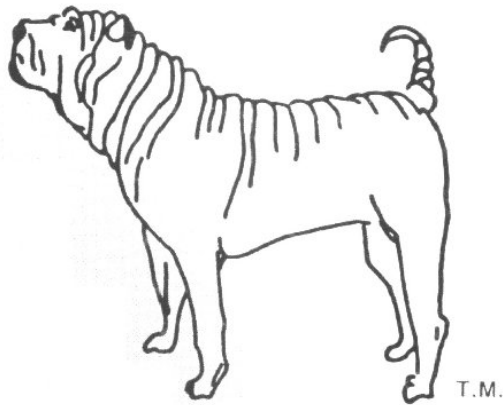


New Member's Handbook



Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.
Founded in 1974

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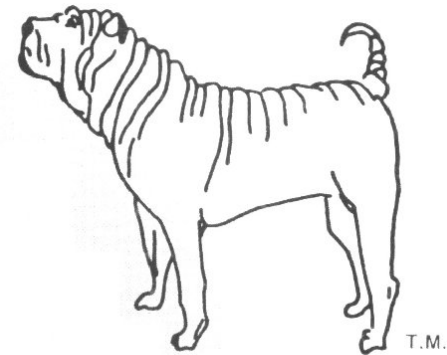
Welcome to the Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc. This New Member's booklet is your introduction to the Chinese Shar-Pei and the Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc. We have divided it into two sections, one with general information, and one that we hope will answer most of your questions about the CSPCA. You should be able to find information about the club and how it works. We have tried to give you an overview of the club and the operating procedures. It is our hope that you can use this booklet as a reference guide. Feel free to contact any committee chairman or anyone on the CSPCA Board of Directors if you need help in finding further information.

Periodically we will be making revisions in this booklet. If you have any input or have suggestions of something else that you think should be included, please let the Public Education Committee know. We are always open to hearing how we can make improvements. The contact information is listed under the committee heading in The Barker.

CSPCA CLUB INFORMATION

The following is a list of information about the CSPCA. We have put it in alphabetical order hoping to make it easier to find the specific information that you might like to find out about.

CSPCA CLUB LOGO



This is the official logo of the CSPCA

CSPCA CLUB COLORS

The official colors for the CSPCA are red and black.

CSPCA CLUB HISTORY

The first organizational meeting of the Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America was held in 1974 and the club has been in continuous existence since that time. The CSPCA, Inc. was officially incorporated on December 6, 1978. The purpose of the club was:

1. To promote the breeding of pure breed Shar-Pei and try to make them as perfect as possible.
2. To encourage the organization of local Chinese Shar-Pei clubs.
3. To write a standard of the breed, and to promote that as the only standard by which Shar-Pei should be judged.
4. To protect and advance the breed and encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials and field trials.
5. To conduct shows, matches, field trials and obedience trials
6. To collect, preserve and record pedigrees of Chinese Shar-Pei. To publish a stud book and to produce registration certificates.
7. To stimulate and regulate any all other matters that pertain to the history, breeding, exhibition, publicity and improvements of this breed.

The Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc. is a 501 (c) non-profit corporation organized and existing for the best interest of the Chinese Shar-Pei.

In July, 1985 the Shar-Pei was recognized by the United Kennel Club. In May, 1988 the breed was accepted by the AKC and placed in the Miscellaneous Group. In May, 1992 the Chinese Shar-Pei became the 134th breed to be recognized by the AKC and was placed in the Non-Sporting Group.

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When joining the CSPCA, you are agreeing to follow these guidelines. Member behavior is guided by the CSPCA Code of Ethics.

## **Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc. CODE OF ETHICS**

I am a member of the Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, and as such, I am committed to the care, protection and advancement of this breed.

I believe that I have a lifetime commitment to any dog I have bred or obtained; be it a beloved companion and pet, a show, obedience, or service dog or a dog that I have rescued or accepted back for whatever reason.

I will not breed my Shar-Pei while it is still too young, after it has become too old, too often for its own good or too closely together for its health to be maintained or if any medical tests or screenings indicate that the dog should not be bred.

I will take care of the physical needs of my Shar-Pei, daily providing quality food and clean water, clean living spaces, healthy exercise, regular and proper veterinary care.

I will take care of the emotional needs of my Shar-Pei giving proper socialization with family members and other humans as well as all other animals, especially other dogs, and also giving it stimulating activity and playtime to keep it alert.

I will never abuse my Shar-Pei, cause it intentional harm or pain, involve it in any blood sport, or place it to any kind of breeding or research facility.

I will be honest in my dealings with those from whom I purchase dogs as well as those to whom I sell any dogs. I will truthfully and openly inform them of any potential health problems and concerns as well as known health issues. I will provide a full pedigree along with any information I have about my dog's lines. I will provide full disclosure in my contract and I will readily accept back any Shar-Pei which I place out into another home.

I will be courteous to my fellow exhibitors - both in the ring and out. I will never do anything that might cause disruption, hardship or

difficulty for another exhibitor at a show. I will be gracious in both winning and losing - realizing that all of us are there to do and try our best. I will be helpful to the novice exhibitor - knowing how much it meant to me when I was one. I will do my best to earn respect from, and show respect to others involved in this breed and the sport of purebred dogs. I will try to keep in mind that my behavior, and that of my dogs, reflects on all members of my chosen community - realizing that bad behavior either inside or outside the ring will do more harm than any ribbon may be worth.

I will at all times do my best for my club, my breed and especially my dogs.

I am a member of the Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc. and am proud to be one.

### **DESCRIPTION OF CSPCA AWARDS**

Various awards are presented at the Awards Banquet which is held each year at the CSPCA National Specialty Dog Show. You must be a member of the CSPCA to qualify for any of these awards. You can find a summary and description of the Awards on the CSPCA website, under the Publications button. This is just a brief summary of the awards. The actual requirements and additional information is available in the CSPCA Policy and Procedure Manual (PPM). It can be found in the *Member's Only* area of the CSPCA website.

### **THE BARKER**

The Barker is the official publication of the CSPCA. The magazine is published every three months, or four issues each year. One copy of the magazine is provided to each CSPCA membership – see <http://www.cspca.com/membershiprules.htm>. The Barker is delivered by the U.S. Postal System whose policy with magazines is to deliver them when the mail for any particular day is expected to be lighter than that for other days. Because of this policy the post office can delay its delivery for several days. Club members who prefer to get their copy in a more timely fashion can choose to get their issue via 1st class delivery. Selecting this option requires additional postage and the added current charge for a 1st class mailing. For this extra fee, your copy of The Barker is delivered in the same fashion as all regular mail. Copies of The Barkers sent 1<sup>st</sup> class will be delivered

as soon as it reaches the member's post office. Please note that there are higher 1<sup>st</sup> class fees for foreign memberships.

Any member of the CSPCA **may** advertise in The Barker – see **Membership Information** at [www.cspca.com/membershipinfo.htm](http://www.cspca.com/membershipinfo.htm).

There are deadlines for submitting advertisements for publication in The Barker. Such deadlines for any particular issue are listed in the **CSPCA Calendar of Events** [www.cspca.com/Calendar.pdf](http://www.cspca.com/Calendar.pdf). At this site please note that there are different deadlines for “Camera-Ready” ads versus “Non-Camera Ready” ads:

**Camera-Ready Advertisements** are those which are typeset and complete “as is,” ready to be reproduced and placed on a page; i.e., an advertising page submitted with the layout and picture placement already prepared. Such an ad includes having correct margins as well as having all pictures suitable to be placed directly onto the page; the photo must be the appropriate size and, if sent via a scanner, of sufficient dpi (300 dpi minimum) - otherwise the reproduction will be too grainy. Wording for each ad must be correctly typeset, and the font submitted will be that which is used. Preferably the photos for the ad should be sent separately as an attachment via email, or enclosed separately from the text in an envelope if submitted by mail. This camera-ready process is for those who are familiar with ad layouts. The ad also may be submitted in its entirety with the photo and typeset as one item. If mailed and if the advertiser wishes the ad copy to be returned, the advertiser must provide a return, self addressed, and stamped envelope. Prospective advertisers can find precise guidelines and fees in each copy of The Barker.

**Non Camera-Ready Advertisements** are those in which The Barker's staff prepares both the lay-out (typeset) and photo placement. There is an additional \$25 charge for this service. Non Camera-Ready ads require an earlier deadline because they demand more preparation time to “set up” for publication. The Barker's staff is capable of designing appealing advertisement copy and will submit a proof sheet for editing and/or for final approval before the ad is sent to press. Please note that additional charges apply for multiple photos.

