



President's Message

Happy New Year Everyone!!!

I hope everyone is looking forward to 2010, we have a couple of exciting things coming for our members.

First will be a Questions and Answer with a Veterinarian! Mark your calendars!

Dr. Michael Stenz DVM from Enfield Animal Hospital is coming to do a Question and Answer for our group at the barn on March 13th 2010 from 2:00-3:00pm.

Second will be a demonstration on "reading" your dog. You will be able to understand your dog better by the dog's body language. You will learn to watch the other dogs around you and see who the true "instigator" is! I am trying to set that up for our May meeting, as this year our Specialty Show falls on the 3rd Saturday! So we will be having a May meeting on the 8th.

If anyone else has any idea of something they would like to learn, or share with the membership- please let one of the board know and we'll look into it.

I wish all of you and Very Healthy and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Donna



Meeting Minutes

Western Massachusetts Shetland Sheepdog Club
General Meeting
November 14, 2009

Present: Lea Lupinacci, Sue Rivers, Donna Vera, Bobbie Smith, Roy E. Willis, Maude Sabourin, Roland Sabourin, Linda Houle, Sue Rembiesa, Dennis, Rembiesa, Terri Rinaldi, Pat Ferrell, Jane Kaba

Guest: Jeffrey Houle

Meeting was called to order at 1:20 pm by President Vera.

Corresponding Secretary: Charlotte had shoulder surgery and is doing well. Bob Lupinacci had angioplasty and is doing well. Fidelco sent us a thank you for the \$100 donation.



Upcoming Events

Jan 1, 2010

Jan 9, 2010

Feb 13, 2010

Mar 13, 2010

Apr 10, 2010

Membership Dues

Meeting

Meeting

Meeting & Vet Q&A

Annual Meeting



Treasurer's Report: Roy read the list of income and expenses including the agility show. Motion to accept: Terri Rinaldi, Dennis Rembiesa seconded. Passed

Donna sent around a signup sheet for the December Christmas Party Potluck. Raffle items are needed.

Dennis Rembiesa has agreed to be Santa again and bring his little Elf-helper. (Thank you, Rembiesas.)

Terri Rinaldi will not be the agility show chair this year. We need to find a new one. It was suggested that we pay someone to do it.

Pioneer Valley KC would like to use the fairgrounds for their agility trial on the day of our Fall Match. Roy will contact the fairgrounds to make sure there is nothing else happening that day. Donna will contact AKC to see what the ramifications are if we "try" it for a year. We discussed the various options as far as useable areas.

Petco "Meet The Breed" went very well as usual, thank you Dennis Rembiesa. Sue Rivers has pictures from Petco and from the Scottish festival to use on the website.

Pet Expo... we had 10 shelties there, grooming tables etc. Very well organized again, thanks to Dennis Rembiesa.

Open discussion was held on various topics of interest to all... i.e. feeding, crating, teeth cleaning. Jane Kaba mentioned the possibility of donating to the "Vest" program for police dogs.

Maude Sabourin made a motion to adjourn, Bobbie Smith seconded. Passed
Meeting was closed at 2:13 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lea Lupinacci, Recording Secretary



Q & A with Dr Michael Stenz, DVM

Dr. Michael Stenz DVM from Enfield Animal Hospital is coming to do a Question and Answer for our group at the barn on March 13th 2010 from 2:00 - 3:00pm.

Dr Mike has graciously accepted our invitation to come and meet with our members and answer any of your canine medical questions.

So please plan on making the March meeting and bring your beautiful Shelties and questions. This Q & A period we all have been looking forward to!

Special Thanks to Dennis Rembiesa for making the inquiry to his vet - Dr Mike.

About Dr. Michael Stenz, DVM

Dr. Michael Stenz has been a veterinarian for over 25 years. He has spent the last 22 years of his practice at Enfield Animal Hospital in Enfield, Ct.

Dr. Mike (as he is known in town) graduated from UConn in 1980 with a BS in Pathobiology.* He received his DVM from Michigan State College of Veterinarian Medicine in 1984. He has worked in a number of previous veterinarian capacities:

ASPCA in New York City
Catskill Game Farm
Attending to Dairy Farm Cattle
Mixed Practice

*The scientific study of the nature of disease and its causes, processes, development and consequences.



Annual Dog Awards

The Western Massachusetts Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inc. shall present to it's qualifying members an award to each Shetland Sheepdog honoring that dogs first achievement as specified by the Western Massachusetts Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inc. and reviewed by the Awards Committee, in AKC point competition or in competition regulated by reciprocating kennel clubs.

Qualifications

Awards shall be made to WMSSC members of one year or more in good standing, whose dog or dogs have completed final requirements as outlined below within any calendar year, January 1st through December 31st. A member in good standing is one who is current on dues and has attended at least two meetings and/or Specialty Show and Match in that calendar year.

A member must have owned the dog and have been a member of WMSSC when the title was earned.

Applications for awards shall be made in writing along with proof (a copy of certificate awarded for the accomplishment) on forms supplied by WMSSC. The AKC Gazette shall be the final authority on all other awards.

Plaques

One trophy plaque to the owner whose dog shall have completed the requirements for any ONE of the following titles, after which an 'add on' plaque will be given to the dog owner for the next 4 subsequent titles earned, after which additional add on's may be purchased by the member.

Breed

CH - Champion of Record
First Best of Breed
First Group 1
First Best in Show
First Best of Breed ASSA National
ROM - Register of Merit
Century Club

Junior Handling

3 or more Best in
Junior Showmanship

Obedience & Rally Obedience

Any Title or Champion
First High in Trial
First High Combined
First 200 Score
HIT ASSA National
200 ASSA National
High Combined ASSA National
NAC - National Obedience Champion

Agility, Herding, Tracking

Any Title or Champion
NAC - National Agility Champion

Versatile Companion - Agility + Obedience + Tracking Titles (4 levels plus VCCH if Champion in all 3)
Dual Champion - Champion + HC (Herding Champion)
Triple Champion - Dual Champion + OTCH or MACH or CT (Tracking Champion)

Certificates

A certificate to the owner whose dog shall have completed the requirements for:

Foreign Titles and/or reciprocating Kennel Club titles (CKC, Bermuda, UKC ect.)
Canine Good Citizen
Therapy Dog

Send Awards Application to:
Donna Vera
274 Colburn Rd
Canterbury, CT 06331-1117

Awards Application

for the 2009 Show Year

Owner's Name: _____

Dog's AKC Name: _____

Plaque

Dog's Name
(as you wish it to appear) _____

Title/Award Name _____

Date Title was Earned: _____

Show Title was Earned: _____

Add On

Members are responsible for the cost of the 5th (or more) add on per year.

Title/Award Name: _____

Date Title was Earned: _____

Show Title was Earned: _____

Engraving per letter: \$ _____ Tax: \$ _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Certificate

Dog's Name
(as you wish it to appear) _____

Title/Award Name: _____

Date Title was Earned: _____

Show Title was Earned: _____

Membership Renewal

Annual Membership Dues are due on or before January 1st

Single \$20 Family \$30

Please send dues and completed form to:

Roy Willis
14 Crooked Ledge Road
Southampton, MA 01073
413-527-3175

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Kennel Name _____

Birthday (Month and Day of each Member) _____

Type of Membership (circle) Single \$20 Family \$30

Type of Activities (circle all that apply)

Agility Agility Judge Breed CGC Evaluator Handler Herding Judge (licensed) Life Member

Obedience Obedience Judge Pet Rally Rally Judge Rescue Tattooing Tracking TDI Evaluator

Trainer Other: _____