



## Charleston Kennel Club

*Charleston Kennel Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:15 pm at the Danny Jones Complex in North Charleston (5000 Lackawanna Blvd)*

**Our Next Meeting is Tuesday, March 28, 2015 @ 7:15 pm**

**Come to our monthly meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Danny Jones Complex at 5000 Lackawanna Blvd in North Charleston.**

**We will have a demo of Canine CPR. Chris Alexander is our instructor.**

### **What's Happening?**

Our members have been on the move. We participated in Pet Fest where our breeds were on display. We also were busy attending dog shows, obedience and rally trials, agility events and a variety of other activities. Scan forward in this newsletter to share the joy.

### **From Our 2016 Show Chairman, Robyn Sparks**

We have several positions open for our show next January. These positions will need to be filled soon so that we can begin the planning processes. We need chairs for **Grounds, Vendors, Hospitality**, as well as co-Chairs for almost all open positions. We also are looking for a volunteer to assume responsibility for the **grooming** building.

Robyn can be reached via email at [go2sho@aol.com](mailto:go2sho@aol.com). We are a small club and need every member participating to assure our show remains the high quality event it has been over its many years of existence.

**Celebrate!!! Wahoo!!!**

Thayer Arthur and Thio (***Excalibur The Heat Is On, CD***) got the second leg in Graduate Novice competition at the Dog Obedience Club of Greenville.



Nili Young reports that Karat (***Bijou's 24 Karat, BN, RN, CGC, URO1***) got her first leg in Novice Obedience on Saturday at the Dog Obedience Club of Greenville show and then continued on the get her first leg in Rally Advanced on Sunday. Batting 500 isn't so bad.

Liz Van Sickle and Annette Howe inform us that a son of Cruise whose call name is Sparrow is the first on record natural-eared Grand Champion of American Staffordshire Terriers. He is owned by E. Van Sickle, S. Doty, A. Howe, & E Bowran

He is officially: ***Gr.Ch. Van Gunn's The Black Pearl, CGC, OFA***





Melissa Springer is proud to announce that her Beamer is now **CH Sunnyrain's Victory Lane CGC RE NS NF**. He won his first 2 agility titles!



In Perry GA, Tom and Gail Richvalsky tell us that **Ainle Money Talks "Cash"** was on fire! All five days of this show, Cash received first place puppy dog in 6-9 months class. On Thursday, he received Reserve Winners. On Friday, Cash was Winners Dog for a 4 point major. On Saturday, he again became Reserve Winners. He finished the weekend with a Winners Dog and Best of Winners for a 4 point major, Cash was also 1st in the Puppy Sweeps, SCWT, Best Puppy, & Group 4 in the Sweeps! He was some pooped puppy by the time he got home.

Bob Pollard informed us that at the American Spaniel Club's show back in January, his boy Rhett went Best of Winners and became a new champion. Rhett's registered name is ***Northaven's Gone With The Wind***. He was Best of Breed at "our" show a couple of weeks later and placed in Owner Handler with a Group 4 on the Saturday. He is currently with Ray Godwin of Webfoot Retrievers in Holly Hill learning to be a hunting dog.



***From Sylvia Arrowwood, legislative liaison for the state of South Carolina...***

### **Animal rights groups want SC to toughen cruelty laws**

South Carolina ranks 45th in the nation when it comes to animal protection laws according to the most recent study by animal rights law organization, the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

There are felony penalties for egregious acts of cruelty and penalties for a first offense of egregious cruelty in South Carolina. However, animal right activists say the state needs stricter laws. The Humane Society of South Carolina says we see more cases of neglect than abuse in the Midlands.

Those who fight for animal rights like the Animal Protection League say they want a bill that has modern requirements, like a registry list for repeat offenders and requirements to pay damages for rehabilitation of an abused pet.

"We're embarrassed," said Harry Spratlin with the Animal Protection League. "It pains us to see cruelty problems in our state when they happen. It's painful. And there are a lot of people in our state--we have a great state and great people live here--but we're not speaking with a loud voice when it comes to protecting the animals that we love."....

