



CSPCA Express

November 2024

A publication of the Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America

Happy holiday greetings to you and yours! Here's to a cheerful present, a well-remembered past, and a prosperous year ahead.



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Chinese Shar-Pei National Specialty 2024

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The CSPCA Express bi-monthly newsletter provides members with timely information and announcements. The newsletter also allows applicants to move to full membership and gain privileges in a shorter time period. The CSPCA Express welcomes your feedback. If you have any comments or announcements, please contact: Alice Fix alleydoll3@comcast.net.



NOTICE OF NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW CHAIRMAN OPENING

The board has received the resignation from Don Gillett as the National Specialty Show Chairman. We accepted his resignation and want to thank him for his years of service in this position. We are starting the process of finding a new Chairman for our National Specialty Show. We are hoping for someone that can commit to doing it for more than one year.

Requirements of Show Chairman- to oversee the running of the Specialty Show and all the committees involved. It is necessary to be onsite through-out the whole show and the Regional Specialty before-hand should the CSPCA sponsor that show as well.

- Must be a member of the CSPCA for a minimum of two years.
- Should have experience in organizing at least two (2) major dog show events—Knowledge of the AKC's Rules Applying to Dog Shows and Junior Showmanship Regulations.
- Must have knowledge of AKC's policy on Emergency Procedures at dog events, Disaster and Emergency Plan
- Must work well with others and have good organizational skills.
- Must have experience in planning events, which is gained by serving on various committees.
- It is customary that the Show Chairman does not enter, show or run a dog in any of the competitive Specialty events recognized by AKC.

Duties of the Show Chairman

- Seeing that the proper paperwork is filed in a timely manner before and after the show.
- Ensure that the premium list material is submitted to the show secretary/superintendent by the deadline, after it is proofed and approved by the Board of Directors.
- Coordinate with all National Specialty Committee chairs who are responsible for their own areas.
- Oversee locating a show photographer
- Overseeing finances of nationals to be sure costs are within the budgets.
- Submitting and proof reading all information that goes out to the public about the show.

If you are interested in this job, please submit your qualifications to the CSPCA Secretary, Savanna Skinner- savvyskye@outlook.com by the deadline of November 21, 2024.



LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER FOR TROPHY CHAIRMAN

Don Gillett has resigned as the trophy chairman for the CSPCA. We want to thank him for all his years of service in that position. We are looking for someone to take over the job of soliciting donations for all the class ribbons and trophies. This requires working knowledge of Excel spreadsheets.

- Must be organized and efficient in Excel spread sheets.
- Send out notices until all the trophies have been sponsored.
- Keep a record of who is sponsoring which trophy along with that they want their sponsorship is to say.
- Keep a record of who has paid and how they paid.
- Send out reminders about payment due.
- Send a list of all trophy sponsors to be included in the Nationals catalog.
- Order ribbons for Nationals
- Select trophies for Nationals

Winners from the previous year have first choice on the trophy of the events they won.

If you are interested in filling this position, please contact the CSPCA Secretary- Savanna Skinner at savvyskye@outlook.com by the deadline of November 21.

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2025 CSPCA National Specialty  
 September 14-19, 2025  
 University Plaza Hotel  
 333 John Q. Hammons Parkway  
 Springfield, MO 65806  
 Room Rates: \$109 + tax

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PHOTOS FROM NATIONALS



If you took candid photos at Nationals and are willing to share them, we would love to have them for The Barker. We are interested in photos from any of the events at Nationals and any of the people at Nationals. We need high resolution photos. Don't worry about having to resize it. We can do all that. If you are willing to share photos please send them to Paula Perry at PaulaPei@yahoo.com



GRANT REMINDER FOR OUR JUNIOR HANDLERS

Just a reminder for all our Junior Handlers that the Ernest Albright Junior Handler Memorial Grants have a deadline of December 15 for the applications.

There are 3 different grants that can be applied for:

- The Westminster Kennel Club CSPCA Junior Handler Grant
- AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Grant
- The CSPCA Junior Handler National Specialty Grant.



The application and all the information about the grants can be found on the CSPCA website at this link: <https://cspca.com/junior-showmanship-awards-and-grants/> Grant applications should be sent to The Junior Advisor- Verla Loomis Randall rrk126@gmail.com



CALL FOR BARKER ADS



The next issue of The Barker is the Winter issue featuring Year in Review - National Specialty. Deadline is January 15. We would love to have your ads for the featured dogs in this issue but would also like having any other ads, such as working title wins, candid ads of your special companion dog etc. Send ads to Don at dgill1122@aol.com If you have a good dog story or training story to share, we would love to have it. Send your story to Alice at alleydoll3@comcast.net. If you need help writing it we can do that too. Send the basic information and we can turn it into a story. Ads help to cover the cost of printing The Barker. We would appreciate it if some of your advertising dollars were spent to support our magazine and club.



