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President's Message

I am pleased to be serving as the current President of the Canadian Shih Tzu Club. I am no stranger to the office of President of our Club, as I have held almost every position in the Club at one time or another over the almost 40 years I have been involved in the Breed. I am a life member of the CSTC and the CKC.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the previous executive and the many members who have served the Club on various committees in the past several years. Your hard work and dedication has helped our Club continue the tradition of leadership and proper governance of our precious breed.

As the new President I am looking forward to working with my fellow executive members and all members of the Shih Tzu Club to continue our goals.

From our Constitution:

4. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The Club shall:

- 4.1 develop interest in, increase knowledge of, and otherwise advance and protect the Shih Tzu breed.
- 4.2 support the conscientious and careful breeding of the Shih Tzu breed according to the individual breed standard as recognized by the CKC;
- 4.3 make information available on the Shih Tzu and conduct educational programs for members and the general public;
- 4.4 guard against the commercial exploitation of the Shih Tzu;
- 4.5 support the training and exhibiting of the Shih Tzu and encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials and other events;
- 4.6 encourage the organization of local branches of the CSTC, in those areas where there are sufficient fanciers of Shih Tzu, consistent with the current CKC zones or combinations thereof, and to support the branches activities;
- 4.7 conduct Boosters and Specialty Shows and Trials for Shih Tzu under CKC rules;
- 4.8 encourage responsible dog ownership and forward the cause of Shih Tzu.
- 4.9 publish and circulate to all members a newsletter at least four times per year;
- 4.10 the Club shall not be conducted nor operated for profit, and no part of any monies or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall be to the benefit of any member or individual.

2.2 DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

- 2.2.1 The President shall:
- a) shall be the Chief Executive Officer;
- b) automatically be a member of all committees;
- c) with the aid of the Secretary, have charge of all external correspondence;
- d) chair all Executive and General meetings; and
- e) give a deciding vote when equality is reached in any voting.

Every President has a leadership style and I feel I will bring to the table a fair and democratic approach to my duties.

I would encourage all members to participate in the Club and adopt a civil and passionate position when dealing with Club matters. There will always be personality conflicts amongst individuals and indeed fellow members. Personal attacks and agendas have no place in our Club business or activities. I hold a lot of respect for those members who year after year do the grass roots work of the Club and cherish their opinions the most. Please be a positive force in the CSTC and contribute your hard work and excellent ideas. I look forward to working with you.

Richard Paquette

President, Canadian Shih Tzu Club

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of September 30, 2009 \$6552.89

| Total Income | \$ 225.00 | Total Expenses | \$1069.58 |
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| Receipts Ad Oriental Web site ad | \$ 200.00 \$ 25.00 | Expenses Bank Fees New club banner Net Nations Web site domain Advancement on Oriental | \$ 14.85 \$ 155.07 \$ 199.03 \$ 700.00 |

Balance as of December 31, 2009 \$ 5708.31



Motion # 2010-001 by Wendy Anderson, Seconded by Sarah Paquette.

"To appoint Kelly Perecki as Treasurer for the Canadian Shih Tzu Club 2010-2011 term."

Background: There is a potential conflict of interest with Wendy Anderson being Secretary-Treasurer and Richard Paquette as President...from constitution:

2.2.5 The Treasurer shall:

e) co-sign, with the Secretary or President all cheques;

Richard has asked Kelly if she would stay on as Treasurer pending Board approval. She has agreed.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion # 2010-002 by Wendy Anderson, Seconded by Sarah Paquette.

"To appoint Sandra Veitch as Vice President for the Canadian Shih Tzu Club 2010-2011 term."

Background: Sandra has served as Vice President in the past and Sheila Robillard has resigned. Richard has contacted her and she is willing to serve.

From Constitution: 2.1.5 Any vacancies occurring on the Executive during the term of office shall be filled by election of a majority vote of the Board, except that of a vacancy in the office of President, which is automatically filled by the Vice-President.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion # 2010-003 by Wendy Anderson, Seconded by Sarah Paquette.

"To appoint Sandra Martin As Director For Eastern Ontario for the Canadian Shih Tzu Club 2010-2011 term."

Background: Sandra has served as Director For Eastern Ontario in the past and Wendy has contacted her and she is willing to serve.

From Constitution: 2.1.5 Any vacancies occurring on the Executive during the term of office shall be filled by election of a majority vote of the Board, except that of a vacancy in the office of President, which is automatically filled by the Vice-President.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion # 2010-004 by Arlene Hayes, Seconded by Wendy Anderson.