### **Recipe Corner: Fish Fudge Training Treats**

This is a wonderful training treat for dogs. It has the consistency of fudge so you can break off different sized pieces and the dogs can eat them quickly without a mess. It is also "smelly" so your dog can anticipate the treat! You must store it in the refrigerator or freezer.

Prep Time: 5 mins  
Total Time: 25 mins  
Yield: 1 pan

#### **Ingredients**

2 (6 ounce) cans tuna (do not drain)  
1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour  
2 eggs, lightly beaten  
1/4 cup parmesan cheese

#### **Directions**

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Mix all ingredients with an electric mixer until well blended.
3. Spread mixture into a greased 9X9 pan
4. Baked covered for 20 minutes
5. Store in refrigerator or freeze.

### **From Our AKC Delegate ...**

#### **AKC LAUNCHES FIRST HEALTH MICROSITE**

The American Club today launched its first ever mobile-optimized, digital content platform dedicated to canine health. The site kicks off a series of health initiatives and announcements.

The initial stage of the new microsite offers resources and information on care, nutrition, fitness, preventative health and breeder education. The platform is designed to share AKC's 130 years of knowledge in the form of digestible content to enrich the general public, dog breeders and everyone in between. Available from mobile devices, the site will engage partners including AKC Parent Clubs, breeders, veterinarians and the AKC Canine Health Foundation, to continue to provide the best, most comprehensive content for visitors. Interactive content, including video and webinars, will go live on the site in the coming weeks.

## Health and Our Dogs



### DO YOU KNOW WHAT A TITER TEST IS?

Shockingly, many pet owners have no idea!

A titer test (pronounced tight-errr) is a laboratory or in-house veterinary test measuring the existence and level of antibodies (necessary to fight off disease) in your pet's blood. Basically, it's a test that will tell you whether or not you actually need to vaccinate your pet. It's also super useful when making a decision about vaccinating a pet with an unknown vaccination history, or for determining if pets have received immunity from vaccination.

Why is this so important?

Because of what can happen if you over-vaccinate your pet! "Vaccinosis", the name for the chronic disease, is caused by continued use of vaccines. These symptoms mimic the original disease in parts.

According to the guide "Canine Nutrigenomics" by world-renowned veterinarian immunologist Dr. Jean Dodds and Diana R. Laverdure:

“Vaccines have achieved many important benefits for companion animals, including:

- Saved more animals' lives than any other medical advance.
- Significantly reduced canine distemper, hepatitis and parvovirus.
- Significantly reduced feline pan leukopenia.
- Eliminated rabies in Europe.

However after spending many years monitoring the results of vaccinosis, those in the animal healthcare field now have a duty to re-examine and improve the current vaccine protocols for the health and safety of their patients. This is especially true for animals with compromised immune systems, since vaccines represent one more stressor that could prove to be the tipping point between health and disease.

Side effects from dog vaccinations can occur anywhere from instantly up to several weeks or months later. Vaccines can even cause susceptibility to chronic diseases that appear much later in a dog's life (Dodd, 2001).

Severe and fatal adverse reactions include:

- Susceptibility to infections.
- Neurological disorders and encephalitis.
- Aberrant behavior, including unprovoked aggression.
- Vaccines are linked to seizures.

Distemper, parvovirus, rabies and, presumably, other vaccines have been linked with poly neuropathy, a nerve disease that involves inflammation of several nerves. (Dodds,2001) “

The most basic method for a titer is where your pet's blood is drawn and sent away for testing. It ranges anywhere from \$150 to \$200. The most affordable method is the new "in house" testing procedure. This test is performed at the vet clinic and it takes about 20mins to get the results. The price range is anywhere from \$60 to \$80!

