



SUNSHINE THEMES

October 2019



SPWCC General Meeting

Arcadia, FL.

October 12, 2019

Meeting called by	VP Cindy Smith	Attendees
Type of meeting	General Membership Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gail Steinmetz, Cindy Smith, Alisha Stevenson, Debbie Gapsch, Karen Goebel, Jo Durrance, Deby Broussard, Al Gapsch, Leslie Condoleo
Facilitator	Cindy Smith	
Note taker	Gail Steinmetz/Deby Broussard	
Timekeeper	Gail Steinmetz/Deby Broussard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No guests

The meeting of the SPWCC was called to order at 2:36 pm by VP Cindy Smith.

Reports:

President (Lesley Hammar): No report

Vice President (Cindy Smith): Please send any old club photos to Cindy for a 25th Anniversary Collage. Photos are needed by November 15.

Secretary's Report (Deby Broussard): No report (A Quorum was not present)

Treasurer's Report (Gail Steinmetz): Balance on hand \$19,353.43. There are a couple of trophy sponsorship pledges still outstanding.

Reports of Committees:

2019 Specialty: Gail Steinmetz, chair

Show Committee: Lesley Hammar, Cindy Smith, Gail Steinmetz, Deb Shindle, Debbie Gapsch, Al Gapsch

The committee reported that the trophies are paid and the towels need to be monogrammed. They are in the process of finalizing the 25th anniversary logo for Specialty items. Debbie G. is in charge of the 50/50 raffle. Paul Cope and Jo Durrance will assist steward.

2020 Specialty: TBD

2019 Agility Trial (Bonnie Hansen, Debbie Mosher, Larry McClure, Sharon Lofley, Debbie Gapsch, Al Gapsch)

Performance Chair (Dianne Tharp): Farm Dog and Herding introduction scheduled for February 29, 2020 from 10 am to 2 pm. We will have a board and general membership meeting. 1502 Trowbridge Road, Ft. Pierce at the Draxen Farm. Gail is going to propose that members run one dog for free. It is \$40.00 for non-members or extra dogs. Limited to 12 Dogs.

Newsletter (Gail Steinmetz): The Newsletter is now quarterly.

Ways and Means (Lesley Hammar): Finalizing the 25th Anniversary logo for specialty items.

FAKC (Chari Magnan): *Meet the Breeds* at AKC National Dog Show needs volunteers for the PWCCA Booth Saturday and Sunday (12/14 and 12/15).

PWCCA Liaison (Cindy Smith): The PWCCA \$2,000 Scholarship is available to all high school seniors, high school graduates and those in higher education classes until June 1, 2020. Information is available on the PWCCA website under Events and Awards. They do not have to be a PWCCA member.

Website (Gail Steinmetz): No report

Sunshine (Maggie Payne): No report

Rescue (SCR): No report

Puppy Referral (Sharon Lofley): No report

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Al Gapsch recommended that we brainstorm to ways to increase the club's energy.

Motion to adjourn made by Deb G., Second Deby B. All in favor.

Adjournment: 3:05 pm

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Coming Events and Meetings

MEETING SCHEDULE

Board Meeting ONLY

Thursday, December 12, 2019 4:00 pm

Private dining room off the Plaza Garden Restaurant
Rosen Inn at Pointe Orlando

Board and General Membership Meeting

Saturday, February 29, 2020 12:00 noon

Draxen Farm

1502 Trowbridge Road, Fort Pierce, FL

Board and General Membership Meeting

Saturday, April 4, 2020- Greater Orange Park DC.

St John's County Fairgrounds, Elkton, FL

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

Herding Fun Day and Meeting

Saturday, February 29, 2020

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Draxen Farm

1502 Trowbridge Road, Fort Pierce, FL

***** NEW DATE AND SITE *****

2 Day All Breed Agility Trial

Saturday and Sunday

June 20 and June 21, 2020

DT CSP

4400 34th Street N, St Petersburg, FL

Trial Chair: Bonnie Hansen

Trial Secretary: June Ebert

President's Message

Dear SPWCC members,

As we near the end of 2019, Sunshine PWCC is about hit our busy time of the year. We are all looking forward to our annual regional specialty and this year we are celebrating our 25th Specialty Show!