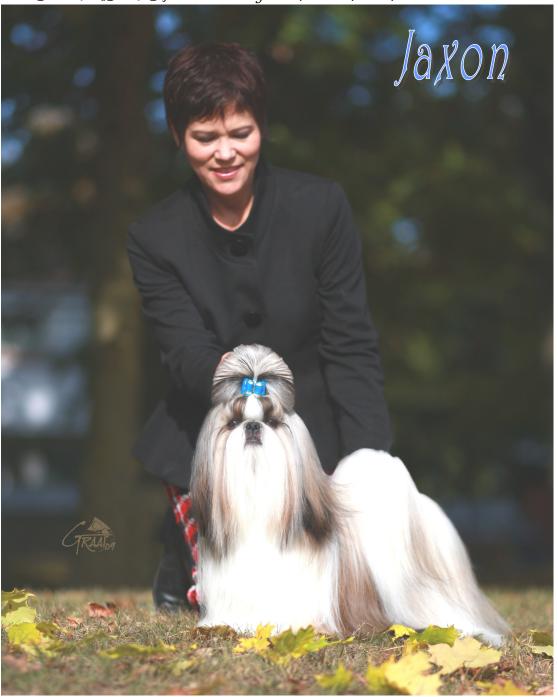
"To Approve the Alberta Branch Hosting the 2011 National."

Background: The Alberta Branch wishes to apply to hold the 2011 National in conjunction with the Calgary Kennel & Obedience Club on March 12, 2011.

MOTION CARRIED



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In just a short time out as a special (5 months) Jaxon won the National Specialty, 2 RBIS and several group placements!

The Ultimate Show Pog! Watch for him in the New Year!

Breeder

Carole Bristow Wynover Shih Tzu





Owner

Jang Couch Lashalimar Shih Tzu



By Jacqueline Gilbert

It has been said that the recipe for the Shih Tzu is, a dash of lion, several teaspoons of rabbit, a couple of ounces of Chinese man, a bit of beggar, a tablespoon of monkey, one part baby seal, a pinch of domestic cat, a little court jester, a dash of teddy bear, and the rest of the dogs of Tibetan and Chinese origin.

If we lift the veils of time to seek the origins of the modern Shih Tzu, we find the history of the Shih Tzu goes back for centuries. Through rare documents, ancient manuscripts, and artwork, it is believed their first home was in Tibet, together with the Lhasa Apso, the Tibetan Mastiff, Tibetan Spaniel, and the Tibetan Terrier. One thought is that the monks bred the Shih Tzu by crossing the various breeds and breeding down to the little companion dogs that we know and love today; another thought is that the Shih Tzu is a pure breed, much like the other Tibetan breeds. It is known that the little 'lion dogs' were bred by the monks in the temples, and were highly prized by the Dalai Lama, who thought of them as 'Holy Dogs'.

Mythology

Mythology has it that Buddha toured the four continents, accompanied by a small dog. When he said to the little dog, "we have a long way to travel and I am tired", the little dog had the magical ability to turn into a lion, on which Buddha would ride. In Tibet, the dogs were considered sacred animals because of their link with Buddhism. During the 17th century, the monks occasionally gave the descendants of these dogs as tribute gifts to the Emperors of the Manchu Dynasty.

The Chinese called the little dogs the 'Tibetan Shih Tzu Kou'. Shih Tzu means lion, and Kou is the Chinese word for dog. The Shih Tzu comes in many colors, black and white, red and white, silver, grey, blue, liver, and all colors in between. They can be solid or parti-color. The gold or yellow was a highly treasured colour, because it was the colour closest to the lion. A white blaze on the forehead was called Buddha's kiss, and a white tip to the tail was highly prized by the Chinese.

Modern History

In more recent history, the little shock-haired dog became a favorite of the Empress Dowager Tzu Hsi. It was well known that the Empress Dowager was a keen dog fancier, and dogs of the Shih Tzu type were presented to the Empress by the Dalai Lama. She began to breed these little dogs, being careful to keep them separate from her other breeds – namely the Pugs and Pekinese. She bred the Shih Tzu until her death in 1908. The kennels were then dispersed and palace breeding became haphazard. At the same time, some breeding was still practiced by private individuals who probably acquired the dogs from eunuchs in the palace. The gene pool record of all existing Shih Tzu can be traced to only seven dogs and seven bitches.

So far as it is known, the breed became almost extinct in China after the Communist Revolution of 1949. By this time, however, a number of Shih Tzu had been taken home by diplomats who had been stationed in China, and the breed was becoming established in England and Europe. Although breeding was interrupted during World War II, the breed managed to make a comeback in the years following the war.



The Shih Tzu was recognized by the Canadian Kennel Club in 1952, and in 1969 the American Kennel Club followed suit. The little dog made American Kennel Club history by going Best in Show on the first day the breed was exhibited in the United States. The Shih Tzu has continued to gain popularity as a companion and show dog.