PHOTOS FROM NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW



Photos from our National Specialty can be seen and bought from our photographer, Teddy Lei; 8727 Argyle Ave; St Louis, MO 63111; 626-747-2241 <https://teddylei.shootproof.com/category/147180>



Do you wish to recognize the life and honor the memory of any of your Shar-Pei that have passed away during this past year? Any member may Participate by submitting the name of the dog they owned who passed away From January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024. This includes rescue dogs, show dogs and pets. The submission should include the registered name and call name of the dog, full date of birth and death and name of the owner (s). If more than one owner, permission for inclusion must be given by all parties. Send information to Diana and she will acknowledge receipt of the information. Don't miss the opportunity to pay a final tribute to your dog.

Diana Sprain, Chairman – dianasprain@yahoo.com

Deadline for submission is March 31, 2025

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### LISTING OF NEW APPLICANTS FOR CSPCA MEMBERSHIP

| NAME                          | SPONSOR     | CITY/STATE         |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Betsy Brown                   |             | Lakeland, FL       |
| Richard & Robin Buxbaum       |             | Winnetka, IL       |
| Eric & Elizabeth Chevalier    |             | Midwest City, OK   |
| Laura Edstrom-Smith           |             | Wellborn, FL       |
| Jordan Glodich                |             | West Frankfort, IL |
| Andrea & Eric Harris          |             | Dayton, TX         |
| Alexa Jefferson (Junior)      | Lisa Myers  | New Orleans, LA    |
| Pamela Losch                  |             | Millerstown, PA    |
| Stephanie Maitland            |             | Swampscott MA      |
| Vaughn Mudrick & David Millar |             | Dallas, TX         |
| Heather Oglesby (Junior)      | Jean Durdin | Magnolia, TX       |
| Pattie Mitchell               |             | Edwardsburg. MI    |
| Deborah Martin                |             | Mt Sterling, KY    |
| Melissa Warren                |             | West Jordan, UT    |

Members in good standing may oppose accepting any applicant by advising the Membership Secretary within 30 days. Letters of opposition should have supporting, verifiable documentation and must be signed. Contact info: Bob Calltharp, CSPCA Membership Secretary; 44 Mt Parnassus Rd; East Haddam, CT 06423-1446; 860-873-2572; [bob@cspca.com](mailto:bob@cspca.com)



## CHINESE SHAR-PEI RESCUE TRUST FUND RAISERS

### CSP RESCUE TRUST RAFFLE

Silvio Hidalgo 18K Gold Enamel Shar-Pei Ring

Silvio Hidalgo Ring # 7-441 Puppy Lover's Collection –  
Chinese Shar-Pei and Bones



Limited Edition – Size 6. This artist is retired so there will not be any more made. It is valued at over \$1,000. Tickets \$10 each. Get your raffle tickets from Anne Baker; 9101 S 55th Ct; Oak Lawn, IL 60453; [annebaker55@comcast.net](mailto:annebaker55@comcast.net). Make checks payable to CSP Rescue Trust or pay with our PayPal account (info above). The Drawing for the Raffle will be on December. 15, just in time for Christmas.

### NOTECARDS

Note Cards -10 for \$15 plus s/h. Send your money and order to Alice Fix, 1668 S. Kingston St, Aurora, CO 80012. [alleydoll3@comcast.net](mailto:alleydoll3@comcast.net) for questions. Make checks payable to CSP Rescue Trust or pay by PayPal. Be sure to use the Rescue Trust PayPal account on the CSPCA website: <https://cspca.com/paypal/> It's on the second row on the right side.

The note cards drawings are by Jessie Walker in memory of her uncle, Dr. Jeff Vidt. There are 3 different card designs.



Card A



Card B



Card C

Shipping: 1 box \$6.05  
2 boxes \$6.90  
3 boxes \$8.85  
4-7 boxes \$13.60



## **LETTER FROM DR. LINDA TINTLE, DVM - PROJECT SHUMI:**

Project Shumi is a study initially funded by devoted Shar-Pei owner Sonia Breslow at Colorado State University. I am one of the principal investigators in the study and was recently appointed as Affiliate Faculty there to further integrate our research team.

