



Colonial Shetland Sheepdog Club

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Upcoming events

- *Sunday January 4: Holiday party, board and membership meeting*
- *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*

MA 5092 anti-dog bill defeated

Between 150-200 dog fanciers turned out for the hearing on the draconian H 5092 bill that called for mandatory spay/neuter, breed specific bans, intact dog permits, draconian nuisance provisions, and inappropriately mandated vaccinations. Those speaking against the bill included members of the National Animal Interest Alliance, the Mass. Federation of Dog Clubs, many different AKC dog clubs and dog training clubs around the state, pet owners, the Mass. Veterinary Medical Association, the Animal Rescue League, the MSPCA, the Waterfowlers Club, a speaker representing

Americans with disabilities and his guide dog and numerous pet owners. Revere City Councilman Anthony Zambuto also spoke in opposition. The hearing was hours long and not everyone was able to speak but the message was loud and clear. At the conclusion of the hearing, Chairman Pedone, author of the bill, entertained a motion to send the bill to study. This was seconded and quickly passed. This vote means the bill is dead for this session. Hopefully our strong showing will make clear that Massachusetts fanciers will not support these kinds of bills.

Thanks go to the hundreds of Massachusetts resi-

dents who sent letters, called, emailed, or faxed. We heard from members of the committee that they got your message. In fact, they got hundreds of your messages! One representative joked that he was sure he had heard from all 300 members of one club. To NAIA, the AKC legislative department and Dr. Tom Davies, AKC director, our thanks for your considerable help. Thanks to those who missed worked to be there and to all of the people who came from every part of the state. When dog fanciers work together, we can educate our elected officials that we are indeed the experts.

-Charlotte McGowan

Wooden ring gates and stanchions for sale

CSSC is selling its unpainted wood ring gates and stanchions as is. They are in very good condition. Most have been used only a few times and have been stored for several years in a barn. There are also some custom-made storage boxes available. Club members get the first crack. We will then sell the remainder to the general public.

If you know anybody who would like ring gates for practice, let them know!

Prices:
5' ring gates, \$8 each (9 available)
9' ring gates, \$12 each (40 available)
10' ring gates, \$14 each (14 available)
Plywood stanchions, \$3.50 each (70 available)

If interested, contact Carolyn Ing at carolyning@mac.com or phone 978-371-1195 before 9 pm. The gates are stored at the Hildreths' home in Ashland, MA.

What you can do to help fight HSUS and animal rights activists

This is something I wrote and sent to my dog lists. We need to focus on getting people to connect with their elected officials. For those who have other animal interests, we all need to be proactive and get the positive part of our animal use out in the public. We need positive media. I think we are all feeling as though HSUS spent a lot of money positioning themselves as the animal go-to group. We need to do a lot of work.

HSUS is the biggest fundraising machine I know of.

“ . . . we all need to be proactive and get the positive part of our animal use out in the public. We need positive media.”

Never send them donations. If you hear of anyone who does, straighten them out! If you see any company or website donating to them, call, write and complain! Do not support businesses that support HSUS! Tell them why.

You can do things on a personal level now.

1. **Talk** to everyone you know, especially people outside of dogs—your neighbors, your friends, your co-workers. Tell them about HSUS and the difference between animal rights and animal welfare.

2. **Stop** using the phrase puppy mill! Remember that HSUS and company use this to describe *all breeders*. That's you. You oppose substandard kennels. You do not oppose ANY breeder, hobby or commercial that takes good care of their animals. You support purposeful breeding of fine, happy, healthy dogs that make good pets. You do not support importing mutts from offshore or out of state.

3. **Make a list!** You can do a lot by creating separate group email lists. Most email programs have address books that give options to make group lists. Make a list of all your neighbors and friends' email. Don't have their email? Go get it. Make a list of all your pet buyers. Make a list of all your club members in all your clubs. Why? Because when an alert goes out, if you can send to all your lists, see how many more people we can reach. Don't write to me about the technical aspects of computers. I am too busy! Do your part and figure it out or talk to a computer friend.

4. **Join** a political town or city committee. I have been a dedicated independent for years. I watched this election and sadly watched my large city be instrumental in ending greyhound racing here and putting really good dog people out of work. What could I have done more to prevent it? I did all I could but in a state that is 95% Democratic, I am an Independent on the outside. So I am (gulp) joining the

Democratic City Committee where I live. I am going to go to meetings and I will have an opportunity to talk about my issues. You can do the same thing in either party.

