

Harmony Notes



Official Newsletter of Harmony Bay Chinese Shar-Pei Club

We have a celebrity in our midst!

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Read All About It! Read All About It!

ShengLi Smuglrs Trout Fishin', CD, CDX and Therapy Dog Extraordinaire has become a very prominent celebrity in literary circles in Oregon.

Trout, as he is affectionately known, is a part of a certified pet-assisted therapy program organized by the Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter, accompanied by his partner, Vicky Teshera.

This particular program is geared toward helping children learn to read in a relaxed, non-judgmental environment. Therapy dogs and

their owners "team up" with children at the Tigard Public Library for the "Dogs & Tales" reading program..

The children are allowed to select their own books, then settle in with their favorite therapy dog. Reading to therapy dogs has helped many children gain confidence and develop their reading skills. These types of programs are gaining in popularity throughout the United States as a valuable out-reach program to help those children that might not normally be exposed



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to a doggy confidant, giving them some "one" to confide in, lean on, as well as learn to read in an environment other than a clinical classroom setting.

Trout has been featured in advertising and news releases in the Tigard Times, the Oregonian and the Regal Courier. You can also see Trout on the Tigard Public Library website at: http://www.ci.tigard.or.us/library/kids_families/programs/default.asp

Congratulations to Trout and Vicky for reaching out and touching lives in a positive way. Thanks for being a great Shar-Pei Ambassador!

Gotta love that Trout dog!

April Meeting
April 2nd at
Specialty
Show Site
(Centralia WA)
1/2 hour after
breed judging,
during dinner &
DNA Blood Bank
Drawing



February Meeting Highlights

February 18, 2004

Online Meeting via MSN

Meeting called to order at 7:29 p.m.

In Attendance:

Cyndi, Todd and Savanna Skinner;
Linda and Don Graling; Billy Hyatt,
Gina Michaelson, Vicky Teshera,
Dee Dee Wells

Secretary's report:

Minutes of previous meeting were
accepted as printed.

Treasurer's report:

Club funds are healthy and Linda's
report was accepted
unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

DNA Blood Draw:

Dee Dee is looking into
getting supplies, we are
going to be ordering
enough supplies to do
100 blood draws. Right
now she is looking for
help to draw blood and
scribe paperwork. The
blood draw will take
place after dinner on
Friday, as there will be
more time available that evening.



Don and Linda Graling
will be preparing
the show dinner, as
they did last year.

The menu approved
by the membership
is: Roast beef, pota-
toes, cake and a side
salad.

Trophies:

Trophies have been
purchased at Wal-
mart, Target, Karla's
Kustom Embroidery
and Home Depot.

An additional \$75 is needed to
sponsor the remaining trophies.

Raffle: Information submitted by
Co-Chairs Dawn Hyatt & Gina
Michaelson indicate that we will
have another great raffle!

Online Entries:

The system for online entries has
been set up for the upcoming show,
entries will also be able to be taken
by fax.

Premiums:

Premiums are going to be sent out
within the next two days. They are
also going to be sent by email.

Show Dinner:

National Bid:

A bid to host the Nationals in an
upcoming year has been submitted
to the CSPCA

New Business:

CSPCA Rescue Raffle:

The CSPCA is raffling off a limited
edition Shar-Pei musical carousel.
Tickets are \$10 each, and they will
be sending Cyndi some to be sold as
a fund raiser.

CSPCA Calendar:

Calendars that run between Febru-
ary 2004 and February 2005 are
being sold for the CSPCA Junior
fund. DeeDee has some available
for all those interested.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

President's Corner

By the time you get this newsletter,
entries for our specialty shows will
have closed. For the first time, due
to popular demand, we added online
entries, fax entries and hand-
delivered entries!



We'll have Don &
Linda on the food
detail—and if

you've missed their banquet spread
before, you don't know what you've
been missing.

I also want to bring to your atten-
tion the importance of the DNA
Blood Bank draw on Friday evening,
right after the specialty...for the lon-
gevity of our breed, for the health of
our breed, please participate in this

blood draw. Every donor is impor-
tant—maybe YOUR dog may be the
missing link needed to identify what
this breed needs to survive beyond
the current average life expectancy
of 8-10 years! I don't know about
you, but I'd love to be able to say my
dogs always live to 15 years old!
Cyndi =-)

Important Legislative News for Your Area!

OREGON - Portland has established an Off-Leash Advisory Committee to measure the success, expansion and maintenance of dog parks and off-leash areas. The committee will hold public meetings throughout the spring and summer. The AKC sent a letter of support and materials to the committee. For meeting dates and more information visit www.portlandparks.com.

WASHINGTON - Rep. Campbell's **H1895** passed the House of by a vote of 91-3 despite strong opposition from the insurance lobby. H1895 prohibits homeowner's insurance discrimination based upon a dog's breed.

- Rep. Kirby's **H2043** passed the House. H2043 prohibits dogs from being deemed dangerous solely based on breed. The bill also states that the dog cannot be declared dangerous if its threatening action was a result of abuse or self defense. The AKC supports this bill.

- Auburn fanciers were quick to mobilize in response to proposed breed specific dangerous dog legislation in their city. Well-organized and armed with AKC materials, dog owners worked together to have the breed specific language removed from the proposed ordinance. A vote is expected in the spring. For more information contact Anita Crotty (AnitaCrotty@hotmail.com).

