



SUNSHINE THEME



March 2019

Sunshine Herding Event



We had a great turnout for our first herding event.
We hope to make this an annual event with actually holding AKC herding events.
Thank you to Paul Cope and Cindy and Smitty Smith for all the candid photos.



NEXT MEETING

Saturday, June 15, 2019

Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL

Time and Site TBA

Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers

New Board to meet after General meeting

St Petesburg DFA Breed Judge: Victoria Jordan

Sunshine State Herding Group Judge: Robert Robinson (Provisional)

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Coming Events and Meetings

MEETING SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 15, 2019

Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL
Annual General Meeting and Election of
Officers Time and Place: TBD
New Board to meet after the general meeting

COMING EVENTS

25th Specialty Show

Friday, December 13, 2019

Concurrent with the Sunshine Herding Group
Orange County Convention Expo, Orlando, FL
Judge: Judy Hart “Sua Mah”
Show Chair: Gail Steinmetz
Superintendent: MB-F, Inc.

2 Day All Breed Agility Trial

Monday and Tuesday
December 30 and 31, 2019
Mosaic Arena, Palmetto, FL
Trial Chair: Bonnie Hansen
Trial Secretary: June Ebert

Breeder Referral

There are lots of people looking for Pems so if you have anything available, please let Sharon know.

Sharon Lofley
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April 6, 2019 Minutes

SUNSHINE PWCC
Meeting Minutes
Elkton, FL,
Saturday, April 6, 2019

Meeting began: 12:00 noon

Introduce and welcome guests: 12 members and 6 guests in attendance.

Members Present: Lesley Hammar, Deby Broussard, Grace Carter, Chari Magnan, Al Gapsch, Debbie Gapsch, Deb Shindle, Gail Steinmetz, Darlene Peduzzi, Robin Jenkins, Jeff Ford, Dawne Lazar

Guests: Jim Wernisch, Paul Thranhardt, Laurel Huff, Kris Vander Ploeg, Stephen Lazar, Paul Cope.

Reports:

- President: Lesley Hammar, president, called the meeting to order.
Secretary: A new membership application was received from Alisha Stevenson, and copies of her application were emailed to all board members. The Board approved her membership for vote by membership.
Treasurer: Gail Steinmetz provided an update on expenses. Balance on hand is \$18,218.64. A detailed report was available to all members.

Committees:

Specialty 2019: Gail Steinmetz reported that all is going well. The applications are in and approved The rosettes are Ordered. An email was received that there will be an additional expense if the entries exceed 50 to cover additional expenses for AKC.

Performance Events

Herding Event: Gail Steinmetz reported that it was a very successful herding day. There were 15 dogs entered. To aid in future events, we need to do a mentorship test to be licensed.

Agility 2019: We have a new trial committee for 2019: Bonnie Hansen, Chair, Debbie Mosher, Karen Butterworth, Larry McClure and Sharon Lofley. Thank you for everyone who has volunteered with continuing with agility.

Ways and Means: Lesley Hammar. Suggestions were made regarding the 25th anniversary of SPWCC, polos or fleece. Members expressed interest.

FAKC: Chari Magnan: Next meeting in August.

PWCCA Liaison: Cindy Smith, no report. The Nationals for 2019 will be held in St. Charles, IL.

Breeder Referral: Sharon Lofley. Please notify Sharon if you have a litter or one planned. Also let her know if you know of older dogs that need to be placed.

Unfinished Business:

1. Regarding \$50 fee from AKC if entries at Orlando exceed 50 for 2019. Deby Broussard moved fee be paid. Al Gapsch seconded. Passed.
2. Regarding Canine Protection Fund and Animal Relief Fund, it was voted that we donate \$50 to each organization. Deby Broussard moved, Grace Carter seconded. Passed.

New Business:

1. Meet the Breeds: Chari Magnan, PWCCA Public Ed, discussed "Meet the Breeds" in Orlando and Westminster. She hasn't received information from past chair person. In the past members have volunteered in two hour shifts.
2. Fund Raising, Please consider using **Smile Amazon.com** for **Sunshine Corgi Rescue** when ordering from SmileAmazon.com. Organizations receive 0.5% of purchase price of orders.
3. New Member Application – Application from Alisha Stevenson was introduced and approved. Gail Steinmetz moved and motion was seconded by Debbie Gapsch. Passed. Deby Broussard will email Alisha, as Alisha was not able to attend this meeting.