Our specialty will be held in Orlando at the Orange County Convention Center on December 13th. Gail Steinmetz is our show chair, Judy Hart "SuaMah" our breeder judge. Sunshine will have our welcome party at the Rosen Inn Pointe Orlando for 5-7 PM December 12th welcoming our members and exhibitors. Please come out and support our special day. Feel free to reach out to Gail or myself with any questions you may have.

Ways and Means will have special apparel celebrating our anniversary with the silver anniversary specialty logo. We are offering ladies t-shirts, ladies fleece jackets and a unisex t-shirt for all for sale, please see the styles posted in the newsletter. Please place your order to be picked up at the welcome party. Shipping can be arranged for a fee if you are unable to attend.

Bonnie Hansen, our agility chair, and her committee will run the 2019 trial December 30th and 31st. This event brings in funds for us to host our specialty. We welcome any volunteers to help, no experience required. 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.

To ring in the 2020 new year for Sunshine, the club will host a Herding Fun Day at Draxen Farms in Ft Pierce, FL, along with a general meeting on February 29th, 2020 from 10 AM to 2PM. This is a really fun day to see our breed work sheep and ducks. We will also have a Farm Dog Practice Field set up for those without a lot of "sheep instinct".

Please come and join us for a fun day. There is lots of shade, bring a chair and lunch. We will also have a board and general membership meeting at noon.

To see all updates, premiums and information visit our website www.sunshinepwcc.com.

Corgi-aly,

Lesley Hammar
Sunshine PWCC President
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Herding Fun Day



Saturday, February 29, 2020

10:00 am -2:00 pm

Draxen Farms

1502 Trowbridge Road, Fort Pierce, Florida 34945

Farm Dog Practice and Sheep and Duck exposure/practice.

We have arranged for members to work one dog for free.
Second or more dogs and non-members will be \$40.00 each.
Limit is 14 dogs for the day.

Bring your lunch and chair. We will provide water and ice tea.

We will hold a club meeting at noon. We will also have a board meeting.

Contact Gail Steinmetz to sign up
keredpwc@gmail.com, or
(561) 385-1796 (call or text)

Canine Degenerative Myelopathy and Genetic Testing in the PWC

By Jerold S Bell DVM

Dr Jerold S Bell is an adjunct Professor of clinical genetics at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, Tufts University. He prepared this explanation of Canine Degenerative Myelopathy in the Pembroke Welsh Corgi to help breeders/owners of Pembrokes better understand the clinical and genetic complexities of this much misunderstood condition.

Degenerative myelopathy (DM) is a specific genetic disease causing spinal cord degeneration in older dogs. It has a complex mode of inheritance with the effect of more than one gene pair having to combine to cause a clinically affected dog. Affected dogs begin to show signs of the disorder usually between 8 and 14 years of age. The average age of onset in Pembroke Welsh Corgis is 11 years of age. Sporadic cases of clinically affected dogs have been pathologically confirmed in 34 pure-breeds and in mixed breed dogs, but the majority of clinical cases occur in only a handful of breeds including the Pembroke Welsh Corgi.

The clinical signs of DM begin with; weakness of the hind legs, scuffing of the hind toes, crossing of the hind legs, and progressing to dragging of the hind legs. The progression is slow, occurring over 6 months to 2 years. With excellent nursing care (and a canine wheelchair) affected dogs can progress to advanced disease; losing urine and bowel control, showing weakness or paralysis of the forelimbs, and eventually loss of control of breathing. All affected dogs are eventually euthanized - most prior to these later stages. DM is not a painful disease but one of loss of motor (muscular) and sensory (feeling) function. There is no treatment that alters the clinical progression of DM. As several different disorders can mimic the clinical signs of DM, a confirmed diagnosis can only be made through a pathological examination of the spinal cord.

In the only controlled study of breed frequencies of clinical degenerative myelopathy (UC-Davis study of the Veterinary Medical Database Program 1990-1999) 0.6% of Pembroke Welsh Corgis were diagnosed with DM. That refers to about 1 out of 167 Pembroke Welsh Corgis that will become affected with the disorder. It is possible that a higher percentage of PWCs become affected, but would not be a significantly higher percentage.

In 2008, researchers at the University of Missouri identified a recessive mutation in the *sod1* gene that is homozygous “at risk” (carrying two copies) in all pathologically confirmed DM affected Pembroke Welsh Corgis (and clinically affected dogs of other breeds). Dogs

that do not have two mutated copies of the *sod1* gene will not develop DM. A genetic test for the *sod1* mutation is available from several dog DNA testing laboratories including the University of Missouri (OFA testing).

