



Shawnee Kennel Club

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General Membership Meeting

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President's Message

Best Laid Plans of Mice and Men

Well, our much anticipated trip to Scotland went up in smoke, or should I say volcanic ash. We had been planning this trip for over a year, and we were both so disappointed and devastated when our flight to fly out of Dulles to Aberdeen, Scotland was canceled on April 17 because of the ash from the volcano in Iceland. We were going over for the Centenary Weekend of the Cairn Terrier Club in Scotland to help them celebrate their 100th anniversary. There were 2 shows planned for that weekend, and the Kennel Club in UK had awarded the Cairn Terrier Club an additional set of CCs for the weekend which most of you know is a very coveted prize over in the UK. We were leaving a week prior to the weekend of shows so we could tour around Scotland and visit places we had not been on previous trips, and after the Centenary Weekend, we were planning to take a few more days to take the Castle Tour and the Whisky Tour before flying back home on April 29. When our flight was canceled on April 17, the earliest the airline could reschedule us was April 29, and that was the day we were returning home. Jerry had a judging assignment on May 1 of his 2 provisional breeds so we could not reschedule the trip on that date. We ended up taking the refund from the airlines, and canceling the rest of our trip. At this

point, I was thinking of the saying, “The Best Laid Plans of Mice and Men” There is usually a reason for things like this to happen, and a silver lining, but I’m still waiting for it to reveal itself. Hopefully, we can reschedule our trip at a later date, but I’m afraid we won’t be around for the Cairn Terrier Club’s 200 year celebration.

However, I can say that things are on track concerning our 2010 shows. The premium list proof came back for proofing, and it has been proofed with the corrections and updates, and sent back to MB-F, Inc. by the deadline. Hopefully, we caught all the mistakes and typing errors. All of our committee people are in place, and they’re all working towards the show weekend. Our AKC sanctioned match scheduled to start 30 minutes after Best in Show on Saturday has been approved by AKC, and the Bred-by Competition for the Sunday show has also been approved by AKC. It’s a good feeling to know that everything is coming together for our weekend of shows.

I’m looking forward to our general membership meeting on Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. Carrie Chase will be presenting the program for us. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at the May meeting.

Sharon Howse

General Membership Minutes

Shawnee Kennel Club

General meeting March 18, 2010. Held at the Public Safety Building in Winchester, Va.

Attendance:

Members

Carole Silverthorne
Jeanne Jackson
Chuck Jackson
Frank Bayliss
Brad Coffinberger
Ashley Banks
Sheila Fitzgerald
James Fitzgerald
Donna Germelman
Sandra De Laet
Sharon Howse
Jerry Howse
Tina Parker-Craig
Mary Lou Crouch
Jami Moore
Jane West
Scotti Slonaker
Cindy DeGidio
Mary Lamphier
Stacie Stern-Leaphart
Ellen Rivers

Guests

John Coffinberger
Evelyn Coffinberger
Bev Zarvish
Tina Monell

Sharon called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

January minutes were received by members. Jane motioned to accept the minutes. Sandra seconded the motion. Minutes approved. Treasurers report. Scotti read the treasurers report. Scotti congratulated the handling classes on income; they have come within \$200.00 of recovering the cost of the mats used in the classes. Scotti also gave a detailed report on the oxygen masks, cost and recipients. Sharon touched on the subject of the public hearing notice seen in the paper. The hearing will be held on April 2nd, 2010 9:00 am in Berryville, Va. The meeting will be re-defining the terms “kennel”. To be discussed later in the meeting. Some brief discussion. Chuck suggested a letter be written. Mary suggested we make them aware of how much money we give back to the community. Mary also mentioned Pete Dunning as a contact. Mary Lou mentioned a Va. Pet law list. Jerry said that anyone you can think of that could be of help, contact them!

Sharon announced that she and Jerry will be giving a group one trophy. Anyone else interested in doing the same should contact Chuck or Jeanne.

Back to the meeting agenda.committee reports.

Corresponding secretary. Ellen had nothing new to report.