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4. Nominating Committee for officers 2019 – election of presented slate will be held at the June meeting. The nominating committee submitted the following slate of officers and board members.
President: Lesley Hammar
Vice President: Cindy Smith
Secretary: Deby Broussard
Treasurer: Gail Steinmetz
Board: – Deb Gapsch
(Al Gapsch and Deb Shindle are completing their second year on the board.)
5. Herding – We need to fill out a form for the AKC listing anyone who has experience. Debbie Gapsch was gate steward at the PWCCA national, and Chari Magnan has been past trial chair for Mayflower. A motion was made to pursue herding events, Chari Magnan moved and Al Gapsch seconded. All members voted yea. No nays.
6. Ways and Means – Something special is needed for our 25th anniversary. Suggestions are vests, raincoats, hats. Please provide suggestions to Lesley Hammar.

Next Meeting Date: June 16, 2019 at the Tampa shows. We need to build majors. Grace Carter keeps tract of breed counts for majors on facebook.

Board Meeting to follow general meeting today.

Adjourned 12 :38 PM Gail Steinmetz moved to Adjourn, Al Gapsch seconded.

Braggs

Patricia Calvert: **Riverside's Brecon** recently earned her 2nd Agility title... Novice Standard, plus. in Eustis last week, she earned her 2nd leg in AKC Scent Work Novice Interior, and is getting closer to her UDX2 title...only 2 more legs to go! So happy and proud of my multi-tasking little red Brecon. And I get to play and snuggle with her 24/7. Most fun and focused little red girl ever!

Sir Cedric (**Riverside Under the Same Moon, CGC, RN**) passed his 2 required evaluations for Farm Dog Certification on 3/17/19.



Photo from Morgan Humphrey

Maggi Payne

Nova continues to entertain and care for me. We celebrated his 4th birthday last Saturday with some new indestructible (we hope!) toys.

My best to all at the meeting.

Jane Libberton

I have two brags Gail- **Ch. Greenwoods Unchained Melody BCAT** recently finished her Ch. and Fast Cat title. She is owned by Shelly Libberton, Deidre Rogers, and Jane Libberton

Greenwoods Midnight Masquerade got her Fast Cat Title and Trick Dog title and is now **Greenwoods Midnight Masquerade CD Re MX MXJ MJB XF CA BCAT DS CGCA** Mariah is owned by Jane Libberton and Deidre Rogers

“Butch” **Shushans Green Mountain Boy**, became a Champion on Jan 26 with the help of Larry McClure. Kathy Gilchrest

Welcome New Member

Alisha Stevenson
aliste91@yahoo.com

Sponsored by Bonnie Hansen and Sharon Lofley
Alisha is a new corgi owner. She lives in North Port.
She is a vet tech and very interested in performance and conformation.
She is a welcome addition to our agility trial team.

FAKC

The Florida Association of Kennel Clubs holds at least one meeting of delegates representing its member clubs, in August of each year. At those annual meetings, FAKC's officers are nominated and elected, and topics important to the welfare of dogs in the State of Florida are discussed, debated, and voted upon.

Our next meeting will be in August 2019, at the Sheraton Orlando North Hotel, 600 N. Lake Destiny Drive, Maitland, FL 32751.

Editors Note: Sunshine PWCC is a member of FAKC.

Website: FAKC.ORG

Board Meeting Highlights

Elkton, FL April 6, 2019

Meeting called to order: 12:50 pm by President Lesley Hammar.

Board meeting minutes from January 19, 2019 – minutes approved as written. Gail moved the minutes be accepted. Al Gapsch seconded.
Minutes approved.

Board members present: Lesley Hammar, Gail Steinmetz, Debbie Gapsch, Al Gapsch, Deb Shindle, Deby Broussard

Board members absent: Cindy Smith

Report of Secretary Deby Broussard:

New Member applications received: Paul Thranhardt / James Wernisch and Laurel Huff. Their applications will be emailed to all board members.

Board approved applications to be voted on by the members at the next meeting with a quorum.

Report of Treasurer Gail Steinmetz:

Amount in the account: \$18,178.64

New business:

December Specialty

Every club is getting two tables, which will be in front of the ring. An email from AKC stated that if entries exceed 50 (our entries were 59 last year), the club will be assessed an additional \$200 ancillary fee to cover additional expenses.

The Board will remain the same for 2019-2020 as there were no nominations from the floor at the general membership meeting.

