



# *Shawnee Kennel Club*

## **Smoke Signals**

**April 2010**

**[www.shawneekennelclub.com](http://www.shawneekennelclub.com)**

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### *General Membership Meeting*

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### **President's Message**

Close Call

We managed to win the round at the meeting in Berryville last Friday, but I don't think this is over. Yes, the proposed ordinance was tabled, and will go back for rewording and rewriting. We can all hope that Mr. Russell will just drop this ordinance which isn't pet or breeder friendly, but I think he is determined to get this through and on the books in some form. I want to thank everyone who showed up for the meeting last Friday. Thanks to all of you showing up, we were successful, and the ordinance was tabled. Some of our members did a very good job of speaking out against the proposed ordinance, and everyone was well behaved and controlled themselves which was very important in getting our views across to the Planning Commission. I have no idea who the person was who saw the notice in the Winchester Star, but we are all in debt to you. The first I knew about this proposed ordinance was when Connie Fisher called me the day of the March meeting, and she sent me an email with the notice attached. Connie, I don't know if you were the one to see the notice, or if someone sent you the notice. However, we are all very thankful that this notice was seen in the

Winchester Star and was brought to everyone's attention. Thank you, Connie. If we hadn't shown up at this meeting like we did, this ordinance would have moved to the next level which would have been for the Board of Supervisors to vote on. The night of the March meeting, I sent an email about the proposed zoning ordinance for Clarke County to Martha Butler, our representative for the VA Federation, and she immediately contacted Alice Harrington and Sharyn Hutchens of the VA Federation. Alice and Sharyn did research into the past meeting minutes of the Clarke County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, and this proposed ordinance had come up in a meeting last fall. In fact, the Board of Supervisors voted it down, and sent it back to the Planning Commission. Then, there was a meeting in January, and I'm not sure if it got canceled because of the snow or not. Then, there was the meeting last Friday where we all received the notice that was in the Winchester Star. Both Alice and Sharyn were at the meeting last Friday, and gave everyone their support. Alice did speak during the public hearing part of the meeting. We all need to thank Alice and Sharyn for all their support and research concerning this proposed ordinance. Alice, Jerry, some of the kennel club members, and I have volunteered to be on a committee to work with Mr. Russell concerning this ordinance. Thank you to Noreen for having the "Proud to be a Breeder" badges to pass out for the meeting. The badges were very nice, and made an impact during the meeting. I think the club needs to consider having a legislative committee to check notices in the papers and monitor the government web sites so we'll have more notice in the future. Yes, this one was a little too close for comfort.

I want to welcome our newest member, Tina Monell. Tina has Great Danes and has attended our training classes; showed at our match last September and her puppy went Best Puppy in Match that day; stayed for our picnic; and attended our November and March meetings. Tina, we look forward to having you as a member of our Shawnee Kennel Club.

Thank you, Jerry for presenting the very interesting program on "Selecting Judges for our Shows" at the March meeting. The program was very informative and very well done. I liked your foot steps on your slides.

I have the dates for our next 2 meetings. Our May board and general membership meeting will be on May 18 at the Public Safety Building in Winchester at 6:00 p.m. for the board meeting and 6:30 p.m. for the general membership meeting. We hope to have a program for the May meeting. The June board and general membership meeting will be on June 15 at 6:00 p.m. for the board meeting and 6:30 p.m. for the general membership meeting. This will be our meeting before our shows so we won't have a program at the June meeting

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at these upcoming meetings. In the meantime, get outside and enjoy the spring weather.

Sharon Howse

## Announcements

We just finished the last set of classes at the union hall. There were 28 people signed up. Some really great dogs. I want to thank our students for making the last set of classes enjoyable. As I mentioned we will have the next set of classes sponsored by the Shawnee Kennel Club on June 2nd at 7p.m. at Jim Barnett Park, Winchester. The classes will run for 6 weeks. These classes are outdoors. If we have bad weather, you will be notified through the WINC radio web site by 5:30 p.m. day of the class. If we have enough interest we will do the puppy socialization again.