5. **Make friends** with your elected officials! I don't care what party you belong to and I don't care what party they belong to. If you don't make friends with your elected officials, how can you get them to understand our issues? When things start to happen and we need a legislator to help, if you don't even know who your legislator is, that is no help. You need your legislator to see you as a subject matter expert on dogs and animals. Get going, make friends. Take the time. Believe me, HSUS is trying to do that. Speak up and be friendly. If your legislator is on the wrong side of our issues, it is your job to turn them around being polite, friendly and knowledgeable.

5a: **Make more friends.** Get to know your local animal control people. Make sure they know you are one of the good guys and you are interested in understanding their problems. If they only hear from HSUS, PETA and their friends, guess what good that does?

6. **Get published.** When you see something in the paper that is wrong about animals, write a letter to the editor! Be sure to contact your local papers as you will often have more luck with them than the city newspapers.

6. **Support** all animal interests. There is strength in numbers. Start looking at other people who use animals - circus, rodeo, cat breeders, exotic animal breeders, bird people, Greyhound people, biomedical researchers, zoos, you name it. Stop being used by HSUS to attack other animal interests. Recognize all animal users are on the same side because HSUS and company want to end all animal use. No exceptions.

7. **Live well.** Eat meat, chicken, fish. It's great protein. Humans are omnivores. So is your dog. Wear wool and fur as they will keep you warm. Take yourself and your family to the zoo, the rodeo, the circus. I just took in Ringlings in Boston.

What a fabulous entertainment! WOW! My son loved the elephants. He said I think they are having fun. I thought they were having fun too. I made friends go too. Feel free to enjoy hunting and fishing. Our ancestors did and it made it possible for them to survive or you wouldn't be here. If you don't want to hunt, don't criticize those who do. Hunters care more about conservation than eco terrorists for sure. Feel free to point out to vegans they tend to have pasty complexions and that their babies will suffer damage if a pregnant vegan mother doesn't eat animal protein. Point out that growing children need a lot of good food including milk and animal protein so they can grow up with strong

A day of herding at Sunflower Sheep Farm

On October 12, club members and friends gathered at Sunflower Sheep Farm in Carlisle to learn a little about herding with our Shelties. Here is an excerpt from Jenn Whalen's blog. Thanks, Jenn!

My girls did what I sort of expected...ignored the sheep! Heidi was up first. We put her in the large round pen, and walked around the smaller square one (with the sheep) inside it. I walked once around, and the instructor handed me the crook and put me inside the pen with the

sheep. Still, Heidi walked around ignoring the sheep. She didn't really understand why I was in the pen talking to her, rather than outside of it feeding her, and voiced her displeasure. Then she noticed that the instructor had cheese! It was all over. Now, not only were the sheep I was petting and talking to invisible, but so was I! I walked out of the pen, gave up the crook, and my dreams of having a herding champion hidden somewhere in the fluff that is my girl, Heidi. But, I praised her,

snuggled with her, and fed her all the same. That's what Sunflower Farm is all about. Praise. Positive reinforcement. It didn't really matter to me if Heidi was going to turn on to the sheep or not. It was about having an adventure with my dog, and enjoying some ever fleeting time with her. Shelby was up next. Shelby was super excited and just looked like she wanted to work. I have been letting her "herd" (chase) geese at various locations close to home, and hoped that with all of

this extra "herding" practice, that she would turn on to the sheep. I didn't, however, want her to chase the sheep. As the instructors explained earlier that morning, herding and chasing are *not* the same. Herding dogs almost never run, and some don't really even look at the stock. Shelby got into the square pen, and also didn't seem to notice the invisible sheep. I tried calling her and getting her "amped up" but she just sat. So, this time, the instructor had me put her on a long line, and "drive" the sheep around. She let them out of their square pen, and Shelby followed them. I wasn't, however, sure if she was following them because I was, and I had her on a leash, or if she was really driving them. I am hopeful, because she didn't try going the other way, or even stopping. She just followed them around. I truly think if I had started her earlier, or had the time and money now to spend to truly develop any instinct that she has, that she would be great at it.