2019 meeting dates:

June 15, 2019 Tampa (Annual meeting and election of officers)

Adjournment: Deby Broussard moved. Al Gapsch second.

Meeting adjourned 1:12pm

President's Message

Dear SPWCC members,

Thank you all who attended the meeting Saturday, April 6 in Elkton. Your attendance is appreciated and it is delightful to see your faces and get your input on our club. Being no nominations from the floor, the proposed slate will be voted in at the June 16 meeting.

We welcome our new member Alisha Stevenson.

I am pleased to say we have a new AGILITY committee to handle the 2019 trial. THANK YOU to Bonnie Hansen, our agility chair and her committee. As stated at many meetings and in our newsletters, this event is our money maker. We welcome any volunteers to help! Many of us enjoy the fruits of the committee's hard work with the specialty we host every year. PLEASE come out and support the club. Monetary donations are welcome as they help offset the cost of morning coffee for all volunteers, judge's expenses, equipment costs along with the AKC trial costs.

This year at our specialty we will be celebrating our 25th anniversary. Gail Steinmetz is our show chair, Judy Hart "Sua Mah" our breeder judge. Please come out and support our special day. Our website www.sunshinepwcc.com will have all dates and location information. Ways and

Means will have special apparel, caps and miscellaneous items for sale with the 25th silver anniversary logo, more information to follow on placing orders. Please feel free to reach out to Gail or myself with donations for trophies, or any questions you may have.

Our Annual meeting and election of officers is Saturday, June 16, 2019 in Tampa, FL 30 minutes after St Petersburg DF Pembroke judging. The location will be announced ringside. The Breed judge is Victoria Jordan. We will also support the Pembroke entry with the Sunshine State Herding Group with Robert Robinson judging on the same day.

We hope to see many of you there for the annual meeting and voting in the new board.

Corgi-aly,

Lesley Hammar
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Nominating Committee

The nominating committee of Grace Carter, Chari Magnan and Cindy Smith, Chair offer the following slate for the 2019-2020 term

President: Lesley Hammar
Vice President: Cindy Smith
Treasurer: Gail Steinmetz
Secretary: Deby Broussard

Board: Debbie Gapsch (completed her second term)

Deb Shindle, Al Gapsch (have completed their first terms and agree to complete their second terms)

Additional nominations may be made at the April 6, 2019 meeting by any voting member provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his/her name is proposed and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his/her proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position.

Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.

2019 Trophy Donations

25th Specialty Show – Friday, December 13, 2019
Two day all breed agility trials – Monday & Tuesday, December 30 & 31, 2019

Please contact Gail Steinmetz to make your pledge
(561) 385-1796 call or text
keredpwc@gmail.com

AWARD	TROPHY	DONATION
Best of Breed	Tasha Tudor Certificate	
Best of Breed	Linda Ozelis Design Sled	\$150.00
Best of Opp Sex	Kim Hundley Design Cookie Jar	\$75.00
Best of Winners	Kim Hundley Design Cookie Jar	\$75.00
Select Dog	SPWC C Logo Blue Towel	\$25.00
Select Bitch	SPWCC Logo Blue Towel	\$25.00
Award of Merit	SPWCC Logo Yellow Towel	\$25.00
Winners Dog	SPWCC Logo Towel	\$25.00
Res Winners Dog	SPWCC Logo Towel	\$25.00
Winners Bitch	SPWCC Logo Towel	\$25.00
Res Winners Bitch	SPWCC Logo Towel	\$25.00
Best Veteran	SPWCC Logo Towel	\$25.00
Best Puppy	Golden Gate Puppy Plate	\$35.00
Best BBE Dog	\$100.00	\$100.00
BestBBE Bitch	\$100.00	\$100.00
1-4 in 6-9 Dog Class	Toy	\$10.00
1-4 in 9-12 Dog Class	Toy	\$10.00
1-4 in 12-18 Dog Class	Toy	\$10.00
1-4 in Am Bred Dog Class	Toy	\$10.00
1-4 in BBE Dog Class	Toy	\$10.00
1-4 in Open Dog Class	Toy	\$10.00
1-4 in 6-9 Bitch Class	Toy	\$10.00
1-4 in 9-12 Bitch Class	Toy	\$10.00
1-4 in 12-18 Bitch Class	Toy	\$10.00
1-4 in Am Bred Bitch Class	Toy	\$10.00
1-4 in BBE Bitch Class	Toy	\$10.00
1-4 in Open Bitch Class	Toy	\$10.00