Gary

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### **HEALTH CLINIC – EYES**

**Sponsored by Blue Ridge Shetland Sheepdog Club**

**Saturday, June 19, 2010**

**10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Clarke County Recreation Center**

**Berryville, VA**

**Eye exams by Canine Ophthalmologist - Dr. Nancy Bromberg \$30**

**Microchip implants by veterinarian \$15**

**Tattoo by veterinarian \$15**

Register by June 10 to guarantee an appointment — *Appointments are required. We are required to have 50 dogs.*

Thanks to all who have supported this event in past years. We will schedule appointments to minimize wait time. You will be given a check-in time to complete paperwork and drop eyes.

**Location this year – Clarke County Recreation Building., Berryville, VA**

**Traveling West on Route 7:** Follow Route 7 West from Leesburg towards Winchester. Cross the Shenandoah River Bridge. Clock 4.8 miles from West end of the bridge. Turn left into Berryville at sign, "Berryville Next left" Business Route 7. Go 2.7 miles through downtown Berryville and turn left into Clarke County Park on Al Smith Drive. **\*\*Go .2 mile, bear right on the driveway**

which circles around the Park Office. Clarke Recreation Center will be on your right. Look for a brick building with parking in front and side. Ex-pens are welcome on the grass. Dogs and crates should enter from the side door. Note: When on Business Route 7 through Berryville you will cross over the railroad tracks. The 2nd traffic light is intersection of Route 340. Continue straight on Route 7, pass Berryville Primary School to Park entrance on left. Park is directly across the street from the Clarke County Fairgrounds.

**Traveling East on Route 7:** From Winchester follow route 7 East toward Berryville. As you approach Berryville, bear right onto exit for Berryville Business Route 7 (just before the traffic light. Go .4 mile, turn right into Clarke County Park, Al Smith Drive, and follow drive according to directions above\*\*.

**From Route 50:** Take Route 340 North 7.7 miles to Berryville. Route 340 intersections Business Route 7, turn left and follow to the park on left. See above\*\*.

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Registration form: Mail by June 10: to Geri Mercer, 45419 Persimmon Lane, Sterling VA 20165  
consortdog@comcast.net Phone 703-444-3734

Make Checks payable to Blue Ridge Shetland Sheepdog Club (BRSSC)

\_\_\_\_ Eye checks (\$30) \_\_\_\_ Microchips (\$15) \_\_\_\_ Tattoos (\$15) Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of dog(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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**BLUE RIDGE SHETLAND  
SHEEPDOG CLUB**

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**10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Clarke County Recreation Center, Berryville, VA**

**AKC Canine Good Citizen Test (CGC)**

**Therapy Dogs International Test (TDI)**

**All Dogs – All Ages**

**Purebred and Mixed Breed**

**by**

**Kathy Brunner**

Blue Ridge Shetland Sheepdog Club will sponsor an **AKC Canine Good Citizen Test** along with our **Health Clinic**. Both will be held at the Clarke County Recreation Center in Berryville, VA. The Health Clinic will be held inside the Rec Center and the CGC Test will be outside on the right side of the Center, under the trees – Saturday, June 19, 2010 – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The Test will be conducted by AKC Certified Tester, Kathy Brunner. All breeds and mixed-breed dogs are welcome. No age restrictions. Cost \$5.00 per dog for CGC, \$10.00 per dog for CGC and TDI. You can preregister or sign up on test day. Test requirements are laid out on the AKC website:

[http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/training\\_testing.cfm](http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/training_testing.cfm)

**For more information contact Kathy Brunner - sheltiedoximom@yahoo.com**

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

I will attend the **CGC/TDI Test** in Berryville, VA on June 19, 2010.

Enclosed is a check to BRSSC for:

Number of dogs for CGC \_\_\_\_\_ at \$5.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dogs for CGC and TDI \_\_\_\_\_ at \$10.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with check made out to Blue Ridge SSC to:

Kathy Brunner, 330 Beeman Lane Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

For more information call 304-258-3666. E-mail at sheltiedoximom@yahoo.com

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**Of Interest to All**

RE: PARVO -- Print and take to your Vet

Date: 2010-04-04, 5:30PM

PARVO -- PLEASE PRINT THIS OUT AND TAKE IT TO YOUR VETERINARIAN – IT JUST MIGHT HELP!!!!

