



## ***Educational Day***

***Sponsored by the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Houston (SSCH)***

***Saturday, September 9, 2023***

***Tomball Community Center, 221 Market Street, Tomball, TX 77375***

**RESERVATIONS DUE BY: Monday, August 28, 2023**

**\$40 Donation (includes lunch and beverages)**

**Reservations are limited, sign up early to reserve your spot!**

**CGC Evaluation and Trick Dog Title Testing are a separate entry. See registration form for details.**

**For registration forms or more information:**

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	<b>Activity</b>
<b>9:00 - 9:15</b>	<b>Sign-in</b>
<b>9:15 - 10:15</b>	<b>What is TCVM? And how can it help my pet? Speaker: Donna Hein, DVM, FAAVA, CVA, CVCH, CVMMP</b>
<b>10:15 - 10:30</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>10:30 - 11:00</b>	<b>First Aid: Common Ailments and at Home Treatments - Roundtable group discussion Moderator: Dena Drago, R.N.</b>
<b>11:00 - 11:45</b>	<b>Chagas Disease - Our Experience at Atwater Shelties Speaker: Allana Hemenway, PhD</b>
<b>11:45 - 12:30</b>	<b>LUNCH - CGC &amp; Trick Dog Demonstrations</b>
<b>12:30 - 1:15</b>	<b>The Shetland Sheepdog Standard Speaker: Mendy Gleason</b>
<b>1:15 - 1:45</b>	<b>Certified Pet Therapy - My Rewarding Experience with my Best Friend Speaker: Bob Newman</b>
<b>1:45 - 2:00</b>	<b>BREAK - Raffle Drawing</b>
<b>2:00 - 2:45</b>	<b>Texas Six Steppers - Musical Freestyle Dancing with Dogs Presented by Carolyn Tan and Debbie Hughes</b>
<b>2:45 - 3:45</b>	<b>Canine Good Citizen or Trick Dog Title Testing (Novice Only) Pre-Registration Highly Encouraged Concurrent Sessions offered by Phyllis Reidy and Vickey Willard</b>

## Program Information and Speaker Biography

Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine (TCVM) is a medical system that has been used for thousands of years to treat animals in China. **Donna Hein, DVM** has completed postdoctoral education and certification in several modules of TCVM and is an IVAS Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist. She uses her TCVM training to complement Western Veterinary Medicine in her practice using acupuncture, food therapy, and herbal therapy to provide a balanced approach to treatment and care. She is also certified in Small Animal Medical Manipulation (animal chiropractic) and Tui-na, a form of Chinese medical massage.

Audience participation is encouraged with this group discussion of first aid and home treatment for minor incidents. What to stock in your canine first aid kit, common injuries and illnesses that can be treated at home, and many other related topics are part of this interactive presentation. A great way for attendees to learn from their peers. **Dena Drago, RN** has many years of experience as a sheltie breeder and has shown her dogs as well as handled dogs for other people in conformation. Her past career was as a registered nurse and her most recent adventure is running a working alpaca farm with champion alpacas.

Chaga disease is a zoonotic illness (capable of being passed from pets to humans) transmitted through bugs in the assassin bug family. Chagas disease infects the heart and smooth muscles but may be found throughout the blood and body. This infection is chronic and if untreated may last for years until the animal's death. The disease has been found in dogs in Texas. **Allana Hemenway, PhD** was captivated by shelties at an early age and was hooked. She is an experienced sheltie breeder for many years, competing with her dogs in performance as well as conformation.

A copy of the Shetland Sheepdog Standard and Scale of Points will be included in the program notebook. A thorough review and explanation of the standard will be presented by **Mendy Gleason**. There will be time allowed at the end of the presentation for questions. She has been involved in grooming, training, and showing shelties since she was a teenager. She is a nationally recognized professional handler and an experienced sheltie breeder, breeding to the standard for many years.

**Bob Newman** has been a member of Faithful Paws Pet Therapy, a local Houston organization, for the past 12 years. Faithful Paws was established in 1997 and provides Pet Therapy services to over 150 Houston Facilities. After retiring 3 years ago, Bob has concentrated his weekly volunteer activity with his Sheltie Therapy Dog, Zorro at a local Houston Methodist hospital and a senior assisted living facility. He believes the rewards of show casing a therapy dog are extremely gratifying - being able to put a smile on the face of a patient, employee, or care giver facing a difficult time is priceless.

**Texas Six-Steppers** is a canine musical freestyle group. The object of musical freestyle is to display the dog and handler in a creative, innovative and original dance, using music and intricate movements to showcase teamwork, artistry, costuming, athleticism and style in interpreting the theme of the music. Canine freestyle is a showcase that truly demonstrates the joys and fun of bonding with your pet! At the end of the demonstration, there will be an opportunity for audience participation!

CGC Evaluation and Trick Dog Testing will be done by **Phyllis Reidy and Vickey Willard**. Both ladies have a wide variety of dog training and exhibition experience in agility, conformation, obedience, rally, therapy dog, and more. Phyllis and Vickey have extensive experience as canine class instructors. CGC and Trick Dog will be concurrent sessions and anyone wishing to do both will do CGC first, followed by Trick Dog.