Website. Mary Lou explained she has been having some computer problems, a virus. She is now re-building and is making it allowable for others to contribute announcements. She is using Dreamware software which is password protected. Jerry asked if it would it be difficult for hackers to access the website? Mary Lou said it would difficult for hackers to access the website, with her and

two assistants accessing the site. The Café Press store has had some trouble with lining up logos. Mary Lou asked for graphics help. Carole volunteered her husband. They will talk.

Newsletter. Noreen absent.

Nominating committee. Sharon announced Jane will be stepping down after her term is complete in September. Jane will be our board representative on the committee. Mary will be the chair and has been given a list by the board for committee members.

Training classes. Ashley reported that everything is going well, and the puppies are doing great. The classes are on Wednesday's 7:00 (puppies) 7:30 (adults), at the UAW hall in Winchester, Va. The cost is \$20.00 for members, \$25.00 for non-members, or \$5.00 a class.

Show committee. Jerry said our judge's panel is approved for our July 16th/17th show. A rough draft has been submitted for the premium list. There will be changes in this year's list, particularly RV parking. Harry will be doing the parking again this year. The parking fees have also changed \$2.00 for exhibitors, \$5.00 per car for spectators. We will be having an armband raffle for a gas card. The amount is to be determined at a later date. Club members will need a parking pass this year. They will be distributed at the June meeting, closer to the time of the show. If you are unable to attend the meeting when they are distributed, you will need to contact Mary for a pass....or pay \$2.00 to park. Then you can try and collect your \$2.00 from Scotti. ☺ Sunday we are having a "bred by exhibitor" group. The judges for this group will be announced the day of the show.

Match. Saturday following the show will be a "B" match. It will include a 3-6 mo. class. People are cautioned about bringing the puppies to the show grounds before the start of the match. People need to be careful about having those puppies at the show site too early.

Mary suggested an "alumni elite" championship to be judged by current juniors. They would also be critiqued.

Trophy report. Chuck reported that the only rosettes that will have the club medallion with logo this year will be the rosettes for Bred-by Exhibitor group, group placements, and the Best Bred- by rosette. BIS trophy for Saturday will be a silver wine cooler engraved with the date of the show and SKC. BIS trophy for Sunday will be a silver serving tray engraved with the date of the show and SKC. At this point the serving tray is not available and may have to be substituted with a cooler? Wine from a local winery will also be given with each BIS trophy. The group trophies are in hand.

Grounds committee. Chuck submitted his report for the show manual Jerry is putting together. He suggested other committees do the same. He will be submitting the trophy committee report next. Cindy commented that the hospitality committee report was submitted two years ago. ☺

Membership. Since Anne was absent, Cindy read the application for Tina Monell. Sharon mentioned that Tina has attended more than the required number of events necessary to become a member. Sharon presented Tina to the club for a vote. All voted, none opposed, welcome Tina.

Old business. None.

New business. Chuck told us about the t-shirts available from "Personalize It". A blue polo pique embroidered with SKC sizes S-XL would cost us \$13.95 a shirt. Sizes 2X and 3X would cost \$2.00 more a shirt. Plus tax. Mary asked about when to take orders; Chuck said we could do it at the next meeting if approved tonight. Jerry moved to authorize Chuck to go ahead with getting the logo to the printer, to get the shirts to be worn at SKC functions. Donna seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried. Sheets for orders will be at the May meeting.

Back to the hearing.....

Martha Butler was absent from the meeting, Sharon had thought she would be there to talk to us about VFDCB experience with these hearings.

Chuck motioned to have the club write a letter with our president's signature, opposing the Clarke Co. zoning proposal. Ellen seconded the motion.

Discussion.

Frank- We use their fairgrounds, and we could move our show to a dog friendly county.

Mary suggested we also send a copy of the letter to the newspaper.

Ellen- Site the things we do for the community. The masks, shelter donations, etc.

Chuck- suggested contacting farmers and making them aware it could affect them due to "barn cats".

Chuck called for question.

Cindy read the motion.

The vote was all in favor, none opposed, and Sharon will write the letter.

Sharon announced she will keep everyone up to date, and it will be on the website.

Sharon announced the next meeting will be Tuesday May 18th, at the Public Safety Building. 6:00 board meeting, 6:30 general meeting.