TREATMENT OF PARVOVIRUS & KENNEL COUGH USING TAMIFLU

One of the drugs making a lot of news in the veterinary therapeutic arena right now is TamiFlu (oseltamivir phosphate). This drug, developed by Roche, is used to treat human influenza. In April this year, Dr. Jack Broadhurst published his findings on Veterinary Information Network (VIN), on his use of Tamiflu in the treatment of Parvo in shelter puppies. Because of a limited budget, the shelter was unable to use expensive IV fluids and hospitalization.

It was one visit to a veterinarian, SQ fluids and antibiotics and back to the shelter on oral electrolytes and antibiotics.

The mortality rate was 75%. When Dr. Broadhurst added Tamiflu orally at 1mg/lb, twice a day; they went from 75% mortality to 100% survival (5). When the powder is reconstituted, you have a suspension of 25ml at 12mg/cc. The amount that is given to a small puppy, the most common patient, is 0.4 ml for a 10 lb puppy. This amount is so small it usually does not trigger vomiting if given slowly (5).

No, there have been no collaborated controlled studies and the purist will question whether the Tamiflu is making any difference. After five months the success rate is in excess of 95%. Try it. You be the judge.

I have had some experience with Tamiflu with another disease, which in South Florida, is causing a lot of very sick dogs. The disease is Kennel Cough. I had my bottle of Tamiflu on the shelf in my pharmacy, waiting for the first Parvo case to try it. Before I had the

opportunity, I was presented with another situation. One of the greyhound trainers, who I trust, came to me for Doxycycline for use in an outbreak of Kennel Cough. I seized the opportunity, as I felt I had nothing to lose but the \$35.00 for the cost of the bottle of Tamiflu. I asked her to take her 3 worst dogs and give them Tamiflu at 1mg/kg, twice a day, half the dose used in Parvo. I gave her the medication on Thursday. She started treatment on Friday. On Monday, 4 days after, she was back. The 3 dogs, by Sunday night, had stopped coughing and were doing great. The other dogs showed little or no improvement. She wanted enough for all the dogs. We ordered it and had it the next day. She treated 140 dogs and the outbreak was shortened by 2-3 weeks. Her dogs were back to training, running and winning, some in a matter of days, some within 10 days of the contraction of the disease. Before Tamiflu, it would take 2-3 weeks.

Two other greyhound kennels in Alabama and Kansas have had success with the use of Tamiflu in curtailing the outbreak of Kennel Cough. (A total of 282 dogs) Here again, the purist will say that kennel cough manifests itself in various ways and with variation in severity and convalescence. I know this fact only too well, but when you get a clinical response with the use of a product, when the only variable is that product, then I will use that product as long as it does no harm.

Tamiflu (oseltamivir phosphate) is a neuraminidase inhibitor. What is neuraminidase?? It is a protein found on the surface membrane of many viruses and bacteria. Its presence enables the virus to break from the host cell to infect other cells and is required for the virus to pass through mucous to reach non-infected cells. Neuraminidase is also required for a pathogenic bacteria to colonize.

In the case of Bordetella bronchiseptica organisms, the major component of Kennel Cough, it has neuraminidase receptors on their cell membranes that enable them to colonize on respiratory epithelial cells. Neuraminidase inhibitors, like Tamiflu, will prevent colonization in the trachea and bronchi.

There are 6 possible mechanisms that a neuraminidase inhibitor, such as Tamiflu, may work.

Inhibition of viral particles released from infected cells  
Reduce the ease with which the virus can move to infect adjacent cells  
Reduce bacteria colonization  
Reduce the migration of white blood cells, macrophages, from the blood to the infected tissue to create cellular injury  
Reduce the number of T-Lymphocytes from migrating to the infected tissue creating cellular injury  
Reduce the role of any bacterial toxins on muscles, blood vessels, lymph nodes, liver, spleen, kidney and trachea (5).

The success of Tamiflu depends on the neuraminidase factor. This drug is like using a laser as opposed to most antibiotics, which are like a shot gun. A word of caution. Tamiflu does not work on the Distemper virus or other forms of gastroenteritis.

By:

FERNANDES, PETER T.

AARDVARK ANIMAL HOSPITAL

7005 WEST 4 TH AVENUE

HIALEAH, FLORIDA 33014

Dr. Fernandes is the past president of the South Florida Veterinary Medical Association and the South Florida Veterinary Foundation, and is a member of the board of the Humane Society of Greater Miami and Pet Rescue.