Center for Consumer Freedom handouts available

Here is an interesting website that is worth looking at. I've briefly scanned it and will return later when I have time. This information came through on one of the Sheltie lists that I'm on and it's something we all need to be thinking about in these days of legislative onslaught. It happened in MA with the closing of the greyhound tracks, in spite of all the information available

that the advertising was false. If you click on the banner where it says "7 Things You Didn't Know About..." or scroll down to *Popular Articles*, you can print out information about the three huge, well-funded organizations that are working to take our dogs from us. These are great pieces to include in our puppy packets.
-Cynthia Webster
www.consumerfreedom.com

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What you can do to fight HSUS

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bones. Point out to everyone that Wayne Pacelle, head of HSUS and Ingrid Newkirk, head of PETA are vegans and the goal is to turn us all into non-animal-use vegans.

8. **Take your beautiful dogs out in public.** Go to the park, the town center, anywhere people are. Let people see you and talk to them

about how great purebreds are. If they start talking about "adopting," tell them about the rabies that has been brought to the US in recent time via "rescued" dogs. Tell them the local shelter dogs might not come from where they are but from the Caribbean or from some other state. Tell them shelter populations are drop-

ping everywhere which is why these AR's have to fill the shelters with imported mutts.

9. **Donate to NAIA,** www.naiaonline.org. Better yet, donate to NAIA Trust at www.naiatrust.org. If you can't make a big donation, make a small one. How many people were asked for a small donation in the last

election? Imagine if everyone sent a small donation, including all the people on your lists did as well. We have the organization; we need to fund it.

Now you have a list of things you can do. Get going!

- Charlotte McGowan

Board and general meeting minutes - November 16, 2008

Board meeting attendance: Bonnie Chandler, Jody Champlin, Stephen Champlin, Carolyn Ing, Alanna Kelly, Kathy Fuller, Cindy Hanlon, George Donnelly.

Members in attendance at general meeting: Linda Loring, Trisha Brais, Susan Morris, Jody and Stephen Champlin, Dawn Donnelly, George Donnelly, Madison Donnelly, Liz Hildreth, Richard Hildreth, Carolyn Ing, Susan Morris, Alanna Kelly, Charlotte McGowan, Lori Underwood, Janet Whalen, Donna Rainville, Betty McAdams, Sandy Taylor, Jeanne Stanechewski, Bonnie Chandler, Kathy Fuller, Cindy Hanlon.

Guests: Pat Loring, Paul Morris, Jack McGowan, Nancy Campbell

The board meeting was called to order at 11:35 am.

Treasurer Alanna Kelly reported that the club has a bank balance of \$10,679.79 as of November 15.

Corresponding secretary Jody Champlin read the membership applications for Catherine Ostiguy and Ray and Ann Lyman. (All were later unanimously voted in as new members at the general meeting.) Jody also reported that correspondence received included a letter from the AKC regarding our upcoming agility trial.

Spring specialty show chair Carolyn Ing suggested the idea of having no entry fees for puppy sweepstakes at the show. The club would contribute a cash prize of

\$100. The idea has been adopted by several other specialty clubs who have seen an increase in entries in both sweeps and regular classes. The board voted to try this for the 2009 show. All judges are confirmed: Don Mancini, sweeps; Rick Thompson, breed; Joyce Leach, obedience and rally. The board decided to have three non-regular obedience classes: Pre-Novice, Versatility and Brace. Pre-Novice is now a titling option per the new obedience rules effective on January 1.

Alanna reported having an informal chat with Sue St. Louis, the president of the Granite State SSC where they discussed the possibility of having a joint obedience weekend with 2 trials per day. These trials would replace our obedience trial in conjunction with our specialty, which has been experiencing declining entries over time. This would greatly reduce show expenses by halving our tenting costs for the extra ring. Discussion is still very preliminary.

Agility trial chair Alanna Kelly reported that all plans are set for the spring agility trial.

Board discussed potential members to chair the fall match. It was determined that Susan Morris would be asked, and Bonnie could be co-chair.

The winter specialty plans are in place. Judging is slated to start in the late afternoon because of the holiday the day before.

Old business

\$250 will be donated the CHF in memory of Kathy Dziegiel. The club's membership in NAIA will be renewed, and \$200 donated to the NAIA PAC. Also, there are still a few 2009 Sheltie calendars available for \$12 each. For upcoming meetings, Liz Hildreth agreed to organize a couple of games for the holiday party. February meeting event will be a video, possibly Golden Oldies. Kathy Fuller, Bonnie and Liz offered their houses as a meeting place. The May meeting will be held at Jody and Steve's.