As DM is a complexly inherited disease, clinically affected dogs must have a mutation in another (yet unidentified) gene or genes in addition to being homozygous for the *sod1* mutation. Otherwise they will never develop clinical DM.

The *sod1* mutation is an ancient mutation in the dog genome and is the most frequent mutation identified in the genetic screening of mixed-breed and purebred dogs. Mars/Genoscooper testing finds that the *sod1* mutation frequency is 7.77% in all mixed-breed dogs tested, and 5.41% in all purebred dogs tested. In several breeds the frequency of the *sod1* mutation is over 90%, but no members of the breed have ever been pathologically confirmed with clinical DM.

In PWCs, 52.7% of the breed tests homozygous “at risk” for the *sod1* mutation, 35.1% test as heterozygous carriers, and 12.2% test homozygous normal. This means that on average only 1.1% of Pembroke Welsh Corgis testing homozygous “at risk” for the *sod1* mutation will become clinically affected with DM. This percentage would be much higher in families with pathologically confirmed closely-related affected dogs. By itself, the results of *sod1* testing are a poor predictor of clinical disease.

Due to the high frequency of the *sod1* mutation but the low frequency of clinical disease in the breed, it is recommended the Pembroke Welsh Corgi breeders not use the results of the *sod1* mutation in making breeding decisions unless there are confirmed DM affected close relatives (and therefore a high risk of carrying the other required mutation(s) for clinical disease).

87.8% of Pembroke Welsh Corgis test either as heterozygous carrier or homozygous “at risk” for the *sod1* mutation. If breeders attempt to eliminate the *sod1* mutation or only breed to the 12.2% of dogs not carrying the mutation, this will cause a severe and possibly disastrous restriction of the breed gene pool and breed genetic diversity.

There are several common disease processes in Pembroke Welsh Corgis (including spinal disc disease) that can cause similar clinical signs of DM. A *sod1* test result can rule out a clinical diagnosis of DM, but cannot confirm a clinical case of DM.

While owners may be comforted in purchasing a PWC that is not homozygous for the *sod1* mutation, this encompasses less than half the members of the breed. 98.9% of Pembroke Welsh Corgis testing homozygous “at risk” will never develop the disease.

More important to breeders is the knowledge of close relatives that have been pathologically confirmed with clinical DM. This gives the best indication that the dog is at high risk of carrying the other unidentified genes required for clinical disease – where *sod1* testing is indicated.

The best action the breed can take would be to maintain an open pedigree database of pathologically confirmed dogs with DM. Again, focusing on *sod1* testing of all Pembroke Welsh Corgis will just create enormous pressure to restrict the breeding of healthy, quality dogs and severely restrict the genetic diversity of the breed.

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25th Specialty Ways and Means Items

SPWCC Silver Anniversary Ways and Means



Ladies District $\frac{3}{4}$ Sleeve Color Block T-Shirt XS-4XL \$30.00, left chest logo



Ladies Port Authority Micro Fleece Jacket XS-4XL \$45.00, left chest logo



PC450 Unisex Port and Company Cotton T-Shirt S-4XL \$25.00, left chest logo

Please place pre-orders by December 2nd, 2019

**Please email orders to lesleyhammar@gmail.com Please send checks payable to SPWCC, 48 Yacht Club Pl
Jupiter, FL 33469**

BRAGGING RIGHTS!



Cindy and “Bryce” Capri Brogan Summer Breeze going Best of Breed from the BBE Class



Maggi and Nova are about to renew their service dog registration with Assistance Dogs International

Sharon Lofley reports:

Eweknow Sandfox A Bit of Spice “Cinnamon” earned her 1st a major. Eweknow Sandfox Something Something Special “Stevie” completed his Championship.

Morgan Humphrey and Sir Cedric passed the Pet Partners Therapy Dog evaluation as a team. They visit a memory care facility once a month.

Patricia Panzarella sends this:

BIS GCHP Riverside Xtra Style “Oscar” was Veteran’s Dog in Sweeps at the PWCCA National Specialty. Oscar’s daughter Tresaihts Exceptionally Precious Piper is now CH Tresaihts Exceptionally Precious Piper.