Any amount appreciated:

Agility Fund

General Hospitality Fund (will support exhibitor hospitality including the before and after show events)

General Trophy Fund

Rosette Fund

Sponsorships:

Welcome Party \$300.00

After Show Cocktail Party \$600.00

NEW IMPORTED DISTEMPER STRAIN

By Scott Weese on February 27, 2019

Posted in Dogs, Other diseases, Vaccination

Here's a report from Cornell University's Animal Health Diagnostic Center, describing importation of a canine distemper strain that hasn't been found before in North America:

02/05/2019: (N. America) In early October of 2018, a 12-week old "Sheltie" arrived from Korea. Approximately 12 days later, the dog began with a cough and lethargy with blood work indicating "anemia". About 10 days later, the dog developed a unilateral myoclonus with relapsing lethargy. In another week the neurological signs had progressed to tonic clonic seizures that continued to worsen to a persistent uncontrolled myoclonus at which time the dog was euthanized.

Samples (serum, ocular swab, urine) obtained at 9 days post onset of clinical signs were forwarded to the AHDC for canine influenza virus serology and canine distemper virus RT-PCR testing. The HI serology test indicated no exposure to H3N2 CIV which is the endemic strain of flu A in Korea. However, the RT-PCR tests on the ocular swab and urine were strong positive for canine distemper virus. Attempts were made to isolate the virus from the samples submitted for PCR, but with no success. Our next effort was to try to obtain sequence for virus directly from the nucleic acid used for the RT-PCR assay. This was successful for the F and H genes of CDV. Phylogenetic analyses of the sequences against various clades of CDV, indicated the imported dog was infected with the Asia-1 strain of CDV. We have no information on the existence of this clade of CDV in North America.

While we have been most concerned with the importation of canine influenza virus from Asia to North America by improper procedures by various "rescue" groups, the importation of CDV may be more significant in that CDV once it enters an ecosystem cannot be eradicated even with effective vaccines. Once again the North American dog population is being put at risk by those who have no regard for the importation of foreign animal diseases.

DILATED CARDIOMYOPATHY

Issued by:

FDA, Center for Veterinary Medicine
7500 Standish Place, HFV-1
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July 12, 2018

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is alerting pet owners and veterinary professionals about reports of canine dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) in dogs eating certain pet foods containing peas, lentils, other legume seeds, or potatoes as main ingredients. These reports are unusual because DCM is occurring in breeds not typically genetically prone to the disease. The FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine and the Veterinary Laboratory Investigation and Response Network, a collaboration of government and veterinary diagnostic laboratories, are investigating this potential association.

Canine DCM is a disease of a dog's heart muscle and results in an enlarged heart. As the heart and its chambers become dilated, it becomes harder for the heart to pump, and heart valves may leak, leading to a buildup of fluids in the chest and abdomen. DCM often results in congestive heart failure. Heart function may improve in cases that are not linked to genetics with appropriate veterinary treatment and dietary modification, if caught early.

The underlying cause of DCM is not truly known, but is thought to have a genetic component. Breeds that are typically more frequently affected by DCM include large and giant breed dogs, such as Great Danes, Boxers, Newfoundlands, Irish Wolfhounds, Saint Bernards and Doberman Pinschers. It is less common in small and medium breed dogs, except American and English Cocker Spaniels. However, the cases that have been reported to the FDA have included Golden and Labrador Retrievers, Whippets, a Shih Tzu, a Bulldog and Miniature Schnauzers, as well as mixed breeds.

State of Florida House Bill
HB 1409

Sadly, this bill is so poorly written, there is no way it can be fixed; we need to stop it.

We need you to add your voice in opposition to Florida HB 1409. This bill is bad for breeders, prospective pet owners, and ultimately for the dogs we all care about.

For a far more detailed analysis, please read our letter of opposition.

HB 1409 uses undefined language, unfunded mandates, promotes policies that are based on subjective and unsettled animal care guidelines, and in many cases attempts to remedy issues that are already covered under existing Florida laws. HB 1409 creates confusing, redundant, and costly requirements for breeders, and will cause more problems than it solves.

Make yourself heard: call your representative and oppose HB 1409 today!