Other links on using Tamiflu to treat Parvovirus:

[http://www.marvistavet.com/html/body\\_oseltamivir.html](http://www.marvistavet.com/html/body_oseltamivir.html)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamiflu>

<http://vettechs.blogspot.com/2005/04/oseltamivir-is-there-new-treatment-for/html>

<http://www.veterinarypartner.com/Content.plx?P=A&S=0&:amp;C=0&A=1885>

This information is not intended to be used as veterinary advice, nor to replace consultation with a qualified veterinarian.

Veterinarians interested in treatment of Parvo with Tamiflu can also contact Dr. Jack Broadhurst, a veterinarian coordinating research into Tamiflu in the treatment of canine parvovirus, kennel cough, feline distemper, and the canine flu, for information on dosages and his research.

His email address is [DocCat@aol.com](mailto:DocCat@aol.com).

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**Dr. Jean Dodds' Vaccination Protocol:**

**CANINE VACCINATION PROTOCOL – 2009**

MINIMAL VACCINE USE

W. Jean Dodds, DVM

**HEMOPET**

938 Stanford Street  
Santa Monica, CA 90403  
310-828-4804

Note: The following vaccine protocol is offered for those dogs where minimal vaccinations are advisable or desirable. The schedule is one I recommend and should not be interpreted to mean that other protocols recommended by a veterinarian would be less satisfactory. It's a matter of professional judgment and choice.

Age of Pups	Vaccine Type
9 - 10 weeks	Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV (e.g. Intervet Progard Puppy DPV)
14 weeks	Same as above
16 -18 weeks ( <u>optional</u> )	Same as above ( <u>optional</u> )
20 weeks or older, if allowable by law	Rabies
1 year	Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV
1 year	Rabies, killed 3-year product (give 3-4 weeks <i>apart</i> from distemper/parvovirus booster)

Perform vaccine antibody titers for distemper and parvovirus every three years thereafter, or more often, if desired. Vaccinate for rabies virus according to the law, except where circumstances indicate that a written waiver needs to be obtained from the primary care veterinarian. In that case, a rabies antibody titer can also be performed to accompany the waiver request. [See www.rabieschallengefund.org](http://www.rabieschallengefund.org)

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HSUS LOBBYING IN YOUR STATE

Dear SAOVA friends,

HSUS State Director Kim Alboum has now concluded the Lobby 101 Seminars in North Carolina, holding seminars in 9 cities around the state during February and March. Some seminars attracted less than a dozen listeners while a few did better with attendance at approximately 50. The seminars generated poor interest overall considering HSUS claims to have 240,000 members in the Tarheel State.

With little variation, the message was the same to all those who attended: legitimize the cause; go mainstream; get media coverage; talk to legislators and create relationships.

Alboum advised attendees that to initiate change, HSUS supporters need to mobilize, come together, and be viewed as mainstream. She blamed last year's losses in the General Assembly on HSUS supporters' inability to organize effectively. Alboum continued to encourage her audience to meet their legislators face to face; find out where they go to church; what outside groups they belong to; befriend their staff; and use HSUS fact sheets as hand outs for each introduced bill.

Alboum emphasized the importance of getting stories to the media to get their message out and spread the word.

## HSUS STRATEGIES AND UPCOMING LEGISLATION

**FIGHT AGAINST FACTORY FARMING.** A strategy HSUS plans to employ is an alliance with the "local foods" people in the HSUS fight against factory farms and their effort to force veganism on the world. Alboum handed out copies of the 15th Annual Piedmont Farm Tour brochure (April 24 and 25), telling the audience to contact these farmers and ask them to help in the fight against animal agriculture. Alboum stated she has been contacting the farmers, already polarizing them with HSUS propaganda.

## FIGHT AGAINST TRANSPORTING HORSES, PROCESSING HORSEMEAT.

Alboum briefly explained that horse processing plants for human consumption had been closed because HSUS had been successful in eliminating funding for federal inspection of the plants. Alboum justified the plant closings by stating that horse slaughter was inhumane, and that the meat was "tainted" and was not good for anything anyway. Now HSUS is fighting to stop all transportation of horses for slaughter outside the U.S. Clearly, Alboum is not well versed in the nutritional qualities of horsemeat, and chooses to ignore the fact there is a thriving international market for horsemeat which is high in protein and low in fat.