In each issue of The Barker you can find where to send your ad copy and its payment. Payment should be included with the ad when it is

submitted for approval for publication. The ad will not be published without prepayment. Cash, checks, money orders, credit cards and PayPal are all accepted. Be sure to note on each method of payment that the money is for a Barker ad to insure that payment is properly credited. All checks and money orders must be made out to the CSPCA. If payment is not included with the advertisement, a \$25 late fee will be assessed.

### **BREEDER'S DIRECTORY**

**Breeder's Directory-** Any CSPCA member in good standing can advertise in The Breeder's Directory . This Directory is published in The Barker and also on the CSPCA website. There is a yearly fee for this service. Any breeder that signs the CSPCA Breeders Code of Conduct (BCOC) is allowed to use the BCOC logo with their listing in the Breeder's Directory. Instructions on how to sign and turn in the Code of Conduct is listed on the CSPCA website under the Breeder's Directory button.

**Breeders Directory Renewal Fees:** The date of your renewal for the Breeder's Directory is listed under your listing in the Barker, as BD (Breeder's Directory) You will receive an e-mail notice of your renewal date. Any breeder listed that does not have e-mail will receive a notice by U.S. Mail.

### **BREEDERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

The CSPCA has established a voluntary Breeders Code of Conduct. By signing it, the breeder agrees to uphold the highest standards of personal and professional conduct and engage in breeding only for the betterment of the breed, as specifically stipulated in this document. The BCOC was established to assure the protection and advancement of this breed according to the Chinese Shar-Pei Breed Standard. It is to be understood, however, that those breeders who have not chosen to participate by signing this document are not necessarily to be considered unethical or otherwise inferior breeders! Only breeders who have signed the Code are permitted to use the official logo. The logo is an encircled paw print with the lettering CSPCA on the top and BCOC below the paw print:



When one sees this logo listed by a breeder's listing, one knows that they have officially agreed to the Code by signing the contract. The signers may use the logo in their listing in the Breeders Directory, when advertising in The Barker, or perhaps in any other official CSPCA publication. One may find the Breeders Code of Conduct document on the CSPCA website: [www.cspca.com](http://www.cspca.com) by selecting the Breeder's Directory button.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The general management of the CSPCA is governed by a Board of Directors. The club officers are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. There are also Directors from each of the three regions of the United States: Eastern, Central, and Western. These directors are required to live in the region that they represent and are elected solely by the club members that live in their specific region. There are also six Directors-At-Large with no restrictions as to residence. The CSPCA holds annual elections, but the Officer's and Directors are elected for two year terms on an alternating basis.

President, Secretary, Eastern Director, Western Director and three at large Directors are elected in odd numbered years. In even numbered years, the Vice President, Treasurer, Central Director and three at large directors are elected.

If you are unsure which region you reside in, you can find the list of regions and which states are in each region on the CSPCA website. Go to [www.cspca.com](http://www.cspca.com), then put your cursor on the Membership button. You will find the CSPCA Regions in the pull down menu.

The non-voting board members are: all recognized Affiliated Club Presidents, the immediate past president if the board so desires, Membership Secretary, and the AKC Delegate.

All board members must be members of the CSPCA and in good standing with the club.

If you ever need or want to contact a member of the Board, there are a couple of ways to do that. You will find the names and addresses of all board members in the front pages of each copy of The Barker magazine. There is also a link to send an e-mail to the entire board on the CSPCA website: [www.cspca.com](http://www.cspca.com) At the bottom on the home page, there is a button that you can click that says **To contact all of the CSPCA BOD.** When you click on that link, it will pre-address an e-mail to all board members.

### CSPCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**January-** By-laws included in the Jan/Feb issue of The Barker  
Nominations open for Officers and Director's

**February-** Nominations open for Morison Award  
Nominations open for Rescue Awards

**March-** 1st Affiliated Clubs Annual reports due  
Deadline for Non-Camera Ready ads for the March/April/May Barker- *Celebrating the Old & New - Veterans & Puppy Prospects*

15<sup>th</sup> Deadline for Camera Ready ads for the March/April/May Barker- *Celebrating the Old & New - Veterans & Puppy Prospects*

**March** 20<sup>th</sup> Nominations for officers and directors will Close.

**April-** 1st Nominations for AKC Delegate are opened in even numbered years

**May-** 31st Nominations for AKC Delegate close (Even years only)

**June-** 1<sup>st</sup> Nominations for Rescue Awards close  
Deadline for Non-Camera Ready ad's for the July/August/September Barker - *Stud Dog & Brood Bitch* issue

15<sup>th</sup> Deadline for Camera Ready ads for the July/August/September Barker- *Stud Dog &*

26<sup>th</sup> *Brood Bitch* issue  
Morison Award Nominations close

**July-** Board Votes on AKC delegate in even numbered years

26<sup>th</sup> Awards deadline for Nationals- (Varies each year)

30<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submitting Agility and Versatility Awards to those Chairman  
Election Ballots may be mailed individually to every member in good standing on June 1, or inserted in the July/August issue of The Barker. Only members in good standing as of June 1 are eligible to vote in the CSPCA election.

**August-** 1st AKC Delegate's term begins  
Deadline for Submitting Therapy Award certifications to Therapy Chairman

**September-** 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline for Non-Camera Ready ads for the October/November/December Barker- *Companion & Performance* issue

15<sup>th</sup> Deadline for Camera-Ready ads for the October/November/December Barker- *Companion & Performance* issue

September 15<sup>th</sup> Nominating Committee shall be chosen by the Board of Directors (one from each region and two alternates, no more than one Board Member )  
Odd years: President, Secretary, three At-Large, Eastern and Western  
Even years: Vice President, Treasurer, three At-Large, Central

30<sup>th</sup> Deadline for new groups to submit application for eligibility for Rescue Trust Funds.  
Last day ballot can be received at teller to be valid

**October-**                   **Nationals dates vary from the last week in September, all during October, or the first week in November**

Annual meeting at Nationals  
Election results announced when available

**November-**

**December:**    1<sup>st</sup>    Deadline for Non-Camera Ready ads for the January, February, March Barker- Year In Review and National Specialty Issue

Nomination committee report due to the Secretary, and forwarded to the Editor of The Barker on or before December 1

15<sup>th</sup>    Deadline for Camera Ready ads for the January/February/March Barker- Year In Review and National Specialty Issue

Applications for Ernest Albright Junior Handler Memorial Grants must be submitted to Junior Advisor  
Deadline for Applications to apply for Rescue Trust Funds

### **CSPCA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

The Constitution and By-Laws can be found on the CSPCA website: [www.cspca.com](http://www.cspca.com) They are listed under the Membership Information Button on the left hand side of the home page.

### **CSPCA DUES**

On your Barker mailing label, after your name, is the date that your CSPCA club membership expires. Watch for e-mail reminders from the membership secretary for information about paying your dues. In addition you may receive three notices by US mail. First notice indicates that dues are coming up, 2<sup>nd</sup> notice is that dues are overdue, and 3<sup>rd</sup> notice is that the membership has expired. You have thirty days beyond your expiration date to renew before you are no longer a member in good standing. Once the thirty day grace period has expired, you must reapply to rejoin the CSPCA.

### **GROUPS and E-MAIL LISTS**

One can join for help or information about specific interests:

#### **CSPCA MEMBER'S LIST-**

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CSPCAMembers>

This list is to encourage an open exchange of ideas and information between Members of the CSPCA and members of the Board of the CSPCA. To become a participant of this list, please send your CSPCA membership number, name and address to [sue@royalsharpei.com](mailto:sue@royalsharpei.com) Your membership number is on the mailing label of every Barker. You can still get access if you didn't keep your Barker mailing envelope. Membership has to be verified before you are allowed to participate. Once you are verified as a member, you will get an invitation and explanation of how to join that yahoo group. All bona-fide members of CSPCA are encouraged to join and participate in this group, the Yahoo! Group endorsed and sponsored by The Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America.

#### **List For People That Have Working Shar-Pei-**

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/workingpei/> For people training their dogs for working titles, such as obedience, rally, agility etc.