Susan Bearden:

My 9 month old puppy, Mapleleaf All that Jazz “Satchmo” earned his Novice Trick Dog Title.

Patricia Calvert:

Riverside’s BRECON earned her 2nd Open Agility leg in October in St Pete with a 1st Place and her 3rd UDX3 leg the week before in Tallassee with a 2nd Place in Utility B. This little red girl is my heartbeat!

Bonnie Hansen

GCHB Baymoor Imagination RA HSAdM MX MXJ MXF VC. In October, “Magic” finished his Master Started duck title and the next weekend, completed his MX and MXJ agility titles. Baymoor Premonition earned her first point at 7 months going WB, BW, BOS in Ocala.

Baymoor Navigation earned a major in AL with **Debbie Gapsch** by going WD & BOS over a special.

Alisha Stevenson:

Baymoor Dobby Is Free “Dobby” was Best of Winners at Brandon Florida Kennel Club on 10-27-2019, owned and shown by Alisha.

Deb Shindle

“Desi”, GCHBCH Riverside Orange Delight has been in 4 shows in Brazil, with 4 BOB, 1 grp 2, 3 grp 3’s and BIS at the largest show in Brazil over all the top dogs of the year. “Desi” just arrived in Sept and is not really being shown until next year.

“Fiona”, CH Riverside London Flight is a new Champion, at 11 months. Congrats to co-breeder Dianne Tharp.

“Wicked”, Riverside Xtra Wicked has won 3, 4-6 month herding groups and one Best 4-6. She also won the very large 4-6 class at Lakeshore 2, under Teresa Maddox.

“Maximus”, Riverside London Night was RWD, Best Puppy and Best in Sweeps at Mayflower Specialty under Amanda Reece. He was WD, Best Puppy and BOS in Sweeps at Western Reserve specialty under Amy Caple and Mark Russo. “Gigi”, GCHPCH Riverside Get Over It was best veteran and BOS at Mayflower Specialty under Amanda Reece, award of merit and best veteran at both Potomac’s under Tim Mathiesen and Liz Cartledge, Best veteran in sweeps at Lakeshore under Ellen Perlson and best veteran and award of merit under Terry Hansen and Teresa Maddox.

Five Day All Breed Agility Trials
DTCSP and SPWCC
Manatee County Fairgrounds
1402 14th Ave W
Also Manatee River Fair Association
Palmetto, FL

SPWCC Judges
Joan Mullen
Christine Bishop

Entries Open:
Monday, October 14, 2019 7:00 a.m.
Entries Close:
Tuesday, December 10, 2019 8:00 a.m.

Application Acceptance:
Unlimited

Breeds Eligible:
All AKC-Recognized Breeds
All American Dogs

For additional information contact:
June Ebert, Event Secretary
8308 N GREENWOOD AVE
TAMPA, FL 33617-6806
(813) 983-1997
astibug@msn.com

Trial Chair: Bonnie Hansen
baymoor@aol.com
(727) 560-6610

**This will be our last
trial at this venue
and date.**

NEW AGILITY SITE AND DATES

Dog Training Club of St Pete
has offered us the use of their building and
equipment to hold a 2 day event.

The Board has decided to move to
Saturday and Sunday June 20 & 21, 2020.

Mark your calendars!!
We will only have one ring and one judge.

Bonnie Hansen has agreed to chair.
June Ebert will remain our Secretary.

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4400 34th St. N (US 19) Ste. B
St Petersburg, FL 33714



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Sunshine PWCC is planning on submitting a bid to the PWCCA for the 2024 National Specialty show to be held at the new World Equestrian Center in Ocala, FL. More information to come.

***Make plans to help with the PWCCA “Meet the Breeds” Booth
Saturday and/or Sunday.***

Contact Chari Magnan to sign up.