Bonnie brought up several legislation issues. One is that there will be a potential change in the chairmanship of the federal House Energy and Commerce committee, which will have a direct effect on animal welfare issues. Henry Waxman is poised to replace John Dingell. Members are encouraged to contact their representatives. Bonnie also suggested the idea of creating a handout at club events that would encourage pet owners to participate in club activities and also to make them aware of how legislation can potentially affect them. Bonnie volunteered to work on this.

The club will sell our ring gates and stanchions to club members first, then open up sales to the general public. An announcement will be published in the newsletter and on the website, and Alanna will also post it on the New England canine list and Craigslist.

Board meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm. Attendees then ate lunch and had a general meeting where all the topics noted above were discussed. Agility try-its, hosted by Betty McAdams and Sandy Taylor, followed.

**Don't forget to
submit suggestions
for judges**

Congratulations to new members

Catherine Ostiguy and Ray and Ann Lyman were unanimously voted in as new club members. All three are very

familiar faces at local shows and trials. Welcome! We are all looking forward to their participation.

Don't miss the holiday party on Sunday, January 4 at 12:30

Our next club meeting and holiday party will be on January 4 at Canine Mastery in Seekonk. Board meeting will be at 11:00 and lunch and refreshments start at 12:30 for the general membership and guests. We will be having out traditional Yankee swap, and Liz Hildreth is organizing a few fun games for people and dogs. Don't forget to bring a dish or beverages to share. Guests are welcome.

Yankee swap gifts should have a value of approximately \$10.

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 ani-

mal 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.

Braggs and memoriam from our members

I am so thrilled to tell everyone that Genesis The Sentinel ("Louie") went Best of Breed and Best of Winners on October 19 in Springfield under Arlene A. Czech for his most impressive win. In his last three shows, Louie has three BOBs, a Group 2 and a Group 4. I am very proud of him. Thanks for letting me share my news.

— Janet Whalen

Vogue Take A Number ("Taken") was Best in Sweeps at the Central New York SSC specialty show on November 9. He was RWD at their Saturday and Sunday specialties.

—Lori Underwood

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Ch. Genesis Aylmere My Girl

My beautiful Leila has passed on. She was healthy up until two weeks ago when she was diagnosed with

breast cancer. It is impossible for me to tell you what she meant to me. Those of you that remember when I was showing her know all too well. She won many BOB and group placements. I will remember her from her loving kind nature, and being very loyal friend.

—Janet Whalen

We had a very successful Boston show. Striker picked up double Qs on Thursday

and Friday and a JWW leg on Saturday. His son, Belcroft Majestyk Ice Storm ("Ice"), went Best of Breed for his first point on Thursday and got a Herding Group 3 Best Bred by Exhibitor. On Friday he repeated for his second point and got a Herding Group 1 Best Bred by Exhibitor. Ice is co-owned with Terri Little & Vicki Rolls.

— Alanna Kelly

Judge suggestions requested!

We need suggestions from our membership for sweeps and breed judges for our 2009 fall match, breed judges for our 2009 winter specialty, and sweeps, breed, rally and obedience judges for our 2010 spring specialty show. Agility judges are already in place through 2010, but suggestions are welcome

for subsequent trials. Please submit your suggestions in writing (emails acceptable) to any club officer or board member.

Judge selection criteria

The club *desperately* needs input for judges from its members. This is one of the more important tasks you

can accomplish for our club. Good judges at our matches and trials attract good entries. If you have comments on your suggestions that would be helpful to other members when it comes time to vote, that would be even more helpful.

Judge suggestions should be submitted by December 31, 2008. The list of judges and background information on each will be published in the February newsletter for the month's meeting, where voting by the general membership will take place. The meeting will be the weekend of February 21-22, 2009.

Winter specialty show 2008

We had another successful winter specialty show in Fitchburg on November 28. The late afternoon start allowed exhibitors a travel day after the Thanksgiving holiday and made for a more relaxing day. We had majors in both dogs and bitches. Judge Sulie Greendale-Paveza awarded Best of Breed to CH Suntera City Life and Best Opposite Sex to Shelhaven Pop'n Up At Talisker. Winners Dog and

Best of Winners went to Woodland Farms Jancada Trust, and Winners Bitch was Ringsend Street Smart.