For those seeking additional information or support regarding Chinese Shar-Pei there are a variety of e-mail group lists available. Unlike the **CSPCAMembers** email list, these other lists are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the CSPCA. To learn about the various Shar-Pei fancier's lists, visit [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com) or [www.google.com](http://www.google.com), and select groups. Under "find a group," you can search the available listings. There are groups set up to discuss Shar-Pei health issues, dog show matters, support for novice owners, etc. A list of all the groups related to Shar-Pei will come up with a description of each group. When you find a group of interest click on that group. When their home page appears, and if you still like the group, click on "join this group." A message automatically will be sent to the group owner who, in turn, will send you a message as to how to receive their group messages (individual emails, digest, etc.). Just be sure to follow all the directions carefully in order to successfully join the group.

The process is the same whether you are looking at Yahoo! groups or Google groups. **Be aware that some of these groups may be**

**private and membership may be restricted by “invitation only.”**

Be sure to check for the individual list membership requirements before requesting membership in any particular group. Additionally for those interested in news groups, there is a group entitled “alt.pets.dogs.sharpei” available.

### **LOCAL CHINESE SHAR-PEI CLUBS**

A list of all the local Chinese Shar-Pei Clubs that are affiliated with the CSPCA can be found in each copy of The Barker. You will find the name of the contact person listed for each club. A local club can be very helpful in answering your questions, such as where to find a good training class, good veterinarians in the area boarding kennels in the area.

### **LOCAL SPECIALTY SHOWS**

Local Affiliated clubs put on Specialty shows that are solely for our breed. To find the list of local specialty shows, go to [www.cspca.com](http://www.cspca.com), then click on the Upcoming Specialties button. That will give you a list of all the local specialties, and the pertinent information about them.

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

There are various categories of membership in the CSPCA. All members living in the U.S. have the choice of joining either as individuals or as a family (2 adults living in the same household. All these members have full voting rights. There is also a third category for U.S. members called an Associate membership. These members have all the rights of membership, including receiving the Barker magazine, with the exception of voting, holding office or participating in the Futurity/Maturity program.

Junior Memberships are for an person between the ages of ten and seventeen, and living in the U.S. They must be sponsored by a parent or guardian, or two regular active members with the parents permission. Once the junior turns eighteen, he must apply for regular membership.

Foreign Memberships are for anyone living outside of the U.S. They cannot hold office or vote, and are charged an additional postage fee for the Barker.

### **MEMBERSHIP ROSTER**

From time to time you may find the need to contact another club member. The complete membership roster can be found in the Member’s Only Area of the CSPCA website. Please see **Member’s Only Area** to find out how to access that area of the CSPCA website. This area is for the exclusive use of Current Members in Good Standing of the CSPCA. Once you have logged on to the Member’s Only area, and clicked on the Welcome page, you can click on **Roster- Main page**. You will now be able to access members by name, or state in which they live. The roster should include the member’s mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address, along with the date they joined the club, and when their membership expires. Some club members have chosen not to have their information listed in the Roster. This is called “opting out”. If you choose not to have your information listed on the Roster, you will need to contact the Membership Secretary for instructions on how to opt out. Your name will still be listed on the Roster, but your contact information will not.

### **NATIONAL SPECIALTY INFORMATION**

The dates and location of Nationals varies each year. To find the specific information on the most current National Specialty, go to [www.cspca.com](http://www.cspca.com), and click on the Nationals Information button. All available information can be found there.

The CSPCA hosts a National Specialty Show once a year. It is typically held the last week of September, during October, or the first week in November. The National show starts on a Tuesday and runs through Saturday. Each year it rotates to a different area of the country. This show is the annual convention for our breed. All CSPCA members and CSP fanciers are encouraged to attend and/or participate in this five day event. This show is not just for those who show dogs, but is an event that will help educate anyone interested in the Chinese Shar-Pei. This event is a great place to meet breeders from around the country, and throughout the world as well as providing an opportunity to ask questions to a variety of breeders. Often we have some very interesting educational seminars that are Shar-Pei specific. Additionally it offers an opportunity to meet the people that hold offices in the club and chair the various

committees. The Annual or General Meeting is held one night, and all club members are encouraged to attend and participate at this function.

**Trophy Donations-** In order to save on the expenses of putting on a National Specialty Show, it is our custom to solicit donations from the membership to defray the cost of the trophies and ribbons. A list of the costs for each trophy is sent out well before Nationals, and people are asked to sponsor each one with donations. Donation requests to cover the cost of ribbons is sent with the list of specific trophies. These lists are posted on the CSPCA Member's List and also included in the Barker in the Spring before each National Specialty. Prompt payment is expected when you donate, so that these items can be purchased in advance of the National Specialty. A list of all trophies and ribbons sponsors is listed in the show catalog. It is a nice gesture if you win one of the trophies to send a thank you note to the trophy sponsor. To find the address of the sponsor you will need to go to the Member's Only area of the CSPCA website. Click on the dog logo in the upper left hand corner. Once you are in that area and have signed on, click on Roster- Main page. You can look up the address of any club member there. How to register to use the Member's Only area can be found under the Website listings.

The National Specialty offers the normal dog show classes in conformation, obedience, and rally plus some special classes and attractions as well. To learn more about the dog show classes, please read the CSPCA brochure, **My First Dog Show**, which can be found on the CSPCA website under the Publications button.

**Sweepstakes:** These classes are for puppies that are 6 to 18 months old, and the veterans that are 7 years old and older. The entry fees are put in a pot, and divided among the winning dogs in each class. Best in Sweepstakes and Best Opposite Sex each win additional money. The exact distribution of the money is listed in the premium for each Nationals. You make your entries for these classes under the Additional Classes box on your entry form.

**Futurity-Maturity:** The purpose of the National Specialty Futurity/Maturity event is to encourage the planning and breeding of Chinese Shar-Pei that will produce the best possible specimen of the breed and to reward the breeders for their efforts. For this reason, the

Futurity/Maturity monetary awards are weighted in favor of the breeder. Recognition, however, is not limited to the breeder, but also to the owners in whose hands the responsibility of developing the inherited potentialities are given, and to the owner of the sire for the sire's genetic contribution.

Once a litter is nominated, postmarked prior to whelp, each individual puppy must be nominated again before four months of age (Futurity). If you feel that your puppy is still a great example of the breed, you can nominate him/her before they are six months old for Maturity, which entitles you to stay in the contest for another year. All of these deadlines are determined by the postmark date on the envelope.

You can nominate the individual puppies for both Futurity and Maturity with the Futurity nomination. If your puppy is Futurity nominated throughout the process, the first Nationals after your puppy is six months old, you can enter them in the Futurity Event at Nationals that year. If they are also nominated for Maturity, then they will also be eligible to enter the Maturity Event the following year. It is not necessary for you to have entered the Futurity Event at Nationals, in order to show your dog in the Maturity Event the following year, as long as your puppy had been nominated for that.

You make entries for these classes under the Additional Classes box on your entry form. Please check the rules and regulations for more specific details on how to participate in this event. They can be found on the CSPCA website: [www.cspca.com](http://www.cspca.com), and then click on the Futurity Rules button. The rules for Maturity are also listed under that button.

**Stud Dog and Brood Bitch:** These classes are for judging what a dog or bitch can produce. You enter your stud dog or brood bitch with two to three of their get. The classes are judged only on the quality of the get. (*Get means a puppy out of that dog*)

**Brace classes:** These classes have two dogs working together as a team, and are judged by their similarity in looks and how well they work together as a team.

**Junior Showmanship:** This is for children and teens from 9 to 17 years old. They are judged on their handling skills. The dog that they show is not judged. There are many activities planned for Juniors at Nationals, including educational seminars as well as parties. *(Neutered dogs can be shown in this class)*

**Parade of Rescue Dogs:** This event has been established in an attempt to honor dogs that have found homes through the various rescue programs. There is a brief story about each dog read while he is shown in the ring.

**Awards Banquet:** All the people that have won awards during the year, are presented with their respective awards, after a banquet dinner. This is a great opportunity to see what is going on in the CSPCA, and to put names with the faces in the breed. Tickets must be purchased in advance for the event. Information on how to order tickets will be in the premium list.

**Invitational Event:** This is where the top twenty-five winning dogs (according to AKC records) in our breed are invited, and judged by three different judges on their individual qualities, according to our breed standard. The scores are recorded, and combined to arrive at the winner of the Invitational. Dogs must be invited to participate, but anyone that buys a ticket is welcome to **enjoy the dinner and** to watch the judging process. It is a dress up affair, with a dinner, while the judging is going on. Tickets can be purchased in advance for the event. Information on how to order tickets will be in the premium list.