According to truth4pets.org, "Although titer testing may cost somewhat more than vaccination in the short run, it is a bargain long term. Titers do not have to be repeated yearly or even every three years. By testing rather than vaccinating, you avoid the risk of adverse reactions from unnecessary vaccines and the accompanying cost of treatment."

"The most useful time to run a titer test is after your youngster has received her initial series of vaccinations. Especially if you've limited that series to just one or two vaccinations, the last being after 16 weeks of age. The odds are you've just

conferred lifetime immunity to your youngster.

If you want to know how effective your vaccinations were in conferring immunity (i.e. did vaccination = immunization?), ask your vet to run a titer test a few weeks later." - Dr. Will Falconer/ Dogs Naturally Magazine  
And there you have it. Now you know. Remember: there is a huge difference between "not vaccinating" and over-vaccinating your pet. Unfortunately some are very quick to pull the "Anti-Vaxxxer trigger" these days, the second a vaccine article is released.

With most vet clinics today vaccinating pets every six months for the rest of these pets' lives, does this not warrant thought or research?

Pet Nutrition Blogger - Rodney Habib  
Want more info on titer test? - <http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/titer-testing-dog/>

# The Future of Conformation Shows



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by Gerry Meisels (reprinted with Permission of Canine Chronicles – April 17, 2015)

A few weeks ago I stood by the ringside along with some of my friends and watched the judging in a Terrier breed, not my own Westies though. We watched several breeds, and I found out pretty quickly that my friend felt that the judge consistently put up the best known face in the ring. I couldn't disagree with his opinion of this multiple group judge. Then we got ourselves a cup of coffee and the conversation became very wide ranging, from the decline in entries, to the aging of club members and exhibitors, the quality and cost of show facilities, individual dogs of various breeds – you surely have been in similar conversations yourself. After about half an hour or so we both became quiet and sat opposite each other on one of the food court's picnic tables. Then out of a clear blue sky my friend said, "The way things are going, there will be no conformation shows in ten or fifteen years." My friend, a long-time breeder and exhibitor in a Terrier breed different from mine, is quite knowledgeable about dogs and shows. He owner-handled one of his dogs to the top of the rankings, and has served as show chair and president of his club. The sense of the statement, that Conformation Shows (CSs) were in decline, did not surprise me but the vehemence and strength of that statement blew me away and set me to thinking. Are things really that bad, or is it just that shows are changing?

The future of CSs is very important to us. Conformation shows have been my wife Sylvia's and my own life for half a century, and we sure don't want that life to end, we'd never see our friends from all over the country again or have the pleasure of seeing typey, well-structured dogs in good condition and well-presented. You might say that I am a connoisseur of fine dogs, as one might be a connoisseur of good wines. It is not a good analogy, especially because my primary driver is my love for my breed and our own Westies.

To read more of this article, please go to this link: <http://caninechronicle.com/current-articles/the-future-of-conformation-shows/>