Form and Function

The Shih Tzu is a big dog in a small package. Do not let his small size deceive you. The Shih Tzu is one of only a few dogs whose DNA is proven by science to trace back to the wolf; more proof perhaps that the Shih Tzu is a pure breed. The little dog is bred to be a companion dog – a job that he is highly suited to. The Canadian Kennel Club Breed Standard places the ideal height for the Shih Tzu at nine to ten and one-half inches at the shoulder. Weight range is not mentioned in the CKC standard, but the AKC standard states from nine to sixteen pounds, which makes him an ideal size for apartment dwellers. The Shih Tzu is not a dog that barks a lot, although he will let you know if someone is at the door. He loves people and is always happy to see a new face. The breed's "never met a stranger he didn't like" attitude makes them great therapy dogs, and some have been successfully trained as hearing aid dogs.

The Shih Tzu's size and steady temperament makes him an ideal companion dog for the more mature person, but be aware that the Shih Tzu has an average life span of fourteen years and often longer. If trained early, the breed is good with small children; otherwise they are likely better with older children.

Happy to go for a rambling walk in the country, or just down the street to the local coffee shop, the Shih Tzu is a trusting, alert, and a happy companion – but they can be stubborn at times. Whether you live in a city apartment or a country estate they are happy as long as they have their people around them; Shih Tzu do not like to be left alone as they love to have company. Shih Tzu are true aristocrats and they act like they know it. Queen Elizabeth I had a Shih Tzu named Choo Coho. He was quite a little scamp and when the Queen picked him up he would nibble her corsage.

The breed has also made a place for itself in conformation, obedience, Rally-O, agility, and other dog pursuits. They are not good for tracking as their nose is not as sharp as most dogs.

The Shih Tzu is a double coated breed, with a silky top coat and a dense undercoat. The coat will keep growing and, if left uncut, will reach the ground by the time the dog is one year of age. The coat is time consuming, but a well groomed Shih Tzu in full coat is a beautiful thing to see. Most companion dog owners prefer to cut their Shih Tzu into a cute teddy bear cut that makes him look like a perpetual puppy. Considered non-allergenic, Shih Tzu have hair rather than fur, and very little dander. People who are allergic to most animals can usually tolerate a Shih Tzu. While they do not shed copiously, they will lose some hair, just as people do.

Health and Temperament

When bred properly, the Shih Tzu is a very healthy dog with few health problems. There are two genetic problems that crop up from time to time: Renal Dysphasia and Portosystemic Vascular Anomalies.

Renal Dysphasia is an inherited disease where the full development of the kidneys does not occur and the fetal kidney tissue is not replaced by the adult kidney. This results in renal failure. However, research has shown that the incidence of the disease is quite low – between 2.5 and 4 percent. Dogenes, a Canadian company, is engaged in research to find the defective gene that causes renal dysplasia; we may soon be able to test breeding stock for the mutation. For several years, the American Shih Tzu Club has provided the funding for this research.

Portosystemic Vascular Anomaly (PSVA), or 'liver shunt' as the disease is better known, is a developmental birth defect of the liver. Left untreated it often develops into progressive liver damage, liver failure, and death. If the condition is mild, the dog may live for years with careful diet and medications, but if the disease is severe, the veterinarians will probably suggest surgery. The prognosis for full recovery from the disease is between 30 and 50 percent for those dogs that survive the surgery; the remainder will see improvement but not complete recovery. Although these diseases are serious, they only occur in a small minority of Shih Tzu.

Because the Shih Tzu is a brachycephalic (short faced) breed, sometimes puppies have pinched nostrils. They usually will open as the puppy matures, but occasionally surgery is required to correct the problem. Owing to the short face, some Shih Tzu are noisy breathers and may snort and snuffle, sometimes snoring like lions. Something to keep in mind with the short nose, they are especially prone to heat stroke and care must be taken in warm weather.



Shih Tzu have large eyes in very shallow sockets; therefore, the eyes can be easily injured. The easiest way to avoid problems with the eyes is to check them every day. The hair on the Shih Tzu face, especially in puppies, grows out in all directions. Hence, they are sometimes called the Chrysanthemum-faced dog. The hair can sometimes grow up into the dog's eyes and irritate the eye, causing serious injury, and corneal ulcers are not uncommon.



The ears of the Shih Tzu are drop ears. In full-coated dogs, the hair on the ears is so thick that it blends in with the hair on the neck. Hair grows in the ears and there is little air circulation in the canal, so it is important to check the ears regularly to be sure there is no infection. Some people like to keep the hair in the ears plucked to allow for more air circulation.