Sincerely,
Patti Strand, NAIA Trust Chairman

Brevard County, FL

Pet Store Ordinance Includes Vague Provisions that Could Impact Hobby Breeders and Rescues

By AKC Government Relations

April 8, 2019

An ordinance with unclear provisions that could affect hobby breeders and rescue groups is scheduled for a vote by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, April 9. Brevard County citizens who are concerned about vague and problematic provisions in the ordinance are encouraged to immediately contact their commissioners.

The ordinance seeks to ban the sale of dogs and cats in pet store unless the pet is sourced from an animal shelter, animal rescue organization, "hobby breeder", or USDA licensed commercial breeder. However, unclear provisions in the ordinance could potentially cause certain rescue groups and breeders to be considered "pet stores" and could require home-based "hobby breeders" to allow strangers access to their private residences.

A "hobby breeder" would be defined as "any person or entity that causes or allows the breeding of dogs or cats resulting in no more than forty-eight offspring within a 12-month period while permitting consumers access to directly see the condition in which the dogs or cats are bred and raised, or can confer directly with the breeder concerning said conditions." This definition would include every person who breeds and sells a single cat or dog.

It is unclear if hobby breeders would be required to allow persons representing themselves as "consumers" access to their homes and private properties. This could put the safety of a hobby breeder at risk and increase the

possibility of disease transmission into areas where pets are housed. Also of concern, a criminal could attempt to lure persons by falsely offering a puppy for sale or adoption, because under the unclear provisions of this ordinance, potential puppy buyers could be denied the opportunity to examine a puppy in a neutral setting. The ordinance further requires that the Brevard County Sheriff's Office shall be entitled to conduct inspection(s) of hobby breeders. The ordinance contains no guidelines regarding the frequency of inspections or what the scope would include.

The ordinance defines a "pet store" as "any retail establishment that: (1) has obtained a tax receipt, (2) is open to the public, and (3) sells, transfer, or offers for sale or transfer, dogs or cats, regardless of the age of the dog or cat, or the physical location of the animal. Such an establishment may be a permanent, temporary, or virtual establishment." This definition could include certain breeders and rescue organizations, making them subject to regulation as "pet stores".

The American Kennel Club supports, in principle, legislation that seeks to preserve consumer choice when selecting a pet. However, the AKC believes this proposal is unclear, overreaching, and could put the safety of local breeders and consumers at risk.

Contact information for Brevard County Commissioners: <https://www.brevardfl.gov/CountyCommission/CountyCommissionersHome>.

For more information, contact AKC Government Relations at doglaw@akc.org or 919-816-3720.

Diets in cases reported to the FDA frequently list potatoes or multiple legumes such as peas, lentils, other “pulses” (seeds of legumes), and their protein, starch and fiber derivatives early in the ingredient list, indicating that they are main ingredients. Early reports from the veterinary cardiology community indicate that the dogs consistently ate these foods as their primary source of nutrition for time periods ranging from months to years. High levels of legumes or potatoes appear to be more common in diets labeled as “grain-free,” but it is not yet known how these ingredients are linked to cases of DCM. Changes in diet, especially for dogs with DCM, should be made in consultation with a licensed veterinarian.

In the reports the FDA has received, some of the dogs showed signs of heart disease, including decreased energy, cough, difficulty breathing and episodes of collapse. Medical records for four atypical DCM cases, three Golden Retrievers and one Labrador Retriever, show that these dogs had low whole blood levels of the amino acid taurine. Taurine deficiency is well-documented as potentially leading to DCM. The Labrador Retriever with low whole blood taurine levels is recovering with veterinary treatment, including taurine supplementation, and a diet change. Four other cases of DCM in atypical dog breeds, a Miniature Schnauzer, Shih Tzu and two Labrador Retrievers, had normal blood taurine levels. The FDA continues to work with board certified veterinary cardiologists and veterinary nutritionists to better understand the clinical presentation of these dogs. The agency has also been in contact with pet food manufacturers to discuss these reports and to help further the investigation.

The FDA encourages pet owners and veterinary professionals to report cases of DCM in dogs suspected of having a link to diet by using the electronic Safety Reporting Portal or calling their state’s FDA Consumer Complaint Coordinators. Please see the link below about “How to Report a Pet Food Complaint” for additional instructions.

<https://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/SafetyHealth/ReportaProblem/ucm182403.htm>

UPDATE: February 19, 2019

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today is providing an update on its investigation into reports of dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) in dogs eating certain pet foods. The update covers reports of DCM received by FDA through November 30, 2018.

