



Cleveland Shetland Sheepdog Club **S P O T L I G H T**

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Happy Valentine's Day !

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MEETINGS ARE HELD on the second Tuesday of every month unless changed for a specific reason. The General Meetings begin promptly at 7 o'clock p.m. and are open to anyone with an interest in all things concerning Shelties.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, February 11, 2020



@CLEVELAND ALL-BREED TRAINING CLUB
210 Hayes Drive, Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131
(if you need directions, contact Barb Kaplan)



February refreshments will be provided by Suzi Stachurski

Coming Events for **2020** (Mark your calendars):

<i>February meeting, refreshments by Suzi</i>	<i>February 11</i>
<i>March meeting (+ Board) refreshments by Barb S</i>	<i>March 10</i>
<i>April meeting, refreshments by Betty</i>	<i>April 14</i>
<i>CSSC Agility Trial, Approved</i>	<i>April 24</i>
<i>May meeting (+ Board) refreshments by Barb K</i>	<i>May 12</i>
<i>Closing date for Specialty application/judging panel</i>	<i>May 13</i>
<i>CSSC Herding Trials</i>	<i>June 5-6-7</i>
<i>June AWARDS BANQUET tba</i>	<i>June 9</i>
<i>CSSC Agility Trial, Approved</i>	<i>July 10</i>
<i>July meeting (+ Board) refreshments by Emily</i>	<i>July 14</i>
<i>August meeting, refreshments Susan K</i>	<i>August 11</i>
<i>Specialty premium list must go out</i>	<i>August 28</i>
<i>CSSC Agility 3-day Trial, Approved</i>	<i>September 4-5-6</i>
<i>September meeting (+ Board) refreshments by Steve</i>	<i>September 8</i>
<i>Closing date for Specialty entries</i>	<i>September 16</i>
<i>CSSC Specialties with Rally, Rally approved</i>	<i>October 3-4</i>
<i>October meeting and ELECTIONS, refreshments by Chris</i>	<i>October 13</i>
<i>November meeting (+ Board) refreshments by Mary</i>	<i>November 10</i>
<i>December meeting CHRISTMAS PARTY tba</i>	<i>December 8</i>



**CLEVELAND SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB
GENERAL MEETING January 14, 2020**



President's Report – President Barb called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. It's so unusual (and nice!) to have the January meeting when we're so used to having to cancel due to hazardous weather conditions! We have a full calendar this year and we need the membership to step up and volunteer. Committees are being formed now, so please let us know how you'd like to serve the club. Some committees are: Hospitality, Food, Agility (helping out at agility trials, etc.), Herding (our herding trials are a 3-day event and much help is needed – if you don't know anything about herding but would still like to help, there are jobs that don't require previous participation), Specialty (trophies, set-up, clean-up, food), Raffle, Parking and Unloading, etc. You will be receiving an e-mail asking for your help. If you can't help physically, donations for the Trophy Fund will do! Members tonight (full house!) are Barb S, Suzanne, Barb K, Betty, Sue M, Kristie, Steve, Kim, Emily, John, Rhadine, Chris, Susan K and Roman. Our guests tonight are Alison DeBroux (who will be looking for a Sheltie pup) and Lora Workman and Ken Stroud, who were in puppy class with their new pup, Cooper). WELCOME!!

Recording Secretary's Report – Betty moved and Kim seconded that the report be approved as published in the January edition of the newsletter. Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary's Report –

- AKC has received all our applications and judge panels for our specialty, but we were notified on 12/23 that they cannot be approved without the permission of Fulton County Kennel Club, which was already given, according to FCKC. I contacted Gretchen Conradt again and sent her a copy of the AKC letter, and asked her to please e-mail them AGAIN.
- Processing is completed for 20200848(01) to be held April 24. At this time, the application status and the judge panels are approved.
- Processing is completed for (08) to be held July 10. Approved
- Processing is completed for (09) and (10) to be held September 4, 5 and 6. At this time the application status is pended and the judge panels are approved.
- AKC sent notice that applications and judge panels for agility events (09), (10) and (11) have been received. I can't explain why these are out of order unless something was missing from the earlier mailings, or why I have no paperwork for (11).
- Flyer announcing the Myra Savant Harris seminar in Michigan.