**Club President's Meeting-** This is the only opportunity each year for all specialty club Presidents to get together and to discuss local club issues face to face.

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In addition to the obedience and conformation competitions, there are several vendors that sell unique Shar-Pei related items such as T-Shirts, jewelry and figurines. The show has auctions and raffles featuring artwork and breed items sure to please any Shar-Pei fancier. These fundraisers at the show help support the Rescue Trust, Charitable Trust, Juniors, and various other programs in the CSPCA that benefit Chinese Shar-Pei.

All the information concerning the details of the National Specialty can be found on the CSPCA website: www.cspca.com When you click on the National Specialty button, you will find the hotel information, a list of judges, and the show superintendent for the show. There will also be a list of what is scheduled each day of the event. If you are new to showing, you should write to the Nationals show superintendent, and ask to be put on the CSPCA National Specialty Show mailing list to insure that you get a premium.

In conjunction with Nationals, there is typically a specialty on Monday immediately preceding Nationals. This specialty is hosted and sponsored by the local host club for Nationals. It is a great opportunity to get your dog adjusted to the show site, and to experience having so many dogs in the ring at the same time.

Occasionally there is a puppy match or obedience trial on the Sunday before Nationals that is also sponsored by the Nationals host club. These opportunities may be expanded to include Rally, Agility and other venues in the future. All the information concerning these shows will be included in the Premium as well. That information can also be found on the CSPCA website, under the National's Information button. Just be sure to check the CSPCA website, as occasionally, the specialty before Nationals has a different show superintendent from Nationals.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL (PPM)

This manual is a compilation of all the policies and procedures that have been established by the board of the CSPCA. It contains all the specific information pertaining to the club. You can find the current copy on the CSPCA website: www.cspca.com . It is in the "Member's Only" area of the website. To access it, just click on the dog logo in the upper left hand side of the page, sign in, and then click on the Welcome page button. On the Welcome page, click on the Policy and Procedure Manual. You will need Adobe Reader in order to view the manual.

REGIONS OF THE CSPCA

To find which region you reside in, you go to www.cspca.com, then click on the **Membership Information** button. You will find the

CSPCA Regions in the pull down menu. Click on that button to find a list of the regions, and each state that is included in each region.

Periodically the regions are updated, so be sure to check the list before attempting to vote in each election. Votes are only counted for regional directors that are sent in by people that reside in that region.

RESCUE GROUPS - LOCAL CHINESE SHAR-PEI

A list of all the local Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue groups can be found in each copy of The Barker. The name of the contact person is listed, as well as the location for each group. Rescue groups are always in need of people to transport and/or to foster dogs. Feel free to contact a local rescue group in your area to offer your services, no matter how limited they may be.

SCROLL OF HONOR

The Scroll of Honor is a document which recognizes by name any dog that passed away during the previous calendar year (January 1 though December 31), thus honoring its life and achievements. This would include the show dogs and the great family pets. This commemorative list will appear yearly in the second quarterly issue (April/May/June) of The Barker, as well as on the CSPCA website. Any CSPCA member can submit the name of a dog that they owned to be recognized in the list. *The listing should include the name of the dog, call name of the dog, date of birth and death.* There is no charge for this service. Details as to where one submits his nomination(s) and the deadline for his submissions will be published in The Barker's last quarterly sue (October/November/December) and also on the CSPCA Member's list.

SHOW SUPERINTENDENTS

If you are interested in showing your dog, this is a list of the show Superintendents. You can ask which one is for your area of the country. Send an e-mail with your name and address to the Superintendents in your area and ask them to put you on their show flier mailing list.

Jack Onofrio- www.onofrio.com

MBF- <http://www.infodog.com>

Roy Jones & Sleeper Dog Shows- <http://royjonesdogshows.com>

Jack Bradshaw- www.jbradshaw.com

Garvin Shaw Services- www.garvinshowserices.com

McNulty Dog Shows- www.mcnultydogshows.com

Bob Peters Dog Shows- www.bpdsonline.com

Jim Rau Shows- www.raudogshows.com

Kevin Rogers Dog Shows- www.rogersdogshows.com

STANDARD FOR THE CHINESE SHAR-PEI

Each breed of dog has a standard that is written by its National club to describe the dog's distinguishing characteristics. The standard is a detailed written description of the optimal appearance, physical structure, mannerisms and movement of the dog. While no one dog is a perfect example of the breed, it is a breeder's responsibility to try to breed for all of the required characteristics that are included in the breed standard. It is also a judge's responsibility to judge each dog in that breed as to how well it meets the requirements of its breed standard. If a particular dog does not meet the requirements of the standard, it is usually sold as a pet.

Included in the standard is a list of major faults. Major faults are characteristics that are not desired in the breed. One will also find a list of disqualifications. Disqualifications are characteristics that are not acceptable in the breed. Having any of the listed disqualifications in a dog should eliminate that dog from the show ring and from any breeding program.

The following is the breed standard for the Chinese Shar-Pei. The illustrated standard can also be found on the CSPCA website at: <http://www.cspca.com/IllustratedStandard.htm> :

CHINESE SHAR-PEI BREED STANDARD

Revised 2/28/98

General Appearance

An alert, compact dog of medium size and substance; square in profile, close-coupled; the well proportioned head slightly, but not overly large for the body. The short, harsh coat, the loose skin covering the head and body, the small ears, the "hippopotomus" muzzle shape and the high set tail impart to the Shar-Pei a unique look peculiar to him alone. The loose skin and wrinkles covering the

head, neck and body are superabundant in puppies but these features may be limited to the head, neck and withers in the adult.

Size, Proportion, Substance

The height is 18 to 20 inches at the withers. The weight is 45 to 60 pounds. The dog is usually larger and more square bodied than the bitch but both appear well proportioned. The height of the Shar-Pei from the ground to the withers is approximately equal to the length from the point of breastbone to the point of rump.

Head and Skull

The head is large, slightly, but not overly, proudly carried and covered with profuse wrinkles on the forehead continuing into side wrinkles framing the face. *Eyes* - dark, small, almond-shaped and sunken, displaying a scowling expression. In the dilute colored dogs the eye color may be lighter. *Ears* - extremely small, rather thick, equilateral triangles in shape, slightly rounded at the tips; edges of the ear may curl. Ears lie flat against the head, are set high, wide apart and forward on the skull, pointing toward the eyes. The ears have the ability to move. *A pricked ear is a disqualification.* *Skull* - flat and broad, the stop moderately defined. *Muzzle* - one of the distinctive features of the breed. It is broad and full with no suggestion of snipiness. (The length from nose to stop is approximately the same as from stop to occiput.) *Nose* - large and wide and darkly pigmented, preferably black but any color conforming to the general coat color of the dog is acceptable. In dilute colors, the preferred nose is self-colored. Darkly pigmented cream Shar-Pei may have some light pigment either in the center of the nose or on the entire nose. The lips and top of muzzle are well-padded and may cause a slight bulge above the nose. *Tongue, roof of mouth, gums and flews* - solid bluish-black is preferred in all coat colors except in dilute colors, which have a solid lavender pigmentation. A spotted pink tongue is a major fault. *A solid pink tongue is a disqualification.* (Tongue colors may lighten due to heat stress; care must be taken not to confuse dilute pigmentation with a pink tongue.) *Teeth* - strong, meeting in a scissors bite. Deviation from a scissors bite is a major fault.

Neck, Topline, Body

Neck - medium length, full and set well into the shoulders. There are moderate to heavy folds of loose skin and abundant dewlap about the neck and throat. The *topline* dips slightly behind the withers, slightly

rising over the short, broad loin. A level, roach or swayed topline/backline shall be faulted. *Chest* - broad and deep with the brisket extending to the elbow and rising slightly under the loin. *Back* - short and close-coupled. *Croup* - flat, with the base of the tail set extremely high, clearly exposing an up-tilted anus. *Tail* - the high set tail is a characteristic feature of the Shar-Pei. A low set tail shall be faulted. The tail is thick and round at the base, tapering to a fine point and curling over or to either side of the back. *The absence of a complete tail is a disqualification.*

Forequarters

Shoulders - muscular, well laid back and sloping. *Forelegs* - when viewed from the front, straight moderately spaced, with elbows close to the body. When viewed from the side, the forelegs are straight, the pasterns are strong and flexible. The bone is substantial but never heavy and is of moderate length. Removal of front dewclaws is optional. *Feet* - moderate in size, compact and firmly set, not splayed.