The study is designed to identify biomarkers and mediators that represent the underlying immune system abnormalities in dogs with Shar-Pei Autoinflammatory Disease (SPAID). This will be the first step toward developing new immunotherapy strategies for disease treatment and management. We will categorize affected dogs using specific genetic markers and specifically define the inflammatory and molecular mediators of the disease. With this information, treatment strategies can be better tailored to relevant therapeutic goals. The eventual goal is the discovery and development of effective relief for dogs with SPAID. To accomplish this, we will first gain greater understanding of the important underlying processes in this inflammatory disease.

I will be enrolling 25 dogs with SPAID who meet study requirements through my hospital, the Wurtsboro Veterinary Clinic. We will try to arrange to collect samples from dogs in batches as many of the samples have to be shipped on dry ice to Colorado quickly.

The Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Colorado State University will be accepting cheek swab samples from the public later this year. We were unable to start the Project Shumi study until the diagnostic laboratory was set up to do this and unfortunately this coincided with a complete overhaul of the laboratory software and website at the facility. The director of the veterinary diagnostic laboratory is a big fan of Shar-Pei and is now helping to accelerate the offering of these tests to Shar-Pei breeders and owners.

Testing will be available for the mutations reported to be associated with SPAID: their CNV and the MTBP missense status will be determined by ddPCR, as well as a Shar-Pei Panel including those mutations and PLL/POAG (glaucoma/lens luxation mutation).

The study is expected to last 2-3 years. The Chinese Shar-Pei Charitable Trust will be supporting this study, and several other benefactors have also indicated their interest in providing financial support. As I have told many people, first we need a better understanding of what is going wrong because of their genetic abnormalities so that we can determine how to provide the best options for treatment and prevention. This study should provide that first step.



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VOLUNTEER NEEDED- DECORATIONS AT NATIONALS



Rosie Steinke has been in charge of the decorations at Nationals for many years now, but she has resigned. We need a new Decoration Chairman. Decorations include both banquets, around the ring, and photographers platform. If you are crafty and enjoy decorating, please send your interest to Savanna Skinner savvyskye@outlook.com



TELLER'S REPORT FOR 2024 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS VOTE

11/8/2024

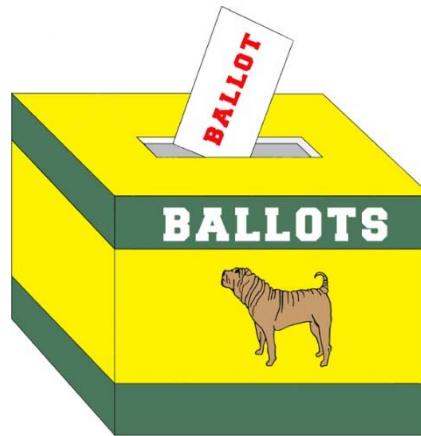
Beaumont Unit, NAP Teller's Report

CSPCA Directors at Large Election for 2025

Directors At Large

There are 321 votes cast with no illegal votes.

Karen Kleinhans DeSilva	72
Alice Fix	96
Jeanne Hill-Jurik	69
Bonnie Stoney	84



Carl Holder, Head Teller
Beaumont Unit, NAP

In addition to the Teller's Report the following ran unopposed and were automatically elected: Vice President- Lisa Moller; Treasurer- Marie Bradley; Central Director- Ann Cookson. The new Officer's and Director's will take office on January 1, 2025.

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## BARK BACK COLUMN

This column is your chance to let us know what you think. It can basically be about anything Shar-Pei or Club related. This column will take up no more

than one page in each issue and we hope to have multiple people contributing, so try to keep it short. For example: If you have comments on a previous article - agree or disagree - let us know, but keep it positive. Nothing derogatory or mean spirited will be printed. We look forward to hearing your thoughts - Keep them short and sweet. Send all comments to Paula Perry at: paulapei@yahoo.com







## LETTER FROM FUTURITY/MATURITY COMMITTEE

Dear Members of the CSPCA,

At the recent National Specialty Show I spoke on behalf of the F/M staff at the General Meeting about the status of the CSPCA Futurity/Maturity. Members present asked that we put the staff's remarks in a letter to the membership.

The Futurity/Maturity has been a part of the CSPCA since the mid 1990s. The current staff took over in 2001. All policies and rules for the operation of the Futurity/Maturity must be approved by the CSPCA Board of Directors. In 2011 the 15% entitlement fee, paid to the CSPCA since the inception of the program, was eliminated. The program has continued to withhold 10% for administrative costs and minimal event costs, with the CSPCA general fund covering the balance of the event costs. For many years the program offered the owners and breeders of Shar-Pei a chance to share their successes and earn a significant cash payout. However, by the mid-teens the nominations for the program began to fall and with that, the payout to the winners. The number of litters being bred has continued to drop and with it the number of nominations to the Futurity and Maturity.