The best dessert competition took place immediately after the end of the specialty, and club president Bonnie Chandler won a rosette and \$25 gas card from Colonial for her delicious prize-winning three-layer cookies. The top entries in the Colonial competition (alas, we only had two en-

tries this year!) moved on to the combined specialties-wide best dessert competition, sponsored by Worcester County KC. There was much fierce and delicious competition, but Bonnie's cookies snagged the runner-up rosette and gave Bonnie the chance to receive public adulation at the all-breed show on Saturday where her win was announced before group competition.

Thank you to our steward Louise Cote, trophy chair Bob Olsen, steward-in-training and dessert coordinator Liz Hildreth, and the ever-reliable go-to person Alanna Kelly. And a big thanks to all Colonial members and friends who came to support our show with your dogs and presence. The more the merrier!

- Carolyn Ing

Fall match results: November 1, 2008

Puppy Sweepstakes

Judge: Connie Nelson

Best in Sweeps: Conbrio Cindahope Que

Cera Cera, Louise Cote

Runner-Up: Cindahope Kindred Spirit, Elizabeth and Nancy Hildreth

Dogs, 3-4 Months

1. Cindahope Kindred Spirit, Elizabeth and Nancy Hildreth
2. Cindahope Nicolas Nickleby, Elizabeth and Nancy Hildreth
3. Dainen, Cindy Hanlon
4. Crikey, Cindy Hanlon

Dogs, 4-6 Months

1. Vogue Happy Camper, Lori Underwood
2. Cindahope DVot'd Hot Pursuit, Sue St. Louis and Liz Hildreth
3. FairIsle Voyageur, Y. Jane Davies
4. Foxglove Just Add Water, Carolyn Ing and Kim Shive

Dogs, 6-9 Months

1. Greaves Drake, Nancy Campbell

Dogs, 9-12 Months

1. Blu Vu Abominable Snowman, Karen Manchester and Carol Langford

Bitches, 3-4 Months

1. Cindahope Simply Delicious, Elizabeth and Nancy Hildreth
2. Bindi, Cindy Hanlon

Bitches, 6-9 Months

1. Chowder, Ann and Roy Lyman
2. Mia, Linda Loring

Bitches, 9-12 Months

1. PaRay Pagentary of Genesis, Janet Whalen and

Ray Pittman

2. Blu Vu Arctic Ice, Karen Manchester

Bitches, 12-18 Months

1. Conbrio Cindahope Que Cera Cera, Louise Cote
2. Aylmere Starry Starry Night, Pat Wright, Hannah and Annette Rawlings

Junior Showmanship

Judge: Annette Rawlings

Best Junior Handler: Madison Donnelly and Dugan

Breed

Judge: Annette Rawlings

Best in Match: Cindahope Simply Delicious, Elizabeth and Nancy Hildreth

Best Opposite Sex: Cindahope DVot'd Hot Pursuit, Sue St. Louis and Liz Hildreth

Dogs, 3-4 Months

1. Cindahope Nicolas Nickleby, Elizabeth and Nancy Hildreth
2. Cindahope Kindred Spirit, Elizabeth and Nancy Hildreth
3. Dainen, Cindy Hanlon
4. Crikey, Cindy Hanlon

Dogs, 4-6 Months

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Dogs, 12-18 Months

1. Dugan, Cindy Hanlon

Open Dogs

1. Genesis Apparition, Janet Whalen
2. Aylmere Bare Cove Esplanade, Pat Wright and Bob Olsen

Bitches, 3-4 Months

1. Cindahope Simply Delicious, Elizabeth and Nancy Hildreth
2. Bindi, Cindy Hanlon

Bitches, 4-6 Months

1. Sophie, Ann Compton

Bitches, 6-9 Months

1. Chowder, Ann and Roy Lyman
2. Mia, Linda Loring

Bitches, 9-12 Months

1. PaRay Pagentary of Genesis, Janet Whalen and Ray Pittman
2. Blu Vu Arctic Ice, Karen Manchester

Bitches, 12-18 Months

1. Conbrio Cindahope Que Cera Cera, Louise Cote
2. Aylmere Starry Starry Night, Pat Wright, Hannah and Annette Rawlings

Open Bitches

1. Molly, Linda Loring
2. Blu Vu Aurora Borealis, Karen Manchester
3. Blu Vu Optical Illusion CD RN, Sherry Bishop

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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 Wednesday, January 28, 2009.

- Carolyn Ing

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