This update does not include reports received in December and January due to the lapse in appropriations from December 22, 2018, to January 25, 2019. Because the Anti-Deficiency Act does not except activities that are solely related to protecting “animal health,” FDA was not able to continue its investigation during that time.

The FDA first alerted the public about this investigation in July 2018. Since then, the FDA’s Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) has taken a multi-pronged approach to the investigation, collaborating with a variety of components of the animal health sector to collect and evaluate information about the DCM cases and the diets pets ate prior to becoming ill.

Based on the information gathered as part of our investigation to date, our advice to pet owners remains consistent. The agency has not identified specific recommendations about diet changes for dogs who are not displaying DCM symptoms, but encourages pet owners to consult directly with their veterinarians for their animal’s dietary advice. FDA-CVM investigative activities include:

- Analyzing cases statistically to search for correlations between diagnosed DCM cases and what those dogs did or did not eat.
- Working with the Veterinary Laboratory Investigation and Response Network (Vet-LIRN), a collaboration of government and veterinary diagnostic laboratories to test blood, serum and tissues from affected animals.
- Collaborating with Chesapeake Veterinary Cardiology Associates (CVCA) to collect case summaries and blood/serum/tissue of dogs diagnosed with DCM to see if there are unique factors that separate diet-associated

DCM from genetic. The FDA is also reviewing echocardiograms of dogs who are not showing symptoms of DCM to evaluate the significance of early changes in heart function.

- Consulting with board certified veterinarians in animal nutrition to identify nutritional factors such as nutrient bioavailability and ingredient digestibility that may contribute to the development of heart disease.
- Examining ingredient sourcing/processing and product formulation with pet food manufacturers.

Between January 1, 2014, and November 30, 2018, the FDA received 300 reports of DCM (294 canine reports, 6 feline reports); 276 of these (273 canine, 3 feline) were reported after the July public notification about FDA's investigation. Some of these reports involved more than one affected animal from the same household. While there are dog breeds (typically large and giant breeds, plus Cocker Spaniels) that are known to have a genetic predisposition to dilated cardiomyopathy, the reports to the FDA continue to span a wide range of breeds, many that do not have a known genetic predisposition. The FDA has received reports of cats with DCM, but due to the low number of reports (10 since January 2014), dogs are the primary focus of the agency's investigation. For details about the number of reports, visit the DCM Investigation webpage.

In cases in which dogs ate a single primary diet (i.e., didn't eat multiple food products, excluding treats), 90 percent reported feeding a grain-free food.

Approximately 10 percent reported feeding a food containing grains and some of these diets were vegan or vegetarian. A large proportion of the reported diets in DCM cases – both grain-free and grain-containing – contained peas and/or lentils in various forms (whole, flour, protein, etc.) as a main ingredient (listed within the first 10 ingredients, before vitamins and minerals). The products included commercially available kibble, canned and raw foods, as well as home-cooked diets.

The agency appreciates the support from pet owners and veterinarians who have submitted data through case reports that included extensive diet histories, medical records, diagnostic samples of blood, serum, and/or tissue, and echocardiograms. Due to the high volume of reports, the agency cannot respond to each report individually, but each report is valuable and becomes part of the FDA's investigation.

The FDA continues to encourage pet owners and veterinary professionals to report both symptomatic and asymptomatic cases of dogs suspected to have DCM connected to diet by using the electronic Safety Reporting Portal or calling their state's FDA Consumer Complaint Coordinators. Please see the link below about "How to Report a Pet Food Complaint" for additional instructions. The FDA will continue to provide updates on the progress of this investigation and will alert the public about significant developments.

<https://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/SafetyHealth/ReportaProblem/ucm182403.htm>



The Mayflower Corgi Club invites you
to their 29th Annual Specialty

June 09 - 14, 2019



June 9 - AM/PM - Herding trial, Pem/Cardi/Valhund only, at Balgrae in Charlton, MA

*June 10 - Pembroke-preferred entry Herding Instinct with ducks.
All-breed agility trial at American K9 Country, Amherst, NH*

June 11 - Two Corgi-only agility trials - AM/PM at American K9 Country, Amherst, NH

June 12 - Rally: Mrs. Danette Chorney, Welcome Party, Altered Classes

*June 13 - Sweepstakes: Ms. Sherri Hurst (XIV Karat)
Obedience: Mrs. Alison Jaskiewicz*

*June 14 - Breed: Ms. Amanda Jayne Rees (Stadwen)
Obedience: Mrs. Alison Jaskiewicz*

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