(352) 553-7648 or email: mapleleafcorgis@gmail.com



Let's go to the Beach

2020 PWCCA National Specialty

**Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America
National Specialty
September 26 - October 3, 2020**

Founders Inn - Virginia Beach, VA
5641 Indian River Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Judges:
Dede Rodgers (GREENWOOD) - Sweepstakes
Kandy Boll (CORCARD) - Bitches
Sarah Taylor (BYMIL) - Dogs & BOB

TBA - Herding
Shannon Jones - Agility
TBA - Obedience
TBA - Rally

Show Chairs:
Joan Scott (manky97@aol.com)
Shawn Michael (pwcdogs@aol.com)
Performance Chair:
Candace Brown (candybcasey@gmail.com)

Superintendent: Jim Rau Dog Shows, Ltd
Herding and Agility: Clantyre Show Secretary



SPWCC members at 2019 PWCCA Banquet:

Left to right

Chari Magnan, Gail Steinmetz, Trish Panzarella,
Debbie Gapsch, Jo Durrance, Lesley Hammar,
Bonnie Hansen, Sharon Lofley, Deb Shindle,
Cathy Donovan, Nancy Matthews, Cindy Smith

I hope we did not miss anyone!

Friday, August 9, 2019

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/u-s-department-transportation-clarifies-use-emotional-support-animals-flights/>

Please forward this alert to all interested parties,

Yesterday, the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) issued guidance to help travelers understand their rights while new regulations are being developed. The DOT is currently developing new rules to govern what types of animals will be allowed to accompany passengers on flights and what documentation will be required to determine a passenger's legitimate need. The guidance document issued yesterday provides that airlines cannot limit the number of service animals on a flight, however, passengers with an animal that an airline deems too large, too heavy, or younger than four months of age are allowed to deny boarding.

Service animals are those that have been trained to perform certain functions. Current law requires that reasonable accommodations be provided for those using service dogs. In contrast, no training is required for emotional support animals.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) strongly supports public accommodations that allow individuals with disabilities to use service dogs. The AKC also strongly condemns characterizing dogs as service animals when they are not, or attempting to benefit from a dog's service dog status when the individual using the dog is not a person with a disability.

Click here to read AKC's July 2018 comments to the Department of Transportation regarding proposed rulemaking for service dogs.

The guidance provides:

In agreement with AKC's breed-neutral policies, as expressed in our comment to DOT, airlines are not allowed to ban certain breeds of service animals. Any airline can prevent any specific animal from flying if it is determined

to pose a health or safety threat.

To enable an airline to determine whether an animal poses a health or safety threat, airlines can require reasonable documentation related to an animal's training, behavior, and vaccinations received.

As required under current rules, airlines are not required to transport emotional support animals unless the passenger provides medical documentation of their need.

Passengers who plan to travel with emotional support animals must give airlines advance notice.

Airlines are permitted to require passengers with animals on flights eight hours or longer in length to provide documentation or proof that an animal will not need to relieve itself or can relieve itself in a way that will not create a sanitation issue.

Airlines cannot limit the number of service animals on a flight. Similarly, passengers can bring up to three service animals on a flight.

Airlines are not required to accept exotic animals on a flight. Airlines now have 30 days to revise their operations to meet these current requirements.

This latest clarification comes after the number of animals traveling with passengers in cabin has significantly increased since 2016, in large part due to the number of emotional support animals that accompany passengers. Media reports have detailed an increasing number of bite incidents involving emotional support animals. For example, in July a flight attendant had to receive stitches after she was bitten by an emotional support dog.

Read [Misuse of Service Dogs Hurts the Disabled and Responsible Dog Owners](#).

AKC's Government Relations Department recently redesigned and continues to update its Regulatory Resource Center, which provides information on regulatory proposals and requirements from both the federal and state governments. For more information, access the Regulatory Resource Center at <https://akcgr.org/regcenter?1>, or contact AKC Government Relations at doglaw@akc.org.

Breeder Referral

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

Sharon Lofley
spwcc.referral@gmail.com



“Silver Bells”



Join us for our 25th Specialty Show

Friday, December 13, 2019

Judge: Judy Hart “Sua Mah”

Concurrent with the Sunshine Herding Group

Orange County Convention Center
North/South Building- 9899 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

Superintendent: MB-F, Inc. - www.infodog.com
Show Chair: Gail Steinmetz - keredpwc@gmail.com
Show Photographer: Don Meyer

Host Hotel

Rosen Inn at Pointe Orlando

9000 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

(800) 999-8585 ~ Please use Booking Block # 68582

Room rate is \$92.00 plus tax per night.

Pet fee is waived ~ 4 dog per room maximum

All Cancellations must occur before November 25, 2019 or you will be charged one night's rate.

Welcome Party

Thursday December 12, 2019 5:00 pm -7:00 pm

Post Show Gathering and Judges' Comments

Friday, December 13, 2019 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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