Hindquarters

Muscular, strong, and moderately angulated. The *metatarsi* (hocks) are short, perpendicular to the ground and parallel to each other when viewed from the rear. Hind dewclaws must be removed. Feet as in front.

Coat

The extremely harsh coat is one of the distinguishing features of the breed. The coat is absolutely straight and off standing on the main trunk of the body but generally lies somewhat flatter on the limbs. The coat appears healthy without being shiny or lustrous. Acceptable coat lengths may range from extremely short "horse coat" up to the "brush coat", not to exceed one inch in length at the withers. A soft coat, a wavy coat, a coat in excess of one inch in length at the withers or a coat that has been trimmed is a major fault. the Shar-Pei is shown in its natural state.

Color

Only solid colors and sable are acceptable and are to be judged on an equal basis. A solid color dog may have shading, primarily darker, down the back and on the ears. The shading must be variations of the same body color and may include darker hairs throughout the coat. *The following colors are disqualifications: Albino; Not a solid color,*

i.e.: Brindle; Parti-colored; Spotted; Patterned in any combination of colors.

Gait

The movement of the Shar-Pei is to be judged at a trot. The gait is free and balanced with the feet tending to converge on a center line of gravity when the dog moves at a vigorous trot. The gait combines good forward reach and a strong drive in the hindquarters. Proper movement is essential.

Temperament

Regal, alert, intelligent, dignified, lordly, scowling, sober and snobbish essentially independent and somewhat standoffish with strangers, but extreme in his devotion to his family. The Shar-Pei stands firmly on the ground with a calm, confident stature.

Major Faults

Deviation from a scissors bite.

Spotted tongue.

A soft coat, a wavy coat, a coat in excess of 1" in length at the withers or a coat that has been trimmed.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Pricked ears

Solid pink tongue

Absence of a complete tail

Albino; not a solid color, i.e.: Brindle; Parti-colored; Spotted;

Patterned in any combination of colors

STANDING COMMITTEES- DESCRIPTIONS

This is a brief description of the standing committees, and a synopsis of what they do. The full description of each committee can be found in the Policy and Procedure Manual in the *Members Only* area on the CSPCA website. The entire list of standing committees is listed in the front of each Barker, including the contact information for each committee Chairman. Each Chairman is appointed by the CSPCA Board of Directors. If you need more information with anything associated with these committees, feel free to contact the Chairman for help, assistance with a problem or for additional information. In all cases the chairperson of each committee will be identified as a generic "he" and the committee will be referred to as "it".

ADOA Delegate- This delegate represents the CSPCA at the American Dog Owners Association. The American Dog Owners Association (ADOA) is dedicated to responsible dog ownership and is an advocate for the rights of responsible dog owners. The ADOA is actively involved with issues of kennel abuses, breed specific legislation, shipping and air carrier practices for animals, as well as fraudulent practices of all kinds. The ADOA furnishes updates on key legislation and litigation, as well as other information that is helpful to national and local dog clubs.

Agility Advisor- The advisor will promote the working aspects of the Chinese Shar-Pei in agility events and competition. He can help those with any training problems, or assist one in finding specific training information. The advisor also generates a list of the top winning Shar-Pei in Agility each year, which he turns over to the Award's Chairman so that the appropriate awards can be presented.

AKC Breeder Referral- This person handles all the calls and questions about how to find a Shar-Pei. He disseminates pertinent information about locating a good breeder, as well as maintains a Breeder Referral list.

AKC Delegate- The CSPCA is permitted to have one AKC Delegate to represent our club at the American Kennel Club. This delegate is chosen by the CSPCA Board of Directors from those individuals who apply for the position. The delegate serves for a period of two years. It is necessary for the delegate to attend the AKC meetings in New York City, or wherever else they may be held. The delegate is authorized to vote on all issues which require a vote, having obtained input and instructions from the CSPCA Board of Directors on issues that directly affect our breed.

Since there are expenses associated with the delegate position, the CSPCA has established an expense account allowing reimbursement for his expenses up to a maximum of \$1,500 a year.

In addition to attending AKC meetings, it is the responsibility of the AKC Delegate to report regularly to the CSPCA Membership and the CSPCA Board concerning any issues or changes in the operations of the AKC.

The name and contact information of the current AKC Delegate is located in each issue of The Barker. Should one desire more detailed information on how to apply for the CSPCA Delegate position to AKC, one can find that information in the Policy and Procedure Manual (PPM) in the “Member’s Only” area of the CSPCA website. Instructions on how to get to the Member’s Only area are included in this booklet.

AKC Gazette Breed Columnist- Every three months the CSPCA is invited to have a column in the AKC Gazette magazine. The columnist is responsible for either writing an article for that magazine or for asking another club member to write it. All columns are approved by a committee selected by the CSPCA Board of Directors.

AKC Judges Education- This committee is responsible for putting on Judge’s Education programs specifically designed to educate AKC judges about our breed. This committee also is responsible for approving the official mentors of the breed.

Awards Chairman- This chairman is responsible for collecting a list of awards which will be presented at the Awards Banquet held each year in conjunction with the National Specialty. He is responsible for advertising the various awards deadlines, and for sending, in a timely fashion, the list of awards to the Awards Coordinator, the Barker editor, the CSPCA President, and the CSPCA Historian.

Awards Coordinator- This person is responsible for acquiring the necessary awards which will be presented at each annual National CSPCA Specialty. He is responsible for ordering the awards and insuring that the awards are shipped to the appropriate location in a timely fashion. The CSPCA will provide a table in a visible location for the Awards Coordinator to display the awards prior to the Awards banquet.

Barker/AKC Gazette Liaison Committee- This committee is responsible for approving all AKC Gazette column articles. It also serves as the liaison between the CSPCA and the Editor of The Barker, particularly regarding printing policies. The Committee keeps a current list of complimentary recipients of The Barker.

Budget and Finance- The purpose of this committee is to monitor CSPCA financial and accounting procedures, to investigate problem areas designated by the Board and to submit recommendations for the Board’s consideration. It also is the duty of this committee to propose a budget and to submit it for board approval at or before the Annual Meeting,

CERF Representative- This person will act as a liaison between the CERF (**Canine Eye Registration Foundation**) Registry and the CSPCA. This organization encourages breeders to have their dog’s eyes examined in an effort to reduce eye problems in our breed. The representative provides club members with any information that they might need to know about the CERF testing procedure, maintains a list of the dogs in our breed which have passed the CERF test, as well as periodically posts this information in the Barker.

CHIC Representative- The CHIC Representative will act as a liaison between the CHIC (**Canine Health Information Center**) Registry and the CSPCA. They are available to answer questions from the membership on the CHIC registry. They will maintain a list of CHIC qualified dogs and periodically post the information in the Barker.

Code of Ethics/Breeder's Code of Conduct - It is the task of the Ethics Committee to present to the members of the CSPCA a workable and well thought out Code of Ethics and Breeder's Code of Conduct, and to periodically review the wording of each. The committee may also act as a mediator in disputes involving ethical issues when requested. The policy of the committee is that no charge, complaint or accusation will be accepted unless it also bears the name of the person(s) making the complaint. Nameless accusations will not be acted upon or acknowledged.

Communication Webmaster- The webmaster is responsible for maintaining and updating the CSPCA website as directed by the CSPCA Board of Directors.

CSPCA Club Presidents’ Alliance- The Chairman of this committee is the liaison between the local CSPCA clubs and the CSPCA Board of Directors. Their duty is to obtain an annual report from each local club for maintaining an Affiliated Club status. It is his job to assist any new clubs with the requirements necessary when seeking CSPCA

Affiliation. Its duty additionally is to oversee the competition each year for the Best Newsletter and Best Website

CSPCA National Annual Specialty Coordinator- This Coordinator aids and oversees the planning of the annual National Specialty Show. The show coordinator will make all the final decisions regarding the National Show, excluding those pertaining to Maturity and Futurity events.

CSPCA Procedure Manual- This document also is known as the Policy and Procedure Manual. The Chairman of this committee is responsible for keeping a list of all new and old policy decisions from the CSPCA Board of Directors. The chairman updates the manual periodically, and is responsible for posting the current manual in such a manner and place so that all CSPCA members can have access to it.

