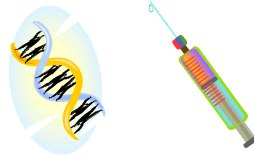


Harmony Notes



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DNA Blood draw at April Specialties



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In an ongoing effort to identify health issues and find potential cures for our breed, Harmony Bay Chinese Shar-Pei Club will conduct a DNA Blood Draw on Friday, April 2nd, immediately following the conclusion of judging at our specialty show at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds.

The CSPCA Charitable Trust has agreed to pay the \$10.00 per sample charged by the University of Missouri. All you have to do is bring your dogs, fill out the questionnaire and we'll send the samples in to the U of M. We are asking for donations of \$10.00 per owner, to cover the costs of the overnight shipping and packaging of the samples.

You can bring one dog...you can bring 20 dogs. They do not need to be "show" dogs! *EVERY sample is important*...from a neutered pet, to the all-important brood bitch and stud dog. The whole idea is to gather as much DNA as possible from our respective gene pools, to find common markers for cures for any number of Shar-Pei related ailments.

There is no age limit requirement, however, it is suggested that pups be at least 8 weeks of age. If you have older, veteran age dogs, it is highly recommended that you contribute to the DNA bank.

What you need to bring:

- The dog(s)
- Pedigree (at least 3 generations—does not need to be a "certified" pedigree)

- Pertinent data, e.g., date of birth, AKC registration number, etc.
- Knowledge of health issues for the questionnaire
- \$10.00 for shipping costs

What we'll provide:

- DNA blood draw personnel
- Questionnaires
- Scribes to help you fill out the paperwork
- Shipping containers
- Doggie treats for your pets!

If you have any other questions on this, please contact DeeDee Wells at (503) 638-5051 or email her at d2@margemhills.com.

Our goal is a minimum of 50 samples! This DNA program is a definitive step in the right direction: you KNOW where the samples go & you KNOW where your funding goes! Let's work on gathering enough DNA samples to find a cure for Amyloidosis, a myriad of cancers, and MORE!

For the FUTURE of our dogs...

For the FUTURE of our breed:

PLEASE PARTICIPATE!



****Online**
Membership
Meeting
February 18th
at 7pm
Using MSN
Messenger**



**To download
MSN, go to:
[www.
msnmessenger-
download.com/](http://www.msnmessenger-download.com/)**



**March
Membership
Meeting
March 20th at
Peninsula DF
Show Site
Time to be
announced**

January Board Meeting Highlights

Online Meeting: January 28, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:25 PM

In Attendance:

Dee Dee Wells, Don and Linda Graling, Gina Michaelson, Todd and Cyndi Skinner, Vicky Teshera.

Secretary's Report

Minutes accepted as posted in the newsletter

Treasurer's Report

We have a healthy bank balance. Motion made & passed to pay trophy expenditures & Barker. We will also be sending \$75 to Mara Snyder to help with the fire damage done to her home and kennel

Unfinished Business

National Specialty Bid for 2005/2006

DeeDee Wells, Vicky Teshera, Linda Graling & Cyndi Skinner will pursue the bid at The Quay, in time for the National bid request deadline.

DNA Blood Draw

Dee Dee Wells is going to find what the cost of storage and shipping for the samples. Dee Dee has the forms and Joni M. will be helping with the drawing of samples. Cyndi Skinner & Linda Graling will be helping with transcribing. The DNA draw will be on Friday, April 2nd, right after Best of Breed in Centralia.

Trophies

We are looking for donations of trophies, and have received a few so far.

Raffle

Dawn Hyatt is going to chair, Gina Michaelson is going to co-chair this committee.

Premium List

The premium list is going to be handled by Cyndi.

Mollyguard Entry System

The show will be set up on the internet for online entries.

Food

Don and Linda Graling will be handling the food at this show again this year, with a \$200.00 budget.

Trophy Plates

It was moved and approved that we get trophy plates engraved for the winners of last year's perpetual trophies.

New Business

Storage

The club will be looking for a storage shed for club property. We will do a fundraiser to purchase a shed, or will look for a donation of a free shed.

Theme

Suggested themes for this Fall's specialty shows included "Christmas in September" and "Rain," but the board approved a "Back to School" theme.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM

Westminster KC News!



"Josh"

Takes Best In Show at

The 2004 Westminster KC Show!

President's Corner

Soon, you'll be receiving the premium list for our Spring 2004 specialty shows! Once again, we've been invited by Timberland Valley Dog Fanciers to share their show facilities in Centralia. What you



WILL notice that's different: the dates have been changed!

Traditionally, the Timberland shows have always been in March...and during absolutely TERRIBLE weather conditions. This year, the shows have been moved to the first weekend in April. Our specialties will be held Friday afternoon (April 2nd) and Saturday evening (April 3rd). Friday, after we show, we'll be doing a DNA Blood Bank draw for

the CSPCA. Please plan on participating, for the welfare of our breed. We'll also be serving a buffet dinner on Friday after we show!