Report of the Treasurer – In regards to the monthly bank statement, a complete report will be made to any active member upon request, otherwise the details will not be reprinted here. Rhadine had the finished spread sheet reporting all financial transactions from our October specialty. The bottom line is that we finished “in the red” for about \$3,051.72. We will be looking at ways to trim our expenses and will be discussing ideas at upcoming meetings.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

SPECIALTY – nothing more needs to be done until we get “final permission” from Fulton County, according to AKC. Once permission is on file, Sue will make sure AKC receives an updated membership roster. Again, all judges have returned their signed contracts, and it's too soon to be making travel arrangements, etc.

HERDING – Barb S will be Trial Secretary, with Barb K's assistance.

Unfinished Business – Sign-up sheet for 2020 refreshments was completed. Thanks to all for volunteering!

New Business – Sue moved and Kristie 2nd that we host an online Tupperware party as a club fundraiser. Chris Cammarn brought forth the idea and will host the event. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

BRAGS Emily tried “Sophie” on scent work and had great success. She Q'd on the 1st day, and the next day received an interior leg. She qualified for Rally National!

There being no further general business, Betty moved and Suzi seconded for adjournment at 7:54 p.m.



April 10 - 18, 2020

The ASSA 2020 National Specialty will be held at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO. The American Shetland Sheepdog Association will be your host for Conformation, Herding, and Performance Events as well variety of activities and special events. More information: www.assa.org

- Friday April 10**
 - Agility Trial – Purina Event Center

- Saturday April 11**
 - Obedience and Rally – Purina Event Center
 - ASSA Board of Directors Meeting (evening)

- Sunday April 12**
 - Herding Trial – Purina Herding Field
 - Vendor Move-in (Time TBA)
 - Exhibitor arrival & setup (Time TBA)
 - ASSA Board of Directors meeting

- Monday April 13**
 - Herding Instinct Evaluation
 - Futurity Judging
 - Parade of Veterans & Titleholders- ½ hour after Futurity judging
 - Evening Welcome Party – 1 hour after Futurity

- Tuesday April 14**
 - Symposium (morning)
 - Health Clinic
 - Parade of Rescued Performance Dogs
 - Invitational Showcase Spectacular of Top Winning Conformation Dogs (evening)

- Wednesday April 15**
 - Conformation Judging
 - ASSA Annual Meeting

Thursday April 16

- Conformation Judging
- Veteran's Sweepstakes
- Fanciers Ringside Education
- Judges Education Seminar & Workshop Evening
- Evening Visiting Hours

Friday April 17

- Conformation Judging through Winners Classes
- Non-Regular Conformation Class Judging
- Fanciers Ringside Education through Open Classes
- Junior Handling Clinic & Pizza Party – Evening after judging

Saturday April 18

- Junior Showmanship Judging
- Best of Breed Judging
- ASSA Breeder Awards at completion of judging
- Parade of Winners after Breeder Awards
- Move out of building

**God Bless the Old Dog**

God bless the old dog whose rest is so deep,
The bunnies he chases are only in sleep,
His gait has grown stiff, his muzzle is white,
His eyes have grown dim as he loses his sight.

God bless the old dog whose time has grown
near,

And cherish the moments that he is still here,
For nobody knows, though we always want more,
When he'll make his last trip from our home and
our door.

God bless the old dog...

Written lovingly by Sherrie Sparling.



BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN DOGS (author/source unknown)

Do you have a dog who seems uncomfortable, insecure or fearful about certain things?



Fear, insecurity and trepidation in dogs can manifest in different ways. Some lunge and bark at whatever is frightening them, some hunker down and freeze until the scary thing goes away, while others give more subtle signs of discomfort. If you become familiar with your dog's body language, you'll know when he's distressed.