DNA Bank- This committee promotes and oversees the Chinese Shar-Pei DNA Bank Registry at the University of Missouri. The committee assists CSPCA affiliated clubs and individual club members in the collection and submission of DNA samples to the registry. On occasion, the committee acts as a liaison to research studies relating to Chinese Shar-Pei. In conjunction with the CSP Charitable Trust, the DNA Bank Committee releases Chinese Shar-Pei samples for approved research studies.

Futurity and Maturity Committee- This committee is responsible for overseeing the running of CSPCA Futurity and Maturity Events. Its members can assist with questions that might arise concerning eligibility for entering and participating at these events.

Health through Education- This committee is established to improve the health of the Chinese Shar-Pei breed, to educate owners on maintaining the health of their Chinese Shar-Pei and to assist and guide the CSPCA Board of Directors in decisions concerning the health issues of the Chinese Shar-Pei.

Health Screening Committee- It is the goal of this committee to educate CSPCA members on the value of health testing, and to encourage the participation of Chinese Shar-Pei in the Canine Health Information Center Data Registry, (also known as CHIC).

Historian- The Historian's function is to preserve information and memorabilia relating to the history of the CSPCA Club and the Chinese Shar-Pei. He should identify important historical or potentially historical documents that should be in the Club's collection and he should campaign to obtain these items for their donation to the Club. The CSPCA continually encourages the donation of such items that appropriately fit within the scope of this historical category regarding the CSPCA and the Chinese Shar-Pei.

Insurance Committee- This committee will be responsible for the investigation and research insurance requirements for the CSPCA, to inform and to suggest what insurance coverage the club shall need for its safe, proper and protected operation and to present findings when needed for Board approval.

Junior Advisor Chairman- The Advisor will implement and oversee a program to encourage the active involvement of junior members of the CSPCA in junior showmanship at specialty shows and AKC sanctioned all-breed dog shows. He is available to assist with any question that may arise concerning showing a dog in Junior Showmanship competition. He also is responsible for tabulating the Top Junior Awards, and promoting the Ernest Albright Junior Handler Memorial Grants. More information about these grants can be found in the Policy and Procedure Manual in the Member's Only area of the CSPCA website.

Legislative Liaison- The liaison collects input from the CSPCA membership about potential legislative concerns for our breed from across the country, and from other organizations such as the AKC, ADOA, UKC, etc. He is responsible for keeping our National club informed about these legislative issues that might involve our club members. He also composes correspondence that might be necessary in response to these legislative issues and presents it to the Board for approval. Once approved, he sees that the correspondence is sent to the appropriate addresses.

Longevity Program Chairman- The purpose of this program is to recognize and celebrate those Shar-Pei that have lived long lives. The chairman maintains all records that pertain to longevity, and is responsible for maintaining the Longevity Program website. Any Chinese Shar-Pei is eligible whose age can be verified living to age

ten years or more, or whose parents have both lived to age ten years or more, and who is registered with the official breed registry of its country of origin,. Eligibility is not restricted to CSPCA membership nor is it restricted to dogs residing in the United States.

National Annual Specialty Show Judges Selection Committee- This Chairman has the responsibility of putting together the ballot of the judges for the National Specialty per CSPCA eligibility guidelines and requirements.

National Specialty Trophy Donation Committee - This committee is responsible for obtaining donations to cover the expense of acquiring all trophies which may be awarded at the annual National CSPCA Specialty. Although all donations are made voluntarily, it has been the custom that the winner of the prior year's event, such as Winner's Dog, for example, be the sponsor of that same trophy for the pending year, and is invited to do so. This committee maintains a list of all donors and the trophy that they wish to sponsor, and properly forwards it for inclusion in the National Specialty Show Catalog. The committee Chairman will insure that all money is collected and deposited into the CSPCA treasury. It is the chairman's responsibility to insure that each sponsor is appropriately acknowledged and thanked for his donation.

Obedience/Rally Advisor- This advisor will promote these working aspects of the Chinese Shar-Pei and will be the liaison between obedience/rally handlers and the CSPCA Board of Directors. "Working aspects" includes tracking, agility, fly ball, fieldwork, herding, rally and whatever other areas of competition other than conformation which may become available for the Chinese Shar-Pei. The advisor also represents the CSPCA in communicating with the American Kennel Club the concerns of the working Chinese Shar-Pei handlers. The advisor can help with any training problems, or assist in finding specific training information and guidelines. The advisor also generates a list of the top winning Shar-Pei in Obedience/Rally each year and submits this information to the Award's Chairman so that appropriate awards can be presented.

OFA/Penn Hip Chairman- This person will act as a liaison between both the OFA and PennHip Registries and the CSPCA. It is his job to encourage CSPCA members to have their dogs' examined, to make

available information regarding the policies and information from OFA and PennHip, and to present the OFA/PennHip results for publication in the Barker.

Public Education Committee- This committee is responsible for devising, maintaining and promulgating a list of Public Education documents primarily for the membership as well as for the public at large. It is their job to write any new documents as needed and to present them for approval by the CSPCA Board of Directors. They are also responsible for answering questions about the breed and the club from the general public, and for referring questions to other committees when necessary.

Regional Specialty Director- This person and his committee will oversee regional show procedures. The committee will sanction those clubs which qualify, abiding by the rules set forth by the Board of Directors.

Register of Merit (ROM) - This committee will maintain a database of finished AKC champions from a list generated by the AKC and will automatically award an ROM title to the sire/dam who has achieved the required number of champion progeny required for such an award. Males must have sired ten or more progeny that have received the title of AKC Champion. Females must have whelped five or more progeny that have received the title of AKC Champion. The Chairman will periodically post in the Barker an updated list of all dogs that have received an ROM and he will announce these winners at each annual CSPCA Awards Banquet.

Standard Committee- The Standard Committee will accept all inquires and suggestions proposed in writing from the membership, catalog these changes to the Breed Standard, and present them for approval by both the AKC and the CSPCA Board of Directors. Upon any approved change to the Breed Standard, there may be no other change for at least five years from that date. (Revision years: 1993, 1998, 2003, etc.) The Standard Committee remains impartial to all inquires and suggestions regarding the Standard and it serves only for the convenience of the Club membership to formulate an unbiased opinion for proposed Standard changes.

Therapy Chairman- This Chairman will encourage participation of Chinese Shar-Pei in therapy activities that are beneficial to the community and for the breed. He is to assist anyone that is interested in doing therapy work. He will recognize Chinese Shar-Pei participating in all levels of volunteer therapy dog work. The advisor each year generates a list of all dogs participating in therapy work and submits this information to the Award's Chairman so that appropriate awards can be presented.

Top 25 Invitational Program Committee- This committee will insure that the Invitational is conducted in accordance with the rules set forth by the Board of Directors. The Invitational is a "black tie" dinner event which occurs at the CSPCA National Specialty. The top 25 Shar-Pei dogs are invited to compete.

This committee consists of three distinct jobs, which may or may not necessitate three separate individuals: Event Chairman, responsible for all aspects of the Invitational; Event Committee, responsible for event specific tasks and Event Coordinator, responsible for all paperwork and record keeping of the Invitational

Top Dog- The purpose of this committee is to review AKC Specialty show records and to compile a list of dogs and the points they have received for their respective BOB and BOS wins obtained only at Specialty Shows. The advisor also generates a yearly list of the top winning Shar-Pei to submit to the Award's Chairman so that appropriate awards can be presented.

Versatility Committee- The purpose of the CSPCA Versatility committee is to present the Chinese Shar-Pei in a positive light to the public and to promote the idea that our Shar-Pei can ably, adequately and frequently skillfully perform a multitude of tasks, and do them well. A versatility Shar-Pei is one that has earned two (2) or more titles in two (2) separate fields in any of the AKC performance and conformation events or any comparable titles from other recognized and accredited organizations.

The Chairman keeps a record of all the Shar-Pei that have qualified for this title, and awards the title to any new dog that qualifies. He is responsible for submitting his records to the Award's Chairman so that appropriate awards can be presented.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED BY THE CSPCA

Chinese Shar-Pei Charitable Trust- The CSPCA Charitable Trust is a stand alone, non-profit organization. The CSPCA Board of Directors supports and encourages the efforts of the Charitable Trust. The committee will acquire funds through donations from the membership and from an auction at the National Annual Specialty Show. There may be various other fund raising efforts. These funds will be used to help defray the costs associated with research that will benefit the Chinese Shar-Pei. More information on the Charitable Trust can be found on the CSPCA website, www.cspca.com under the Charitable Trust button.