## PUPPY MILL BILL.

SB460, the HSUS "Puppy Mill Bill" unfortunately passed the NC Senate in 2009 by one vote and is currently in House Finance. A call to arms was sent to the audience by Alboum to begin making calls to House legislators and to Julia Howard (Vice Chairman, Finance) in support of SB460 passage in the May legislative session.

Among the many exaggerations presented to justify the bill are claims that the original HSUS estimation of 200 large-scale breeders was wrong and it is likely that figure is double with at least 400 "puppy mills" operating in the state. Noteworthy is the ease with which the terms commercial breeder and "puppy mill" are used interchangeably.

Alboum informed her audience that "puppy mills" should be shut down because they spread *Giardia*, a "virus" contagious to humans. Again, Alboum is misinforming her listeners. *Giardia* is not a virus, it is a microscopic parasite found worldwide and is recognized as a common cause of waterborne disease in humans in the United States. The *Giardia* parasite lives in the intestine of infected humans or animals (e.g., cats, dogs, cattle, deer, and beavers) causing nausea and diarrhea. According to the CDC, anyone can get *giardiasis* including people who drink from poorly monitored wells, and backpackers, hikers, and campers who drink untreated water.

Alboum continued by stating that puppy millers from neighboring states, such as Virginia and Tennessee, are flooding into North Carolina following passage of regulation there. Did Alboum and HSUS have time to examine real estate records in three states in order to reach this conclusion or is this yet another wild accusation pulled out of thin air to create a crisis looking for a solution? As we have pointed out before, the same sound bites of breeders fleeing from one state to another are distributed by HSUS in every state with a pending breeder bill.

When questioned about why the bill did not include cats, Alboum's answer was "baby steps, they are next, then birds." Alboum also expressed her disappointment that the original bill had been downgraded to complaint driven inspection rather than annual inspections. Likewise the numbers used to establish a commercial breeder ("puppy mill") were increased, but Alboum stated that in reality owning 6 females should be the separating line between hobby and commercial breeder. Alboum assured the audience that getting ANY bill on the books was worth the effort as it could be tightened up later on.

HSUS is intent on regulating dog breeders. Alboum did not have specific details, but mentioned that HSUS was working on a plan to assist North Carolina counties with enforcement costs for SB460. Make no mistake - the animal rights agenda has nothing to do with welfare, it is about control. HSUS yearns to become an arm of the government as demonstrated by their previous scheme to be the

enforcement agency for USDA kennel inspections and more recent petition to President Obama to appoint a Federal Animal Protection Liaison.

#### FOX PENNING.

Albourn stated a plan to revive the fox penning bill from 2009 to include coyotes. She stated that the practice of penning originally began to train hunting dogs, but has since evolved into a blood sport that is a cross between a canned hunt and animal fighting. Albourn informed her audience that at fox pens, dogs were turned loose to rip foxes apart. She said there were 150 pens in the state and most people were not aware of this barbaric practice.

HSUS has a history of opposing hunting with dogs, and Albourn's false statements are in line with the organization's misrepresentation of training and penning operations and hound hunting in general. Fox pens are regulated and permitted by NC Wildlife Resources, cannot be less than 500 acres; cannot use foxes transported across state lines; must have one approved, inspected, dog-proof escape den for every 35 acres. Although HSUS claims foxes are "live bait" for packs of dogs tear apart, in reality it is considered to be very undesirable to have one of the dogs even harm one of the foxes. The contest is actually between dog owners, trainers and their dogs to see whose dogs were best bred and trained for the specific job of chasing foxes.

Although decline of their natural predator, wolves, has allowed coyotes to expand their natural range from Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina, Albourn told her audience that the coyotes populating our state were the result of the breeding of coyotes that had escaped from these pens.

#### NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATORS.

State Senator Neal Hunt (R-Wake) is perhaps number one on the HSUS's most appreciated legislators list for his efforts in introducing the anti-penning bill and his general support of the HSUS anti-breeder initiative.