For the good of the club....

Donna motioned to adjourn; Mary seconded the motion, all in favor.

Jerry presented a program titled "Building a Judging Panel for our Shows".

Announcements

Show Catalog Ads

I hope you will consider placing an advertisement in the catalog that will be available at the July shows sponsored by Shawnee Kennel Club. Not only do the ads bring a personal, and attractive, feeling to the catalog, they also help out with the expenses the club must meet. Ads from club members or other exhibitors are welcome. Ads in memory of a favorite or top-winning dog are a wonderful addition to the pages of the catalog. Ads from retailers and service providers—your vet, for example, or the store where you buy lots of dog supplies—are fabulous and bring in “outside” funds which is always a good thing. If you want me to contact a potential advertiser for you, just let me know.

Choose a full-page or a half-page advertisement, add a photo if you like, and come join other club members and some of the people we rely on for help with our dogs on the pages of our catalog. Let’s make our exhibitors feel welcome and not only enhance the appearance and sale of catalogs but enhance our treasury.

Details about size and cost are available on the club Website or directly from me. Deadline is June 1 so we can avoid late fees. Thanks for helping on this project.

Regina Swygert-Smith
Catalog Advertising Chairman
540-868-1055
randm@bilbroughterriers.com

The next set of conformation classes will begin Wednesdays June 2nd and go to July 7th at 7:30 p.m. at Jim Barnett Park, Winchester. Please let Connie know if you are interested in a puppy socialization class for dogs under 6 months old. Cost will be \$25.00 for non-members and \$20.00 for members. The puppy socialization class will be \$20.00 for all.

Thanks,
Gary, Connie and Lorraine



SHAWNEE KENNEL CLUB

Scotti S. Slonaker – Treasurer

May 5, 2010

Shawnee Kennel Club Members:

Your 2010 membership to Shawnee Kennel Club is due July 1, 2010; please send check made to the order of Shawnee Kennel Club for whichever type of membership is listed below to: Shawnee Kennel Club 115 Potomac Place Winchester, Virginia 22602:

Regular Membership.....\$10.00

Junior Membership.....\$5.00

To receive the newsletter and notices of upcoming meetings and events please pay your 2010 dues in full by September 30, 2010.

Those members planning on attending the May 2010 can bring the dues with them. Thank you in advance.

Regards;

Scotti S. Slonaker
Treasurer

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**.

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): _____

BLUE RIDGE SHETLAND

SHEEPDOG CLUB

Saturday, June 19, 2010

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

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
Blue Ridge Shetland Sheepdog Club
Website
www.BRSSC.org

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Of Interest to All

Dear Friends,

Now that our federal government has allowed the HSUS and its followers to have a stamp created to "help care for rescue animals," or whatever they say about it, I feel that it is time for me to become active in spreading the information about HSUS and PETA to everyone I know. In the first place, how can a U. S. postage stamp which is the same price as any other postage stamp raise money to feed stray animals? The cost of the postage is the same. Is the government going to subsidize the cost with tax dollars? I hope not, but if it does not, where is the money coming from? The USPS needs all it can get, apparently, since it is in such dismal financial condition. This is just another ruse created by these brilliant animal rights radicals.

I will not buy the stamp. I do not support HSUS or PETA. And I ask you not to either.

Please see these two lovely videos and read *carefully* the two comments from the leaders of HSUS and PETA. Dear friends, there is an agenda beneath everything they do, and it is not an agenda to help pitiful animals. It is an agenda to stop human involvement with domesticated animals. Please educate yourself and help me spread the word. Whether or not you are personally a pet owner or an animal lover, I am sure that you cannot deny the value of animals to human life.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ettJtlmr4wM>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5iKVM5FKAw&feature=related>

These are brand new videos from our friends at the Missouriians for Animal Care coalition. It is hot off the press and few people have seen this so far...

Send this to your friends, town, county and state officials, federal legislators.

Thank you,

Connie Fisher

SAOVA First Annual Legislative Awards

Dear SAOVA Friends,

SAOVA is proud to announce our Annual Legislative Award program and honor the state legislators who were our first recipients.