Structurally, the Shih Tzu is a sound dog but occasionally they can have luxating patellas. This does not usually cause the dog discomfort, but in rare instances it can be bad enough to require surgery. Umbilical hernias are quite common in Shih Tzu puppies. They will quite often close by themselves, so don't be in too much of a hurry to resort to surgery. The more serious inguinal (groin) hernias are more likely to need surgical repair.

While these diseases sound scary, most Shih Tzu are healthy and happy and if you decide the Shih Tzu is the dog for you, you will have years of love and companionship.

Judging Considerations

When judging the Shih Tzu, hands on examinations are necessary – artful grooming can hide structural faults. The shoulders should be muscular and well-developed, and set so as to allow freedom of movement. The dog should have a deep forechest. The legs should be straight and well boned, set well under the body, and should fit close to the chest. The rear should be muscular and well angulated, with short, sturdy hocks and well padded feet.

The Shih Tzu head is round and wide between the eyes, with a definite stop. The muzzle should be short, square, and approximately one inch from the stop to the tip of the nose. A slight upward sweep on muzzle puts the nose level with the bottom of the eyes. The eyes are large, round, and dark, except in livers and blues where a lighter colour is permissible. The eyes should show no white and their expression should be irresistible. The mouth is slightly undershot or level; the teeth should not be visible when the mouth is closed. The ears are set just below the crown of the head and are so heavily coated they appear to blend with the hair of the neck.

The Shih Tzu should have overall balance with a level topline, and length of neck that is neither too short nor too long. The tail is well feathered and set high, carried gaily over the back in a loose curve, with the tip just touching the back. In this double-coated breed a sparse coat is considered a fault. The Shih Tzu is not a square dog and should appear to be rectangular in outline. All colours and markings are acceptable and should be considered equally.

When gaiting, the Shih Tzu should move with smooth and flowing action, head and tail held high. As one of the commentators at the Westminster Dog Show said of the Shih Tzu, "He has a distinct swagger when on the move that is enhanced by his air of importance." Movement around the ring should be with just the slightest pressure on the leash for direction. The Shih Tzu should never be shown 'strung up'.

While the AKC standard states, "the hair on top of the head is tied up," the CKC standard has no mention of the hair on the head at all. It would seem, therefore, that the exaggerated top knot seen on show Shih Tzu today, is not necessary to compete for a championship.

Shih Tzu get along with other dogs and cats very well. Generally, intact males can be together with little trouble.

Both sexes are equally affectionate and loving. The Shih Tzu is easy to train, although he likes to do the things he has learned at his own speed. That little stubborn streak he has can get him in trouble at times. Shih Tzu can sometimes be difficult to house train. The key is to have a daily routine and stick to it, but with patience and perseverance he will usually learn.

Resources for the Shih Tzu ...

If you decide you would like a Shih Tzu, do your research and look for a reputable breeder. You can contact the Canadian Shih Tzu Club at www.canadianshihtzuclub.ca for a listing of breeders.

There are many books on the Shih Tzu. Some that are especially informative are:

Anne Seranne with Lisa Miller. <u>The Joy of Owning a Shih Tzu</u>. Howell_Book House Inc. 1982. Reverend D. Allan Easton and Joan McDonald. <u>This Is the Shih Tzu</u>. T.F.H. Publications Inc. 1980. Audry Dadds. <u>The Shih Tzu</u>. Popular Dogs Publishing Co. Ltd. 1978. Joanne White. <u>The Official Book of the Shih Tzu</u>. T.F.H. Publications Inc. 1997







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Thank you Judge David Eadie



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Tickets are \$40.00 per person, tax and gratuities included. To reserve your spot and help us with the planning, please send your cheque as soon as possible made out to:

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pending CKC approval

Membership

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Recent Show Results

For November, December, January

Ontario

Ch.Nanking's Twist and Tango Breeder/owner Geri Ikola,

Kent K.C., Nov.21, 2009, **Group 4** Caledon K.C., Nov.29, 2009, **Group 1** Brantford K.C., Dec. 5, 2009, **Group 4** Brantford K.C., Dec.6, 2009, **Group 3**

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Breeder Carole Bristow

Canadian Shih Tzu Club National Specialty, October 31 Best of Breed

Trillium K.C. October 31, 2009, **Group 1** Trillium K.C. November 1, 2009, **Group 3**

New Brunswick

Ch. Loghaven's Ang Ki Chi Breeder/owner Earla Moore (Loghaven)

Moncton K.C., November 14, 2009, Best of Breed, New Champion

Loghavens Bay of Silk Wonder Breeder/owner Earla Moore (Loghaven)

Moncton K.C., November 15, 2009, Best of Breed

Loghavens Ask the Lady Owners Linda Logan-Bradley and Eric Bradley

Breeder is Earla Moore

Moncton K.C., November 15, 2009, Won his 1st leg of Rally-O