Rescue Organization/ Rescue Trust- The CSPCA makes all efforts to support the rescue of less fortunate pure bred Chinese Shar-Pei through the Rescue Trust. The CSPCA Rescue Trust is a stand alone, non-profit organization, with the majority of Trustees being CSPCA Board of Directors. The committee acquires funds through donations from the membership and a designated portion of each entry fee at the National Annual Specialty Show. The CSPCA also supports raffle and auction activity to raise funds. There may be various other fund raising efforts. These funds will be used to help defray the costs associated with rescuing Chinese Shar-Pei. The committee is available to help and assist with Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue issues and concerns. More information on the Rescue Trust can be found on the CSPCA website, www.cspca.com under the Rescue button.

WEBSITES

RECOMMENDED FOR CSPCA MEMBERS

CSPCA- www.cspca.com - The official website of the CSPCA.

This website has most of the information pertaining to the CSPCA. If you click on the information buttons on the left side of the home page, you will find a wide variety of information including contact information for CSPCA club personnel. Other links provide information on the organization and various committees of the CSPCA, health and rescue information, and show information, etc.

To get to the “**MEMBER’S ONLY**” area of the CSPCA website, click on the picture of the Shar-Pei in the top left hand corner of the page. This will get you into the Member’s only area. Click on “Register for a New Account”, if you are not already registered, and fill out that form. Once that form is received you will sent an e-mail on how to get access and a password to use to get access to that part of the website. Once you have the password, when you log on, you can change that password if you would like.

Dr. Jeff Vidt- <http://www.drjvw.com> Dr. Vidt's website is full of health information about Shar-Pei, and it provides updates on current health research projects.

Dr. Linda Tintle- <http://www.wvc.vetsuite.com/custom-content.asp> Dr. Tintle’s website has health information about Shar-Pei, and current health research projects.

CSP Charitable Trust- www.cspcharitabletrust.org The Chinese Shar-Pei Charitable Trust was founded and established to seek tax-deductible donations for funding to address all the genetic health issues of the Chinese Shar-Pei. This site will provide everyone with information and updates regarding the activities of the Trust, as well as current updates on research projects that are being funded.

O F A- <http://www.offa.org/> This is the website for the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals. Its mission is to improve the health and well being of companion animals through a reduction in the incidence of genetic disease. This site maintains a registry of dogs that have been tested for hip dysplasia, elbows, patella, CERF for eye health etc. You can go to this website, enter the exact name and breed of the dog to find out exactly what any dog has been tested for.

CHIC- <http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/brdreqs.html?breed=SP> The Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) lists accurate information about the results of a breeder's health testing. Any dog that has tested for the five required parts, and submitted their information will receive a CHIC number, which certifies that the dog has met the requirements for health testing.

AKC- <http://www.akc.org/> The website for the American Kennel Club for registration matters, show rules etc.

GENERAL SHAR-PEI INFORMATION

A WORD ABOUT COLLARS AND THE SHAR-PEI

The Public Education Committee has written an article about what type of collar you might use for your Shar-Pei. This article can be found under the Publications button at www.cspca.com, or a copy can be ordered from the Public Education committee.

“DESIGNER DOGS” AND THE CHINESE SHAR-PEI

It seems to be the rage now to breed two different breeds of dogs together, give the puppies a fancy name and then call them designer dogs. To find out more about these designer dogs and Shar-Pei, you can find this full document on the CSPCA website under the Publication button. You can also order it from the Public Education Committee if you do have access to a computer.

MY FIRST DOG SHOW

This publication explains what to expect at your first dog show. It explains the classes, and the order of the events. It is very helpful for anyone going to their first dog show. It can be found on the club website, www.cspca.com under the Publications button. It can also be ordered from the Public Education Committee. The contact person for the Public Education Committee is listed under Committees in each edition of The Barker.

HOW MUCH IS THAT DOGGIE IN THE WINDOW?

Buying a Dog from a Pet Store ©

If you ever consider buying a puppy from a pet store, you might want to read this document first. It explains the disadvantages of buying a Pet store puppy vs. buying from a reputable breeder. It is posted on the CSPCA website, at www.cspca.com, under the Publications button. It can also be ordered from the Public Education Committee if you don’t have computer access.

HOW TO FIND A GOOD DOG TRAINER

If you are wanting to go to a training class, and need some good information about how to select a trainer, we have this document on the CSPCA website. Just click on the Publications button to find the article. If you do not have computer access, you can order it from the Public Education Committee.

READING LIST- SUGGESTED

The Public Education Committee has a list of books that we feel would be helpful for learning more about the Chinese Shar-Pei. This reading list is on the CSPCA website, under the Publications button. We have included photos of the covers of the books, as well as the name of the book, author, publisher etc. If you do not have internet access, you can order the list from the Public Education Committee.

RECOMMENDED BREEDING PRACTICES-CSPCA

Provided by the Public Education Committee of the CSPCA, Inc.

These **RECOMMENDED BREEDING PRACTICES** are established in accordance with the objectives of The Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America. Adherence to these recommended practices is suggested for all members.

INTRODUCTION: The Chinese Shar-Pei is above all a companion animal and must exhibit the temperament, intelligence and structure of a healthy companion. The physical appearance should be as described in the Chinese Shar-Pei Standard approved by the American Kennel Club on February 28, 1998.

The Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc. offers a listing of breeders which is provided as a service to the public. The CSPCA, Inc. does not endorse, guarantee or specifically recommend any breeder listed. We offer no guarantee as to the qualifications and knowledge of any breeder on this list. We are not liable for any services between you and any listed breeder, nor for the accuracy of any information that may be provided by any breeder on this list. It is the puppy buyer's sole responsibility to check on all qualifications and certifications, and to determine the quality of dog being offered by any breeder listed.

These Recommended Practices are offered as a guidance in helping you to find or breed a good quality dog. Please read the recommendations and become familiar with them, so that you will know the right questions to ask a breeder to see if they do any health testing or not.

As with any other purchase, it is up to the buyer to do the research before making a purchase.

1. Study and strive to conserve and improve the breed in structure, temperament and health, never sacrificing one for the others.

2. Breed only AKC registered dogs and bitches which have OFA or Penn-Hip certified or preliminary hips (or HD-free hips as certified by foreign counterparts of the OFA). Imported Chinese Shar-Pei must have OFA or Penn-Hip preliminary or certification within six months after arrival in U.S.A. If semen is used from an imported Chinese Shar-Pei, the dog must be x-rayed and certified or preliminary graded by the OFA, Penn-Hip or foreign counterpart. Breed only dogs and bitches of stable temperament with no disqualifying physical faults according to the AKC Chinese Shar-Pei Standard (i.e. pricked ears, solid pink tongue, absence of a complete tail, or an incorrect color: Albino; not a solid color, i.e.: Brindle; Parti-colored; Spotted; Patterned in any combination of colors.)

3. Offer at stud, with a signed written contract highly recommended, only mature (eighteen months of age or older) healthy dogs with OFA certified or prelimed normal hips, free of communicable diseases, having none of the faults listed in Section 2 above. Refuse stud service to any bitch not meeting the same requirements. If you do not have a signed contract, be sure that all conditions and expectations are discussed and agreed upon before the breeding.

4. Breed only bitches eighteen months of age or older with OFA certified or preliminary evaluation as normal hips, in good health, free of communicable diseases, having none of the faults listed above in Section 2, and not more than two out of three consecutive seasons. Plan all litters with the goal of improving the breed.

5. Maintain the highest possible standards of health, cleanliness and care of all dogs. Dogs shall be contained within safe restrictions when the breeder/owner cannot personally supervise their safety.

6. Choose names for AKC registration which do not use prefixes or kennel names associated with other recognized breeders of Chinese Shar-Pei in the U.S., Canada, Germany or any other foreign country, unless written permission is obtained from the original user of the name.

7. Sell all dogs with a signed, written contract highly recommended, so that you have a record of what is agreed upon. If you do not get a signed written contract, make sure to check the reputation of the breeder and buyer very carefully before the sale. All dogs/puppies sold must be guaranteed to be in healthy condition, including adequate protection against known diseases. Keep and pass on to buyers accurate health, breeding and registration records and pedigree records of at least three generations. Registration papers may be withheld or breeder's rights retained only by mutual agreement in writing, signed by both parties. Require that all Chinese Shar-Pei not purchased as show and breeding stock be made incapable of reproducing, and require that limited registration "blue slips" be provided, or that registration papers be withheld until a veterinarian's certificate is received as proof of sterilization. Release puppies to their new home only after they reach eight weeks of age.