Entries for the show will close on March 17th (St Patrick's Day—mark it on your calendar!). We hope to see all of you there!

Cyndi =-)

What is a Mentor...and why they are needed

Starting from the bottom up is a tough pill to swallow...but, learning is a life-long process, and learning the ropes from the bottom up is the only possible way to try to cover all your bases.

Mentoring is a tough job. It is the most valuable job that every experienced, reputable breeder does, to promote the welfare of their breed and their breeding program. And that job starts at the bottom, and helps build new breeding programs, as well as improving existing ones. Many experienced breeders will elect NOT to become a mentor, for a myriad of reasons, e.g., it takes too much time; it takes effort away from their personal breeding program; passing on their knowledge may enable someone else to surpass them; or, they are just too self-involved. **NONE** of these are good reasons not to mentor. The only good reason not to be a competent mentor is if you haven't served your own apprenticeship and you don't have the knowledge to pass on to others.

A mentor's resume should include a number of things, the least of which should be:

- 15 years or more experience in the breed
- Successful and recognizable show ring presence
- Successful and recognizable "bloodlines" throughout their breed
- Working knowledge of the breed

standard

- Working knowledge of the American Kennel Club
- Working knowledge of the breed's parent club
- Extensive knowledge of the breed's history
- Extensive knowledge of their dogs' pedigrees
- Extensive knowledge of the dogs BEHIND their dogs' pedigrees
- The ability to research pedigrees to ensure the best possible breeding matches for their breeding program
- Extensive knowledge of known health issues...and what the warning signs are
- The ability to be able to teach others about researching backgrounds on the dogs they wish to breed
- The ability to recognize attribute and flaws...and how to recognize what should be utilized and what should be neutered/spayed
- The ability to be **approachable**



A Mentoree's Minimal Responsibilities:

- Select a mentor (or more!) that is willing to share knowledge and TEACH
- MUST possess the ability to listen
- MUST possess the ability to take constructive criticism
- MUST possess the ability to utilize that constructive criticism to improve their breeding program
- MUST have the ability to learn, research and digest pedigree information
- MUST have the ability to recognize that not all dogs are created equal...and kennel blindness is the quickest way to destroy your fledgling breeding program
- MUST recognize that a mentor has probably been down that road...and a real mentor wants to help you avoid the ruts!
- MUST have the ability to put it all into action (or at least try)!
- And, most importantly, a mentoree MUST realize that success does not happen overnight. The **average** dedicated, consistent breeder may only produce that breed-changing, life altering dog once every 5 or 10 years...or maybe just once in a lifetime!

A "MENTOR" is a valuable resource...

Do you have what it takes to mentor a new person in the wonderful world of Shar-Pei?

Questions for the Potential Breeder

If your bitch is in season, and you are asking questions NOW, then do NOT breed her. Wait until you are properly trained and mentored.

If you do not have the competencies required to facilitate the breeding of your bitch, the raising of puppies, and the placement of puppies, it is irresponsible and unethical to breed until you have.



As a starting point, if you can answer the following questions, then you'll be well on the track to being ready to breed. If you can't answer 99% of these questions correctly, don't even bother attempting to breed until you can:

Setting yourself up right

- What does dog conformation refer to?
- How can you test if my dog has the correct conformation?
- What important points should be considered on a dog's pedigree?
- How many championships should be listed in a pedigree prior to breeding?

The beginning of the season

- When will a bitch first come into season?
- Should a bitch be bred on her first season?
- How old should a bitch be before breeding commences?
- On what grounds should a bitch NOT be bred?
- On what days is a bitch fertile?
- How long is a bitch's season?

Breeding the dogs

- On what days should a bitch be bred?

- What is a studmaster and when should they be used?

- On what attributes is a stud dog selected?
- What health testing should both the dam and dog have prior to breeding?
- How old should a dog be before he is used at stud?
- What are the responsibilities of a stud dog owner?

- What are the important contract items to have in a breeding contract?
- On what grounds should a dog be neutered?
- What diseases can a dog get while being bred?
- When should a dog be allowed near an in-season bitch?
- How does the breeding actually take place?
- Does there need to be a tie for a breeding to have taken place?
- What is AI and when should it be conducted?
- Who should conduct the AI and what specific precautions should be taken?
- Why is the stud dog turned during a breeding?
- How many times should a bitch

Many people think that breeding dogs is easy. However, the reality is quite different.

be bred?

- Can a litter have more than one father?
- Where must a bitch be kept while she is in season?

Gestation

- How long is a bitch's gestation?
- What special diet should a bitch be fed while in season and while pregnant?
- Under what special circumstances should additional calcium be fed to a pregnant bitch?

