in November.

Directions to Sunflower Sheep Farm (call Judy at 978-505-7488 if you get lost):

From Rte 95/128: Exit 31B, Rt. 4/225 toward Bedford. Follow Rte 4/225 through Bedford Center. Fork left to stay on Rt. 225. Cross over the Concord River, entering Carlisle. Continue on Rt. 225 another mile or so. Take first right onto Maple Street. When the road bends, farm parking is on the right at the bend, approximately at 104 Maple Street. Follow the parking signs.

From I-495: Take Exit 32 (Boston Road to Rt. 225) south toward Westford. At traffic signals go straight and continue to Rt. 225 (a T-intersection) . Take left onto Rt. 225 and follow into Carlisle. At Carlisle Center turn left toward the miniature rotary. At rotary follow signs for Rt. 225 toward Bedford. Pass Kimball's Ice Cream on left, then Carlisle Autobody on left. IMMEDIATELY after the driveway to the Carlisle Autobody, take left onto Maple Street. Follow directions above.

From Rte 3: Take Treble Cove Exit 28 toward Carlisle. Go west on Treble Cove Road. Continue straight across Rt. 4. At sign saying DANGEROUS INTERSECTION, turn left onto Maple Street. Cross small bridge over wetland, go by a development called Davis Road, and around the next bend is 104 Maple Street - parking on left.

Annual picnic and puppy fun match

Another successful Sheltie picnic and fun match was enjoyed by 35-40 people. The weather was perfect with a nice breeze from start to finish for socializing, eating and holding the match.

Shelties ranged in age from 8 weeks to 10+ years. Everyone participated with their shelties in the match, and once again we had the "Not Ready For Prime Time" classes and a class for best trick. I think judge Dick Hildreth will agree that I had the best trained puppy in the match—NOT! Thanks to all our judges and participants!

It was great socialization event and sheltie reunion and a chance to see new puppies. Food, as always, was abundant and fantastic. Cleanup was a breeze thanks to all in attendance. I appreciated everyone's help with this annual event.

Hope to see all of you here at next year's picnic and fun match.

Lori U
Vogue Shelties/Sterling MA

In memoriam: Kathy Dziegiel

Kathy Dziegiel, a past member of both CSSC and the Granite State Shetland Sheepdog Club and a friend and mentor to many, succumbed to an overwhelming infection. Kathy had been battling an auto-immune disorder for some time, and the medications she was on plus the disorder itself combined to make her recovery difficult at best, and ultimately the infection was too much for her body to fight. She was on life support and her sister made the decision to let her go peacefully.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to her family and friends. She will be missed.

(Bonnie's letter to MA House, continued from page 4)

H.B.5092 contains many provisions that would be very bad for dogs and dog owners in Massachusetts, including both intended and unintended consequences.

We are disturbed not only by the many unacceptable provisions of the bill, but also by the procedural maneuver that bypassed the usual hearing requirements and put the bill on a fast track through the legislative processes, thus denying citizens the usual public opportunities to explain our objections, educate legislators, and help create improved and more effective legislation for the state.

I would be happy to talk to you about the many problems with this bill. Most of the bill's provisions are based on complete misunderstanding and lack of knowledge about how dog ownership and breeding work in the real world. In addition, it would be an unfunded mandate on Massachusetts towns, expensive to enforce.

We are asking that you stop this bill, as it would not solve the problems it purports to solve and would only serve to persecute and prosecute responsible dog owners, while leaving the irresponsible ones unaffected. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Chandler
President
Colonial Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inc.

All about the BRAGS

CH Vogue Take-Out "Domino"
Best of Breed under Judge Donald Gill
Central Maine KC on Friday August 29

Vogue Take a Number
"Taken"
(Vogue Take-Out x Vogue Jackie O)
was Winners Dog for his first 2 points
from the 6-9 month puppy class under
breeder/judge Carolyn Ing. To earn his
first points at a specialty makes this win
extra special.

AM/CANCH Majestyk B' Secret Agent
" Sean"
Sean finished at the Greater Milwaukee
SSC Specialty under judge Sandra L.
Staffan. Celebrating with champagne
for us and a steak dinner for him.

CH Foxglove Too Darn Hot
"Sizzle"
Charlotte McGowan awarded Sizzle WB and
Best of Breed at the Providence County KC
show in July for her championship. This makes
Sizzle the fourth champion in an all-champion
litter. Sizzle is by CH Lakehill King of the Road,
ROM x CH Foxglove Ashburton Ingenue, ROM.
Sizzle is our 25th bred-by CH and the third
we've finished completely from bred-by.

CH Foxglove Ashburton Second Wind
"Satchel"
Satchel finished in a relatively small number of
shows and completely from the bred-by class.
He is by CH Cameo Farms Friday Night, ROM
(CH Alfenloch Ryan O'Neil, ROM x CH Mainstay
Cameo Farms Model, ROM) and out of CH
Foxglove Ashburton Sienna (CH Lakehill King
O' The Road, ROM x Ch Foxglove Ashburton
Ingenue, ROM) He was bred and owned by
Carolyn Ing, Deborah Jones, and Kim Schive.
He is our 24th bred-by CH. He is the second
we've finished completely from bred-by.

MACH Striker
CDX,RE of HSAs, EAC, EJC,OCC,CGC
Best All Around Sheltie ASSA 2006
Striker received his RAE n August 15 at
the Wachusett Kennel Club trial in
Fitchburg
He achieved this with 10 straight at-
tempts, no NQ's

My beautiful "Sage," Genesis Wine & Roses,
was winners Bitch on Sunday September
7th at the Carroll Country KC show. Thanks
to judge Charlotte McGowan for rewarding
her and recognizing her quality.
- Janet

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CSSC Awards

Titles that were earned from May 1, 2007 to May 1, 2008 will be eligible for awards at the annual meeting in July 2008. Submit awards information to:

Alanna Kelly
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In order to receive awards:

- 1.1. You must be a member in good standing.
2. You must attend two meetings and work at one event during the year for which you are receiving the award.
- 3.3. You must have sent proof of the title to Alanna Kelly by June 1, 2008 to receive the award at the July 2008 annual meeting.

Annual Membership Dues

Club dues are due annually by September 1. Any new members interested in joining can mail a check to:

Alanna Kelly, Treasurer
197 Vernon Street
Norwood, MA 02062

Make checks payable to **CSSC**

Membership fees

Single adult: \$15
Single Junior: \$12
Family: \$25
Newsletter only: \$12

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