To illustrate the decline, in the three months prior to Nationals exactly one litter nomination was received.

At the General Meeting the staff offered two potential ways to address the shortfall:

1. Halt the process of nominations and return all fees paid in 2024 to the nominators.
2. Allow all nominations to continue through the end of 2024, offer both Futurity and Maturity competitions at the 2025 Nationals and hold a final Maturity competition at the 2026 Nationals.

As you might guess there were lots of ideas offered to address the current situation. I will list some of them here and I am sure many of you will offer other ideas...

1. Raise the fees for nominations
2. Hire less expensive judges (this would likely require the staff to locate and hire judges rather than the current method of choosing judges by nominations from the participants. Many of our judges have waived a fee and or other expenses)
3. Stop offering trophies (Which are covered by donations, not the F/M program)

Other ideas included working to replace the long serving staff, whose fatigue might be a part of the problem.

Please take the time to consider the situation and feel free to contact the CSPCA Futurity/Maturity staff at [mjbarker53@hotmail.com](mailto:mjbarker53@hotmail.com) . Thank you for your consideration of this situation.

Jocelyn Barker, Director CSPCA Futurity/Maturity



## FOREVER HOMES NEEDED

The CSPCA and its members sincerely appreciate the work provided by these fine affiliated rescue groups. Contact a wonderful volunteer at the email listed below for additional information. Make a web visit! While you are there consider making a donation to help these beautiful Shar-Pei!



**MOCHI** is a 2-3 year-old chocolate female. She is being fostered in Tampa FL. She's protective, funny, smart, and headstrong and likes cuddles She is leash & crate trained and 100% house trained. She gets along with other dogs but in her best home she'll be an only dog. Mochi likes kids too but we want a child-free home for her. She can get very protective of her space and we don't want a small kid caught in the middle. We suggest crate use at night and when you aren't home. More more info contact **Florida Shar-Pei Rescue;** <https://floridasharpeirescue.com/> [info@floridasharpeirescue.com](mailto:info@floridasharpeirescue.com)



**KENZI** is a young happy little girl. She is friendly and playful, loves her walks and good on a leash. She is eager to please and likes learning new things. She's up to date on her shots, is heart worm negative, crate trained and house broken. All this girl needs is a loving forever home. On Kenzi's wish list is a home with a fenced-in yard. If you'd like to meet Kenzi or if you would like to meet any of the wonderful dogs currently at Operation Scarlet, please fill out the application on our website. Hours are by appointment only. **Operation Scarlet, Inc.;** <https://operationscarlet.com/>; [OpScarlet@verizon.net](mailto:OpScarlet@verizon.net)



**AZULA** is a 3-4 year old female, fawn, horsecoat. Azula is coming to us from the El Paso Shelter and was found as a stray and very thin. This girl is dripping in wrinkles and very friendly. She is great with kids and other dogs but not so much with cats. She is house trained and likes car rides. She is being fostered in Tempe, AZ. This girl has to be grabbing the heart of all you horse coat fans! She even has the cute butt roll wrinkle! To find out more about her, contact: **Pei People Shar-Pei Rescue;** [https://www.peipeople.com/](https://www.peipeople.com/adopt@peipeople.com) [adopt@peipeople.com](mailto:adopt@peipeople.com)



**REMI** is a handsome 1 to 2 year old brushcoat male. He gets along great with cats and kids. I am very content sleeping on the couch and in the bed with the family. I don't mind sleeping in my crate either. I walk on a leash nicely and also love going for car rides. I could do well with another female dog or a submissive dog. I do fine with the senior dog at my foster home, but the younger male and I do not see eye to eye, and I also didn't enjoy some high energy dogs that wouldn't leave me alone. I would also do awesome as an only dog. For more Information contact **Shar-Pei Rescue of Virginia-** [info@sharpeirescueofva.org](mailto:info@sharpeirescueofva.org) [https://sharpeirescueofva.org/ wp/](https://sharpeirescueofva.org/wp/)



All our local rescue groups can always put donations to good use. You can find the list of rescues on our website. Donations of money are always appreciated but so are volunteers. Contact your local rescue group if you can help with transportation, fostering, and any of the others needs these groups have. You can also donate to the Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue Trust; c/o Anne Baker; 9101 S. 55th Ct.; Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Donors of \$100 or more per year will get our new CSP Rescue Trust pin, while supply lasts.