Whelping

- What are the signs that a bitch is going into labor?
- What is the best type of whelping box arrangement?
- Where should the bitch be when she whelps?
- What are the signs that the whelping is going well?
- What are the signs that there are problems developing?
- When should a C-section be performed?
- What is primary inertia and the implications?
- What is oxytocin?
- When should the vet be called?
- Should calcium be administered during whelping?
- What does green fluid indicate?
- How long should it take for a bitch to whelp?
- What is the incidence of puppy deaths in each litter?
- What is a breach birth, how often does it happen, and what are the problems that can result?
- What are the implications for a pup born out of the sac?
- How do you ensure that each placenta is accounted for, and what do you do if they are not?

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- What should be done with the placenta?
- How do you resuscitate a dead puppy?
- How do you clear fluid from a puppy's lungs?
- How many extra set of hands should you have at a C-section?
- When should oxygen be administered to puppies?
- When should puppies be first fed from the dam?
- How do you check for cleft palate?
- How are puppies who are deformed managed?

Caring for the mother

- What should the dam be fed while she is looking after the puppies?
- What are the signs of infection in the bitch?

Caring for puppies

- What are the signs that the puppies are progressing well?
- What are the signs that the puppies are in trouble?
- What is mastitis and how is it treated?
- What do you do if the dam's milk does not come in?
- How do you bottle feed a puppy, and what do you use?
- How do you tube feed a puppy?
- How can you tell if a puppy is feeding well?
- How can you tell if a pup has received enough milk?
- How can you check to see if a pup is dehydrated?
- What is fading puppy syndrome and how do you rescue a puppy from it?
- What are the common problems to be aware of in your breed when raising puppies?

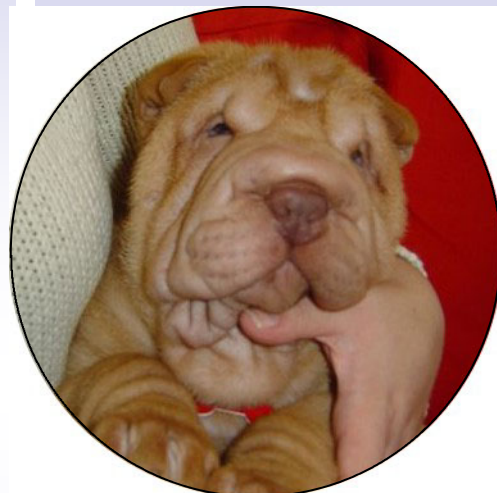
- When do you introduce "real" food to puppies?
- Why should puppies never be given "baby" food?
- Why should puppies not be given grains to eat?
- Should puppies be vaccinated?
- Should puppies be wormed?
- Under what conditions should a puppy be culled and how?
- Under what conditions should a puppy be wormed and/or vaccinated?

Placing Puppies

- How do you choose puppy buyers?
- What responsibilities do you have as a breeder for those pups?
- What sort of guarantees are you going to offer the buyers?
- How do you ensure your puppy buyers are going to look after the puppies?
- When and how do you temperament test puppies?
- How do you match the right puppy with the right person?
- When do you remove the dam from the puppies?
- When should the puppies be totally weaned?
- How are puppies house-trained?
- When are puppies supposed to be first socialized and how?

A "BREEDER" is more than just a name on AKC Registration Paperwork...a "BREEDER" is someone who has researched and dedicated their life to the breed they represent

- What sort of puppy pack information are you going to provide to the buyers?
- When do you start training the puppies?
- What breeder support are you offering once the puppies have gone?



Breed specific questions:

- Do you know the difference between a horsecoat, brushcoat and bearcoat?
- Do you know what the warning signs of entropion are?
- Do you have a competent vet to perform eye tacks, if needed?
- Do you have to remove dew-claws according to the breed standard?
- Can you properly identify colors of dogs?
- Can you define dilute colors versus pigmented colors?
- What are the specific known health issues associated with Shar-Pei...do you know their warning signs?
- How do you educate buyers on the potential health difficulties of Shar-Pei?
- How does your contract cover these health contingencies for potential puppy buyers?

Wags 'n Brags for February!

Seattle Kennel Club:

RWD: Margem's Paniolo McQ, Owner: Tereasa McQueen

WB/BOW: Margem's Wilma Flintstone, Owner: DeeDee Wells

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Linn County Kennel Club:

WB: Avalon Pili 'U Hane' Omaika 'L, Owner: Michelle Reid

BOS: CH Margem's Just A Gibson Girl, Owner: DeeDee Wells

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Fun Match Announcement

Clark County Fairgrounds - February 22nd

There will be an All-Breed fun match at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Vancouver, Washington on Sunday, February 22nd. Immediately following the All-Breed Match, there will be a Non-Sporting Fun Match. The ages for the fun matches are for 3 months of age and up. Here's the chance to start out your little showstoppers!

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