Puppy socialization window

There are lots of reasons a dog might lack confidence and be fearful about navigating his environment. He may have had a bad experience or even have a genetic predisposition toward being cautious. In many cases, though, the dog simply was not well socialized as a puppy. What this means is that during the critical socialization period (between 3 and 14 weeks of age), the puppy was not exposed to enough novel experiences, or may have had scary or overwhelming exposure to our human world. During the socialization period, puppies are learning what is safe and unsafe — which plays a big part in shaping who they will become as adults.



Once the socialization window closes, the particular way that learning happens during that period also ends. It doesn't mean, however, that dogs stop learning. In fact, they continue to learn throughout their lives and we can help our dogs feel better about things they find frightening — whether it's new people, places, dogs, sounds or movements.

Dog desensitization techniques



One way to help a dog feel more confident is to use repeated exposure to the scary thing (the stimulus) so that it becomes less novel and more routine. You have to be careful, though, not to overwhelm the dog while using this technique, which is called desensitization.

Let's look at some examples. If you want to get your dog comfortable with, say, going to a popular park, first bring him to a quiet corner of the park and allow him to see and hear other people and dogs from a safe distance. Observe his body language closely to get clues about how he's feeling. Over many short sessions, you can move incrementally closer to the busy walkways and more crowded areas, always watching the dog for signs of discomfort.

If you're unsure how to make an exposure less overwhelming to start with, think about how you can manage factors such as noise level, amount of the stimulus, invasiveness or distance from the scary thing. For example, if your dog is anxious about meeting new dogs, ask a friend with a well-socialized dog to help. With both dogs on leash, take a walk parallel to each other, far enough apart that the dogs can't touch. As your dog gets more comfortable, you can gradually move them closer to each other. If your dog is

nervous around men, start with a man sitting quietly at a safe distance from the dog. Always remember that if your dog seems overwhelmed, you'll need to figure out a way to decrease the stimulus to the point where it's not scary to your dog, and then move on from there. Proceed at whatever pace your dog appears to feel safe.



Counter-conditioning tips

You can enhance the desensitization sessions by adding really yummy treats. Called counter-conditioning, this technique involves the animal experiencing a very tolerable exposure to a stimulus, followed by a delicious treat — something that he doesn't get at any other time. Once the animal is comfortable with that and expecting the treat, you can progress to a harder step. For example, let's say your dog always pulls his feet away when you try to touch them. Using counter-conditioning, you can change his negative reaction to having his feet touched. The tolerable level of exposure will be different for every dog, but it might involve slowly moving your hand toward one of his feet without actually touching it, and then giving him a treat. The next step might be lightly touching his foot very briefly before feeding him the treat.



Desensitization accompanied by counter-conditioning involves giving the treats based on what happens in the dog's environment rather than as a consequence of the dog's actions. So, if you misjudge how comfortable your dog will be when you reach for his foot, you would still give him the treat even if he pulls away. Then you would adjust your approach to make sure he feels more comfortable during the next session. Eventually, instead of feeling nervous when you touch his foot, your dog will be anticipating a special treat.

Implementing desensitization and counter-conditioning effectively is all about timing and knowing when to move forward and when to go back to the previous step. If you find that you feel stuck and your dog isn't making progress, consider consulting a relationship-based trainer.

General confidence-boosting for dogs

To build your dog's confidence in a more general way, provide him with enrichment activities and relationship-based training. Simply feeding your dog via food puzzles and getting him involved in nose work (which, by the way, is fun for both dogs and their people) can make him more confident. Training your dog using positive reinforcement teaches him that making decisions and engaging with you and the environment earns him good things, like treats and praise. After all, the more positive experiences your dog has, the more eager he will be for new adventures and the fun that they are sure to bring.



Actual Notices on Church Bulletin Boards

Thursday night - potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.



Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and the community.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.



Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.

Wednesday, the Ladies Liturgy Society will meet. Mrs. Jones will sing "Put Me In My Little Bed" accompanied by the pastor.

Thursday at 5:00 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become little mothers, please see the minister in his study.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Next Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and get a piece of paper.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement Friday.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.



At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" - come early and listen to our choir practice.

Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.

Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

"Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water."

The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.



The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break Forth into Joy."

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.



The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hospitality.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7:00 p.m. The Congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.



Weight Watchers will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.