8. Evaluate honestly according to the AKC Chinese Shar-Pei Standard, and state clearly to the buyer the quality of any Shar-Pei sold. All advertising shall be honest and informative and shall in no way misrepresent the stock offered.

9. Sell only to responsible persons and not knowingly sell to anyone or any entity who engages in any activity which might exploit the breed. Chinese Shar-Pei shall not be given as prizes, offered in raffles, or sold at auctions, sold to or given to a broker or placed through a pet shop_nor shall Shar-Pei be exploited in any detrimental manner.

10. Breeders recognize that they have a lifetime responsibility for puppies produced by their brood bitch or stud dog. Breeders and stud dog owners recognize the inherent obligation to provide a stable environment that protects each puppy's physical and emotional well being. This includes helping to relocate to a new home a puppy (or adult dog) with which the owner is dissatisfied, or taking that puppy (or adult) back. Any provisions for refunds or reimbursement of expenses shall be handled in the contract between breeder and owner. No puppy or adult dog bred or owned by a CSPCA member shall be disposed of in an animal shelter or pound unless required to do so by law.

11. Demonstrate the highest standards of good sportsmanship and good will at shows, obedience and herding trials, and at any other

event involving Chinese Shar-Pei. Assist all newcomers to the breed so that they may be guided in the ways that can best conserve and improve the Chinese Shar-Pei.

The CSPCA would encourage the following practices for all breeders. It is up to all buyers to verify if a breeder follows these recommended practices or not.

A. Encourage performance titles to retain the breed's correct temperament. Encourage the showing of future breeding animals in the conformation ring, keeping in mind that the purpose of such shows is to improve the breed by objective evaluation of the animals in competition according to the Breed Standard.

B. CSPCA agrees with AKC that all breeders should have their dogs microchipped or have permanent identification. This must be done before an OFA hip x-ray can be done. Also encourage the recommendation that all dogs have their eyes checked by a veterinary ophthalmologist and that the presence of other hereditary diseases such as elbow dysplasia, patella luxation and hypothyroidism be checked for prior to breeding.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A PUPPY BUYER

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Good dog breeders are always concerned about the homes that their puppies will be going to. Any concerned dog breeder should be responsible for all of their puppies for the rest of their lives. They would like to be certain that their puppies will be well cared for in their new home, and that the new owners will provide everything that is needed for a healthy, happy puppy.

While it is easy to say that you will do certain things for a puppy, buyers need to realize that when they buy a puppy it will mean being a responsible dog owner for the entire life of the dog. All puppies will grow older and older dogs have problems that need to be dealt with. If you can't make that commitment for 14 years or more, you might need to think about getting something other than a dog.

Before you buy a puppy, you need to spend time with the breeder to learn all the things that a puppy will require in order to live a long, healthy life. That should include the following things:

1. Check out the breeder and health history of both parents before you buy a puppy. Not all breeders are alike. It is up to the buyer to check out the breeder's reputation before you buy a dog from them. You should also ask the breeder about any health issues and certifications on both parents of the puppy you are interested in buying. It's the quality of the individual animal, not its color or size, which should reflect purchase cost.

2. Calling or writing the breeder with updates on the puppy. Who you buy your puppy from is very important because not only are you getting a puppy from them, but it should also give you access to the many years of the breeder's expertise in the breed. Good breeders can often pin point a possible problem and give you a quick solution. This is also very important if you do run into a problem. Make sure that the breeder is willing to keep lines of communication open. This will help you with any problems that may come up. Breeders should be familiar with their lines and typical problems that may arise. This could be anything from a puppy getting car sick to a certain type of food that might be a problem. Good breeders also need that information in order to improve their breeding program as well.

3. Provide regular vet care and grooming. Dogs need a yearly visit to the vet to see how the dog is doing health wise, and to catch any problem early on. Dogs need grooming. Grooming includes nail trimming, bathing, and ear cleaning. The Chinese Shar-Pei puppy should be bathed often enough to be kept clean. The puppy will tolerate this well if they have been taught early that this will be done. They should not be bathed so often as to give them dry skin. Their nails should be trimmed when needed and you should check their ears to see if they need to be cleaned. There are several good products to do this with. If you can't make the commitment to do this on a regular basis, you might want to rethink getting a dog.

The breeder should recommend a vaccination schedule for your puppy, which you should discuss with your veterinarian to determine what is right for this individual dog. You should take into consideration the lifestyle and risk of exposure to disease for your dog. The puppy should have an initial complete physical

examination by your veterinarian within 3 days of obtaining the dog including a fecal parasite examination. Some contracts may require that you do this sooner. Your veterinarian can help advise you on preventive health and dental care and parasite control.

4. Provide a fenced in, safe yard to play in. Dogs need a fenced in yard with a good working latch on the gate in order to play safely. All dogs need time to run and play loose in the yard. Fencing must be well maintained, so that the dog stays safe, and can't get out, only to be run over by a car, or mangled by another dog. It is cruel to chain a dog outside to a post. When a fenced in yard is not possible, walking your dog several times daily, with one good long walk will also provide for its exercise needs. If you can't provide a fenced in yard for safe play, or commit to walk the dog on a leash daily, then don't get a dog.

5. Provide a good quality food. Not all dog foods are alike. Breeders should recommend a good quality dog food that will provide the proper nutrition so that your dog can live a good healthy life. Good dog owners do not buy the cheapest dog food just to save money.

6. Keep the dog at a good healthy weight. A dog that is overweight is at risk just the same as a person that is overweight. Extra weight is hard on a dog's joints and bones. A dog that is underweight might not be getting the nutrition that it needs to maintain a healthy life.

7. Good owners make sure that their dogs are well trained. This can be accomplished in many ways. Classes such as puppy kindergarten, obedience classes, or agility classes are excellent avenues to train your puppy. Every puppy needs to be socialized and these training classes give the puppy an opportunity to be socialized and to learn something new as well.

8. Socializes their dog from puppy age. Puppies need lots of different experiences when they are young to be a well-adjusted dog. They need to go to all different kinds of places, and meet all kinds of people so that they won't be frightened of new things when they are older. They need to be taken to pet friendly stores, for walks, and out to the parks etc. so they can have a variety of experiences from early on. They need to meet children so that they get used to being around young children. They also need to experience lots of different kinds

of noises. Exposing a puppy to a variety of different kinds of noises and sounds while they are young, usually will mean that they won't be startled by new things as they get older. If a dog is taken on short car rides when they are young, they will love riding in the car when they get older. They will love to get in the car to go to dog classes, the vet etc. **Warning:** Shar-Pei are not very heat tolerant, so caution should be used in the summer months. Never leave an animal alone in a vehicle, since even with the windows open, a parked car, truck or van can quickly become a furnace. When traveling, carry fresh, cold water for your pet. On a 90 degree day, temps in a car can top **160 degrees** faster than you can walk around the block. Caution should be used in extremely cold temperatures as well.

9. Spay or neuter if sold on a spay/neuter contract. Reputable Chinese Shar-Pei breeders often choose to sell some puppies in each litter with the stipulation that this animal be spayed or neutered at the appropriate age. Spaying or neutering your pet provides many practical benefits as well as preventing animal overpopulation: your pet will be more content and far less likely to roam, bite, fight, or mark territory. Spayed females will not have heat cycles to worry about. Reputable breeders are most concerned with placing each puppy in an excellent home as a loving companion and house pet.

10. Provide for the welfare of the dog for their entire life. Although good breeders will take their dogs back should you not be able to keep the dog any longer; you need to be aware that this is very traumatic for the dog. Shar-Pei are very loyal to their owners. They trust their owners implicitly. If you can't live up to your dog's expectations of you for 14 years or so, then you really don't need a dog at all. This means that the dog will go with you if you move or have children. When the children are no longer around the dog will still be depending on your care. This is a commitment for the life of the dog.

It is very easy to say you will do these things today, but you really need to think about whether you can make that commitment for the entire life of the dog. If you do make that commitment, I think that you will have a long time loving companion that you can enjoy for many years. Anything less than this is really not fair to a dog.

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