Albourn expressed appreciation to the wife of Congressman David Price (D, 4) who personally lobbied the NC General Assembly in support of the breeder bill, SB460.

Albourn reported that HSUS lobbyists have met with Senator Kay Hagan to discuss federal legislation. Hagan is a supporter of HR503 which would end transportation of horses outside the U.S. for slaughter, but is not supportive of other HSUS efforts against animal agriculture since this is a major North Carolina industry.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

Know thy enemy. Attend the HSUS Lobby Seminar in your own state, learn the upcoming agenda, and prepare for the battle. We cannot afford to have HSUS and animal rightists frame the issues, labeling us as exploiters and legislating away our rights.

The "word" that HSUS sends to the media is generally a mix of misinformation and outright lies. The false, detrimental HSUS accusations cannot go unchallenged. If local media airs biased reports, assist in contacting the writers with facts. Write your own letter to the editor correcting the HSUS propaganda piece.

Coalition Building. Find allies to assist on a given piece of legislation, even if these allies have a slightly different perspective due to their specific area. Stop infighting! Compromise with radical animal rightists on anti-breeder, anti-agriculture animal rights legislation only serves to give them a platform for increased, restrictive regulation of our hobbies, sports, and livelihoods.

Use the ballot box to vote controlling, animal rightist supporting legislators out of office.

Join the campaign asking for an IRS audit of the HSUS excessive lobbying practices and revocation of their nonprofit status.

<http://www.saova.org/SpayNeuterHSUS.html>

Send examples of HSUS excessive lobbying to the IRS with a short cover letter for inclusion in the audit.

The world not only belongs to those who show up, it's controlled by the best informed and most motivated.

Cross posting is encouraged.

Susan Wolf

Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance - <http://saova.org>

Issue lobbying and working to identify and elect supportive legislators

Your financial assistance is vital to SAOVA's advocacy.

## Braggs

Braggs from Mi Karma GSH Pointers- Tina Parker-Craig

3/5-6/2010 "Vegas" Ch. Mi Karma Fldfn Keeping the Faith,JH qualifies in Rally Nov. B with scores of 98 & 99 and second and first place class placements to finish her Rally Novice title. The completion of this title will qualify her for the Versatility Certificate from the GSP Club of America

3/6/2010- "Alice" Mi Karma's Colorful Visions @ Honeybriar goes WB/BOS over Specials at the MD Sporting Dog show for her third major.

3/6/2010- "Wynn" Ch. Mi Karma's Wynning Colors,JH wins Best of Breed at MD Sporting Dog.

3/7/2010- "Alice" Mi Karma's Colorful Visions @ Honeybriar goes WB/BW for two points to finish her CHAMPIONSHIP. Alice was also awarded Bred-By Exhibitor BOB and went on to be awarded BEST-BRED BY IN SHOW!!!

3/20-21/2010- "Esme" Mi Karma's Eclipse of Color" earned her first two Junior Hunter legs.

3/26-27/2010- "Esme" Mi Karma's Eclipse of Color" goes WB for a major in Raleigh on Friday and WB/BOW for two points in Raleigh on Saturday.

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The Hum'nbirds started Spring right! We took the new RV for its debut weekend to York for the shows on Mar 20-21. On Sunday, our 'Grant' aka Hum'nbird Ice My Cake was WD/BOS for his second major. Then not to be outdone, his kennelmate 'Devin' aka Hum'nbird Classic Style was WB/BOW/BOB for her first major. Both were shown from the Bred-By class!

Carrie Chase

Hum'nbird Pembroke Welsh Corgis

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From Mary Lamphier:

Treasure IS - WB at York, 3/17; WB - Lancaster 3/18; BOB over group winning specials York 3/19

Jamie BJH - Alamance KC 3/25 and Durham KC 3/26

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Huge Congrats go to Jeff Slonaker who achieved two back to back majors and a new champion CH Karnak's Good Morgan Sunshine



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## **Rainbow Bridge**

On March 8, late in the evening, Benson (CH Gaelic N Cutts What Women Want) escaped from the fenced back yard and chased one of the feral cats across the road. The cat made it, Benny didn't. We have 2 of his kids, and there are 3 others out in the ring, so his legacy goes on, but we will always miss his cuddly personality.