



THE CENTRAL OHIO SHETLAND SHEEPDOG ASSOCIATION, INC.

FEBRUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER

COSSA Members, sorry the newsletter is so brief but I am working on the show entries & time is short to get them done. Next month will see a regular format newsletter.

NEXT MEETING:
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008
At the Ganyard Building
Franklin County Fairgrounds, Hilliard, Ohio

Board Meeting (Board Members Only): 6:45 PM

Regular Membership Meeting: 7:00 PM

Please attend this meeting as this is the last one before our biggest money-making event of the year– the Puppy Match, the back-to-back specialties & the Health Fair!!!

From Raffle Chair, Joe Abrams:

At the January meeting we discussed having a short basket building session again after the February club meeting. I will bring lots of small dog toys and biscuits and such, along with empty baskets, ribbon, and cellophane.

Club members can best help with the raffle table by talking with local merchants and pet supply vendors about providing gift certificates and useful coupons. If anyone wants to make up a complete basket on their own or bring in some other items, that would also be very welcome, but gift certificates would really help the most.

MORE DISTURBING NEWS TO AREA BREEDERS

City To Target Residential Dog Breeders

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COLUMBUS, Ohio - City prosecutors on Tuesday said a crackdown could come against dog breeding kennels operating in residential areas of the city.

The announcement comes much to the dismay of breeders like Lori Pensis, who breed dogs within the city limits, 10TV's Cara Connelly reported.

According to Pensis, she applied for the proper licenses and started a Mastiff-breeding business inside her north Columbus home the right way.

"I went downtown and we got a kennel license and we got a vendor's license," Pensis said. "We got a federal tax ID number."

After complaints from her neighbor, the City of Columbus said her Franklin County license did not give her the right to run the business in a residential neighborhood, Connelly reported.

Assistant City Attorney Tyler Wilcox said dog breeders are not an exception and must follow state and city laws.

"You can get a license from the state to go hunting," Wilcox said, "but that doesn't mean you can go hunting in the city."

Pensis, who owns three adult Mastiffs and breeds a few litters a year, now faces a lawsuit from the city.

"We're going to win our case because we have a kennel license," she said. "The city shouldn't have given me the kennel license if they didn't want me to do it in this neighborhood."

10TV looked at all 78 kennel licenses issued in Franklin County and found that at least 30 are located in neighborhoods in the City of Columbus that are zoned residential, Connelly reported.

Wilcox said the city targeted Pensis' kennel because of the neighbor complaints. He also said the city would go after other businesses operating within residential areas.

"Initially kennels and after that we'll still actively pursue whatever other businesses are running businesses in residential zones," Wilcox said.

The city's case against Pensis should go before a jury in February.

I got this email from Pam Buckles:

Hi Karen,

I want to let you all know that my new dog "Jamie", Ch. Starfall Heart of Summerlove, will be showing at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show on Monday, **February 11, 2008** in New York City!

I co-own "Jamie" with Janet Turnage Nahikian. "Jamie" is entered in the Shetland Sheepdog Best of Breed competition and is being presented by Jimmy Moses.

If the Lord is willing, we will be in the Herding Group competition on Monday night, USA network. The coverage starts at 8pm.

Best,

Pamela Buckles

An interesting article from Spaniel Journal about the importation of puppies and dogs to shelters facing shortages of animals to adopt out. One excellent point: Animals imported from other sections of the US are counted twice, once when they enter the original shelter, the other when they enter the import shelter. This double count leads to inflated numbers of dogs entering shelters.

<http://spanieljournal.com/33lbaughan.html>



SEE YOU AT THE COSSA MEETING!!!