- Dog owners in Tacoma will soon have an off-leash area to

enjoy with their dogs. The city has agreed to designate more than 20 acres at Fort Steilacoom Park for unleashed dogs.

HAWAII - H2309, introduced by Rep. Evans, was referred to the House Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs. H2309 eliminates Hawaii's "one free bite" rule and allows courts to mandate the owner of a biting dog obtain liability insurance.

- Rep. Hamakawa's **H2691** establishes the crime of aggravated cruelty toward animals, punishable by a Class C felony. H2691 has been referred to the House Committee on Judiciary. A similar bill is being sponsored by Sen. Hanabusa. **S2431** establishes the crime of aggravated cruelty to animals, which includes recklessly or intentionally killing a pet, punishable as a Class C felony. S2431 was referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs. The Hawaii State Legislature is currently consider-

Breed specific legislation affects all of us...no matter what state we live in. Be sure to watch for **the insurance industry's** growing trend on home insurance and dogs!

ing several other cruelty bills.

- Sen. Brian Taniguchi's **S2697** requires landlords to allow pets in apartments for residents over 55 or for residents requiring a pet



for health purposes. S2697 states that landlords may impose fines if owners do not clean up after their pets.

ARIZONA - Rep. Downing is sponsoring **H2274**, a bill that increases penalties for dog fighting if the animal is stolen. H2274 was referred to the House Committee on Judiciary.

- The House Committee on Public Institutions and Counties has recommended Rep. McClure's **H2310**. The bill amends the definition of a vicious animal to include attacks on other animals as well as humans. It also gives humane agents the power to seize animals they believe have been neglected or treated cruelly.

Wags 'n Brags for March!

Hawaii Kennel Club:

RWD: Margem's Private Eye, Owners: Abrams/Wells

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

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CSP Club of Phoenix AZ:

WD/BOW: Margem's Paniolo McQ, Owner: Terri McQueen

Scottsdale KC:

WD: Margem's Paniolo McQ, Owner: Terri McQueen

Chintimini Kennel Club:

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

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

CDX Leg #2: ShengLi Smuglrs Trout Fishin', Owner: Vicky

Teshera

Chintimini Kennel Club:

RWB: Graling's Just Written On The Wind, Owner: Linda Graling

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

CDX Leg #3: ShengLi Smuglrs Trout Fishin', Owner: Vicky Teshera

"Trout" now has his CD & his CDX— Congratulations!

Peninsula Dog Fanciers:

WB/BOW/BOS: Graling's Just Written On The Wind, Owner: Linda Graling

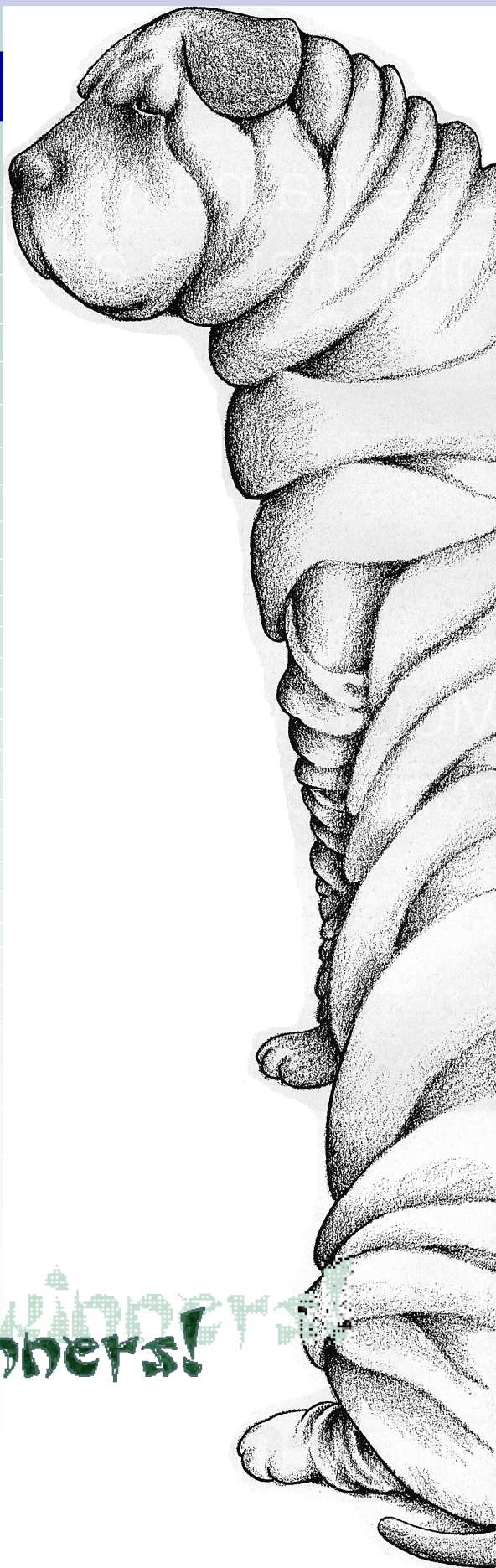
RWB: Margem's Wilma Flintstone, Owner: DeeDee Wells

Peninsula Dog Fanciers:

WB/BOW: Graling's Just Written On The Wind, Owner: Linda Graling

RWB: Smuglrs Twice Bet, Owner: Suzanne Ellingson

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



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we have winners!