During legislative sessions burdened with emotion, these legislators clearly demonstrated their commitment to continue working with animal owners and sportsmen to preserve property rights and assure protection of our sporting heritage.

Each legislator understands firsthand the many challenges facing citizens involved in all facets of the animal industry and realizes that overzealous animal protection legislation can negatively impact responsible animal owners and sportsmen.

Collectively these legislators displayed outstanding leadership assisting their colleagues in making informed decisions about animal issues using factual, scientific data from experts in veterinary science and animal husbandry.

As an example, Representative Mark Homer (TX) received an award for authoring a bill that reinstated the right to appeal in civil animal cruelty cases.

After the existing statute was ruled unconstitutional, Mississippi Senator J. P. Wilemon has worked with stakeholders to introduce an animal cruelty bill that would protect animals while preserving the constitutional rights of their owners.

Montana Representative Edward Butcher demonstrated leadership skills in response to the growing concern over the fate of unwanted horses by introducing legislation aimed at providing a humane and regulated processing plant as an option for Montana ranchers and horse owners.

Illinois Representative David Reis served on the IL Dog Task Force and was instrumental in defending Illinois citizens' right to own, field trial, and breed dogs against proposed overbearing regulations.

Each legislator on our 2009 Award list is a champion for animal owners in their own right. SAOVA along with our state volunteers appreciate the support they have shown us.

Representative Ed Butcher (MT) Legislator of the Year 2009

Senator Stan Gerzofsky (ME) Legislator of the Year 2009

Representative David Reis (IL) Legislator of the Year 2009

Delegate Ed Scott (VA) Legislator of the Year 2009

Senator Mimi Walters (CA) Legislator of the Year 2009

Senator J. P. Wilemon, Jr. (MS) Legislator of the Year 2009

Representative Charles Anderson (TX) Legislative Leader 2009

Senator Mae Beavers (TN) Legislative Leader 2009

Representative Steve Drazkowski (MN) Legislative Leader 2009

Representative Dan Flynn (TX) Legislative Leader 2009

Representative Rod Hamilton (MN) Legislative Leader 2009

Representative Dewey L. Hill (NC) Legislative Leader 2009

Representative Mark Homer (TX) Legislative Leader 2009

Representative Edmund Kuempel (TX) Legislative Leader 2009

Representative Frank Niceley (TN) Legislative Leader 2009

Representative Jason Smith (MO) Legislative Leader 2009

Representative Fred Steen (NC) Legislative Leader 2009

Senator Jerry Tillman (NC) Legislative Leader 2009

Representative Jim Viebrock (MO) Legislative Leader 2009

Representative Arthur Williams (NC) Legislative Leader 2009

The commitment demonstrated by the 2009 Legislative Award Recipients is exemplified in this quote from Representative Steve Drazkowski (MN), "Through continued vigilance in the legislative process and by educating people about the true agenda of the animal rights movement, we can ensure that our God-given rights to own, show, hunt, raise and sell animals, will be preserved."

Visit the new Legislative Awards page on the SAOVA website <http://www.saova.org/awards.html> and join us in honoring this group of state legislators.

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

Susan Wolf

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

Issue lobbying and working to identify and elect supportive legislators

Hi friends,

I mentioned this dog seizure case to Colleen yesterday and it is not a joke. Today I spent the last 5 hours sitting in District Court in Warrenton, waiting for a dog seizure case to come up. It was in the Fauquier Democrat (local newspaper) that a Marshall poodle breeder was raided after a complaint that someone purchased a puppy with a matted coat and a skin infection, and all of her 34 poodles were seized. By law a court date must be held within 10 days to determine if the seizure was legal. She has not been charged with anything. I thought this was too close (geographically) for comfort and I ought to go watch and learn.

I googled this woman's name, looked up her website, and recognized her as someone I have seen at UKC shows. Her website is filled with health clearances on her dogs. She shows her dogs. She belongs to dog clubs. Sounds like she does everything right.