## Mark Your Calendars – Upcoming Shows

### Conformation

<i>Club</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Show Date</i>	<i>Closing Date</i>	<i>Super</i>
Hendersonville Kennel Club	Fletcher	NC	22-May-15	6-May-15	MB-F
Hendersonville Kennel Club	Fletcher	NC	23-May-15	6-May-15	MB-F
Spartanburg Kennel Club, Inc.	Fletcher	NC	24-May-15	6-May-15	MB-F
Spartanburg Kennel Club, Inc.	Fletcher	NC	25-May-15	6-May-15	MB-F
Salisbury North Carolina Kennel Club	Concord	NC	29-May-15	13-May-15	MB-F
Fayetteville Kennel Club, Inc.	Concord	NC	30-May-15	13-May-15	MB-F
Salisbury North Carolina Kennel Club	Concord	NC	31-May-15	13-May-15	MB-F
Asheville Kennel Club, Inc.	Fletcher	NC	6-Jun-15	20-May-15	MB-F
Asheville Kennel Club, Inc.	Fletcher	NC	7-Jun-15	20-May-15	MB-F
Western Carolina Dog Fanciers Association	Waynesville	NC	13-Jun-15	27-May-15	MB-F
Western Carolina Dog Fanciers Association	Waynesville	NC	14-Jun-15	27-May-15	MB-F
Columbus Kennel Club	Perry	GA	7-May-15	22-Apr-15	Onofrio
Southeast Alabama Kennel Club	Perry	GA	8-May-15	22-Apr-15	Onofrio
Macon Kennel Club	Perry	GA	9-May-15	22-Apr-15	Onofrio
Macon Kennel Club	Perry	GA	10-May-15	22-Apr-15	Onofrio
Greater Daytona Dog Fanciers Association, Inc.	Deland	FL	16-May-15	29-Apr-15	MB-F
Greater Daytona Dog Fanciers Association, Inc.	Deland	FL	17-May-15	29-Apr-15	MB-F
Okaloosa Kennel Club, Inc.	Ft Walton Beach	FL	23-May-15	6-May-15	Onofrio
Okaloosa Kennel Club, Inc.	Ft Walton Beach	FL	24-May-15	6-May-15	Onofrio

### **Performance (Obedience)**

<b>Club</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Show Date</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Super</b>
Greater Columbia Obedience Club Inc.	West Columbia	SC	02/May/2015	15/Apr/2015	Christopher Brooks
Greater Columbia Obedience Club Inc.	West Columbia	SC	03/May/2015	15/Apr/2015	Christopher Brooks
Palmetto Obedience Training Club Inc	Spartanburg	SC	06/Jun/2015	20/May/2015	Rose Schwietert
Palmetto Obedience Training Club Inc	Spartanburg	SC	07/Jun/2015	20/May/2015	Rose Schwietert
American Chinese Crested Club, Inc*	Greensboro	NC	16/May/2015	22/Apr/2015	Karen Burgess
Hendersonville Kennel Club	Fletcher	NC	22/May/2015	06/May/2015	MB-F
Hendersonville Kennel Club	Fletcher	NC	23/May/2015	06/May/2015	MB-F
Spartanburg Kennel Club, Inc.	Fletcher	NC	24/May/2015	06/May/2015	MB-F
Spartanburg Kennel Club, Inc.	Fletcher	NC	25/May/2015	06/May/2015	MB-F
Columbus Kennel Club	Perry	GA	07/May/2015	22/Apr/2015	Onofrio
Southeast Alabama Kennel Club	Perry	GA	08/May/2015	22/Apr/2015	Onofrio
Macon Kennel Club	Perry	GA	09/May/2015	22/Apr/2015	Onofrio
Macon Kennel Club	Perry	GA	10/May/2015	22/Apr/2015	Onofrio
Marion Alachua Dog Training Association	Ocala	FL	16/May/2015	30/Apr/2015	Barbara Copping
Marion Alachua Dog Training Association	Ocala	FL	17/May/2015	30/Apr/2015	Barbara Copping
Miami Obedience Club	Miami	FL	23/May/2015	06/May/2015	Beverly Skilling
Miami Obedience Club	Miami	FL	23/May/2015	06/May/2015	Beverly Skilling
Okaloosa Kennel Club, Inc.	Ft Walton Beach	FL	23/May/2015	06/May/2015	Onofrio
Miami Obedience Club	Miami	FL	24/May/2015	06/May/2015	Beverly Skilling
Miami Obedience Club	Miami	FL	24/May/2015	06/May/2015	Beverly Skilling
Okaloosa Kennel Club, Inc.	Ft Walton Beach	FL	24/May/2015	06/May/2015	Onofrio
Tallahassee Dog Obedience Club	Tallahassee	FL	30/May/2015	13/May/2015	Kathy Harper
Tallahassee Dog Obedience Club	Tallahassee	FL	30/May/2015	13/May/2015	Kathy Harper
Tallahassee Dog Obedience Club	Tallahassee	FL	31/May/2015	13/May/2015	Kathy Harper

\* **Single Breed Trials**

## **Performance (Rally)**

<b>Club</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Closing Day</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>
Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	FL	Wednesday	18/Mar/2015
Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	FL	Wednesday	18/Mar/2015
Heartland Dog Club of Florida	Zolfo Springs	FL	Wednesday	01/Apr/2015
K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville	Jacksonville	FL	Wednesday	01/Apr/2015
K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville	Jacksonville	FL	Wednesday	01/Apr/2015
K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville	Jacksonville	FL	Wednesday	01/Apr/2015
Heartland Dog Club of Florida	Zolfo Springs	FL	Wednesday	01/Apr/2015
Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Florida	Lakeland	FL	Wednesday	08/Apr/2015
Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County	Lake Park	FL	Wednesday	08/Apr/2015
Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Florida	Lakeland	FL	Wednesday	08/Apr/2015
Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County	Lake Park	FL	Wednesday	08/Apr/2015
Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg	St Petersburg	FL	Wednesday	15/Apr/2015
Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg	St Petersburg	FL	Wednesday	15/Apr/2015
Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	FL	Friday	17/Apr/2015
Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	FL	Friday	17/Apr/2015
Irish Setter Club of America, Inc*	Marietta	GA	Wednesday	25/Mar/2015
Columbus Kennel Club	Perry	GA	Wednesday	22/Apr/2015
Southeast Alabama Kennel Club	Perry	GA	Wednesday	22/Apr/2015
Macon Kennel Club	Perry	GA	Wednesday	22/Apr/2015
Macon Kennel Club	Perry	GA	Wednesday	22/Apr/2015
American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, Inc.	Asheville	NC	Wednesday	25/Mar/2015
American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, Inc.	Asheville	NC	Wednesday	25/Mar/2015
Myrtle Beach Kennel Club	Lumberton	NC	Wednesday	08/Apr/2015
Myrtle Beach Kennel Club	Lumberton	NC	Sunday	05/Apr/2015
American Chinese Crested Club, Inc.	Greensboro	NC	Wednesday	22/Apr/2015
Greater Columbia Obedience Club Inc.	West Columbia	SC	Wednesday	15/Apr/2015
Greater Columbia Obedience Club Inc.	West Columbia	SC	Wednesday	15/Apr/2015

\* **Single Breed Trials**

## Performance (Agility)

<i>Club</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Show Date</i>	<i>Closing Date</i>	<i>Super</i>
Canaan Dog Club of America	Pendleton	SC	07/May/2015	21/Apr/2015	Laurene Galgano
Canaan Dog Club of America	Pendleton	SC	08/May/2015	21/Apr/2015	Laurene Galgano
Canaan Dog Club of America	Pendleton	SC	09/May/2015	21/Apr/2015	Laurene Galgano
Canaan Dog Club of America	Pendleton	SC	10/May/2015	21/Apr/2015	Laurene Galgano
Youngsville Agility Club of North Carolina	Youngsville	NC	15/May/2015	30/Apr/2015	Sheila McHugh
Youngsville Agility Club of North Carolina	Youngsville	NC	16/May/2015	30/Apr/2015	Sheila McHugh
Youngsville Agility Club of North Carolina	Youngsville	NC	17/May/2015	30/Apr/2015	Sheila McHugh
Blue Ridge Agility Club	Fletcher	NC	22/May/2015	08/May/2015	Jayne Abbot
Blue Ridge Agility Club	Fletcher	NC	23/May/2015	08/May/2015	Jayne Abbot
Blue Ridge Agility Club	Fletcher	NC	24/May/2015	08/May/2015	Jayne Abbot
Blue Ridge Agility Club	Fletcher	NC	25/May/2015	08/May/2015	Jayne Abbot
Moore County Kennel Club of North Carolina	Sanford	NC	04/Jun/2015	20/May/2015	Karen Wlodarski
Moore County Kennel Club of North Carolina	Sanford	NC	05/Jun/2015	20/May/2015	Karen Wlodarski
Moore County Kennel Club of North Carolina	Sanford	NC	06/Jun/2015	20/May/2015	Karen Wlodarski
Moore County Kennel Club of North Carolina	Sanford	NC	07/Jun/2015	20/May/2015	Karen Wlodarski
Indian River Dog Training Club	Vero Beach	FL	08/May/2015	23/Apr/2015	Jill Roberts
Indian River Dog Training Club, Inc.	Vero Beach	FL	09/May/2015	23/Apr/2015	Jill C Roberts
Indian River Dog Training Club	Vero Beach	FL	10/May/2015	23/Apr/2015	Jill Roberts
Dog Training Club of Tampa	Palmetto	FL	23/May/2015	06/May/2015	Victoria MacVicar
Dog Training Club of Tampa	Palmetto	FL	24/May/2015	06/May/2015	Victoria MacVicar
Dog Training Club of Tampa	Palmetto	FL	25/May/2015	06/May/2015	Victoria MacVicar
Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach	Arcadia	FL	11/Jun/2015	23/May/2015	June Ebert
Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach	Arcadia	FL	12/Jun/2015	23/May/2015	June Ebert
Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach	Arcadia	FL	13/Jun/2015	23/May/2015	June Ebert
Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach	Arcadia	FL	14/Jun/2015	23/May/2015	June Ebert