What I learned today takes my breath away at the injustice in our society. She lost her dogs. Zip, zap, gone. She paid an Arlington attorney \$10,000 to defend her. He talked her into plea bargaining (remember, there are no charges filed against her) and giving up her dogs. If she didn't do this, the defense would cost upwards of \$100,000 and could carry a significant jail time IF she is charged for animal neglect (jail time x 34 dogs) and IF she were found guilty. Instead, she lost 34 of her beloved dogs, cannot own an animal in Virginia for 2 years, cannot MOVE OUT OF STATE for those 2 years, and must pay another \$10,000 to the animal shelter for restitution for stealing her dogs!!!

You would think there must have been something bad happening with the dogs. Nope. I had lunch with Sharon Hutchins who is very active with the VA legislature and her husband is head honcho for the Virginia Pet Law Group that tries to help dog show people stay out of trouble. Sharon was at this woman's house when the raid took place!! She vouched for her, has known her for years, and said the entire thing was staged.

Cops came and told her they had a complaint and wanted entrance to her home. She refused because they did not have a warrant. They came back 4 hours later with a warrant - with 12 humane society volunteers, multiple trucks, etc. She was

ordered out of her own home and placed in the front yard - guarded by a sheriff's deputy while this group "staged" her house for photos. They were "staging" for 5 hours! One dog pooped in his crate at the sight of all of these strangers and they took multiple photos of the "horrid conditions" in his crate. Six month old poodle pups were hauled out of the house by the rope and stick method - for the purpose of taking photos of the "unsocialized" dogs who were screaming in fear. Well, duh!! Of course they were screaming!! They weren't used to being abused like this!!

They took her computer, they took her dog records, they took her show photographs, rosettes, papers, etc. Anything that she could use to mount a defense - they took.

And they took her dogs - now she has lost them. And the right to own another for 2 years in this state. And she is forbidden to move out of state for the same 2 years.

I would kill myself.


And this happened in Marshall. It could easily happen to me - same county. I don't think I've ever been so paranoid in my life. I spoke at length with this woman today. While I did not see her conditions, it sure didn't seem like anything was out of the ordinary for a home with multiple dogs. They shot over 2000 photos - which were staged. How do you fight that?

The Middleburg Humane Society (run by the well known Hillary Bogley - who is famously rich and a complete right wing animal rights advocate) earns \$10,000 right off the bat, plus gets 34 cute little poodles (2 litters of pups) to sell! Ten of these dogs have their CHIC clearances!!

I talked to her Arlington attorney who claims he's handled a lot of dog seizure cases throughout the state. I asked him point blank if he had ever won one. He hedged, and said that he's won a lot of them and kept a lot of people out of jail. I asked him if he'd ever won a case where they were allowed to keep their dogs. He said no - no one will fight the threatened jail time and will plead to a misdemeanor charge and forfeit their dogs.

I'm ready to start farming dogs out to save them. This is not right. Right now I'm an emotional mess and feeling horrifically threatened because I now know too much about the injustice of law enforcement. Ignorance is always bliss.

Stay tuned!

 Julie Howard, CMT
Healing Touch Therapeutic Massage
9242A Mosby Street
Manassas, Va 20110
703-530-0100

Brag

From Judy Hogentogler:

Anwen, Cornerstone's Dream Alliance, was Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite and Best Puppy at the Saturday, Harrisonburg show, for her first points.

Here are some brags from the Mi Karma GSH Pointer crew (Bill and Tina Craig):

Shenandoah KC 04/10- Mi Karma's Color Me Mellow "Deuce" goes WD/BOW for another point and BOB puppy and Puppy Group 4
Mi Karma's Colors of Breaking Dawn "Rosalie" goes WB for a point.

Shenandoah KC 04/11- Mi Karma's Eclipse of Color "Esme" goes WB for a point
Ch. Mi Karma's Colorful Visions @ Honeybriar "Alice" wins BOB

Harrisburg KC 04/17- Mi Karma's Color Me Mellow "Deuce" goes WD for his third major
Mi Karma's Eclipse of Color "Esme" goes RWB to a major.