## **Performance (Other Sports)**

### **Coursing Ability Testing**

May 2-3 Watkinsville, GA 4 CATs. May 2-3. All Breed. Held in conjunction with the Oconee Kennel Club show. Premium and EASY online entry is now available on the GAN website. <http://www.gangcoursing.org/watkinsville-ga-2015-cat.php>

### **Working Cattle Workshop (Beginner Dogs Welcome)**

May 9-10 Brushy Creek Farm 550 CL Wagner Road, Lexington, NC 27295. All dogs at this clinic will be started on sheep to first assess their abilities. There will be a variety of working areas available: round pen, 100ft X 200ft, and larger, including a barn and driving alleyway. If appropriate, they will move to cattle herding. Entries close: May 2, 2015 (no refunds after closing date)

For more information please contact:

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### **Barn Hunt Association Trial**

May 9-10 2 Rings, 2 Trials a Day so it is possible to title in a weekend. Entries close May 6<sup>th</sup> but are limited to space available.

[https://attachment.fsbx.com/file\\_download.php?id=489198031229006&eid=ASuzJdqrpq0OgRn7yv2Mgwp2u955aXeQb0faRJMfAGy8GBleBezQdTW7kHgyMVjtJ-k&inline=1&ext=1429484554&hash=ASsM9C1LXle9dtAJ](https://attachment.fsbx.com/file_download.php?id=489198031229006&eid=ASuzJdqrpq0OgRn7yv2Mgwp2u955aXeQb0faRJMfAGy8GBleBezQdTW7kHgyMVjtJ-k&inline=1&ext=1429484554&hash=ASsM9C1LXle9dtAJ)

### **Obedience/Rally Fun Match**

**Greater Columbia Obedience Club:** Still plenty of runs available for all levels. GCOC Obedience and Rally Fun Match. on Saturday, April 25, 2015 25 Apr 2015 9:00 AM • 947 S Stadium Drive, Columbia SC Pre-entry deadline April 21, 2015. Enter at [www.GCOC.net](http://www.GCOC.net). Day of match entry also available.

**Charleston Dog Training Club** is holding a fun match on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Obedience and Rally Ring Time Match to be held at The CDTC Dog House, 5461 Rivers Ave., North Charleston SC 29406  
Novice, Open and Utility Obedience – Novice, Advanced and Excellent Rally Courses. \$10.00 pre-entries/\$12.00 entries day of match. Pre-entries close Sunday May 3rd, 2015

**Who said poodles aren't water dogs?**



***Please submit your cute photos for publication.  
Each month, we will select one that should make you smile.***