From Carrie Chase:

The Hum'nbird Pembroke Welsh Corgis are pleased to announce a new Champion! 'Grant' aka Ch. Hum'nbird Ice My Cake was awarded WD/BOW/BOB to finish at Harrisonburg VA in April, and to 'ice the cake' got a Gr 4 at the Saturday show. His kennelmate Hum'nbird Classic Style was WB/BOS on Sunday after goofing off and moving like some other breed on Saturday. Thank you Jamie Lamphier for handling Grant in BOB competition on Sunday! All of Grant's points were from BBE and he will be 2 yrs old in August.

Also in April, our puppy bitch 'Nicki' aka Hum'nbird Water Music was Best In Sweeps at the very large Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of the Potomac 33rd annual Specialty in Gettysburg, her first show, over an entry of 70+. She also won her regular class. Nicki heads off to Australia in June, and I look forward to visiting her in July when I judge the Australian Welsh Corgi National Specialty in Brisbane.

From Ashley Banks:

Ashka s Northern Lights Ablaze a.k.a. Zora owned by Ashley Banks had a great weekend at the Cherry Blossom Cluster in Timonium, MD. On Saturday the 24th she placed 1st in her class. On Sunday the 25th she took reserve on a major under Mr. Skip Thielen!!! To ice the cake on Monday the 26th she took Winner s and Best of Opposite for her first point under the breeder- judge Mr. Robert Eisele. Not too shabby for a girl that was 3 days shy of her 1st birthday. Way to go Zora!!!

From Mary Lamphier:

Shenandoah Valley KC 4/11 - English Setter Shakira WB, 1pt, BP and puppy Gtoup 3

Irish Setter Lucas BOB

Shenandoah Valley KC 4/12 - English Setter Shakira BW, 1pt

Irish Setter Lucas BOB

Valdosta KC 4/15 Shakira BP, GSP Hank BPand WD, 1 pt

Valdosta KC 4/16 Hank, BW 4pts, Jamie open senior 1st, Irish Setter Tyler - BW -4 pts

ISC of GA 4/18 Treasure - 5 pts, Jamie BJH Atlants GSC - Tux - 5 pts - (6-9 pupppy), Jamie - BJH

Great Pyranees National 5/1 - Jamie BJH and made the bitch cut with Odyessy

From Lorraine and Dave Simmons:

mini longhair Dachshund "Itsy" took a 4th. place out of 19 dogs in the Field Trial in GA. You get points when placing 1st. - 4th.

From Noreen Dunlap:

Cocker Spaniel **He Likes It On The Ridge** "Mikey" took WD for 1 pt. at Shenandoah KC show on 4/11. At the Carolina Cocker Club Specialty in Camden SC, he took BOV sweeps, and BOW for 4 pts. on Saturday 4/24, and repeated both wins on Sunday 4/25 for another 4pt major.

Cocker Spaniel **Remember Me On The Ridge** "Ruby Jean" went BOW for 2 pts. at Shenandoah KC show on 4/12 to finish. RJ finished with 4 3pt. majors, and 2 doubles.

Jokes

10 PEEVES THAT DOGS HAVE ABOUT HUMANS

1 Blaming your farts on me..... Not funny... Not funny at all !!!



2 Yelling at me for barking. I'M A FRIGGIN' DOG



3 Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is this anyway?

4 Any trick that involves balancing food on my nose. Stop it!



5 Any haircut that involves bows or ribbons. Now you know why we chew your stuff up when you're not home.



6 The sleight of hand, fake fetch throw. You fooled a dog! Whoooo Hooooo - what a proud moment for the top of the food chain.



OBTVIOUSLY,
YOU HAVE ISSUES

7 Taking me to the vet for 'the big snip', then acting surprised when I freak out every time we go back!



AND YOU HAD ME FIXED?!

8 Getting upset when I sniff the crotches of your guests. Sorry, but I haven't quite mastered that handshake thing yet.



OBTVIOUSLY,
I HAVE ISSUES

9 Dog sweaters. Hello ??? Haven't you noticed the fur?

10 How you act disgusted when I lick myself. Look, we both know the truth. You're just jealous.



BECAUSE I CAN

Now lay off me on some of these things. We both know who's boss here! You don't see me picking up your poop do you?

EVERY DOG HAS HIS DAY. A DOG ALWAYS OFFERS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE.
CATS HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT!