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## Louise Watson Makes a Clean Sweep at Nationals

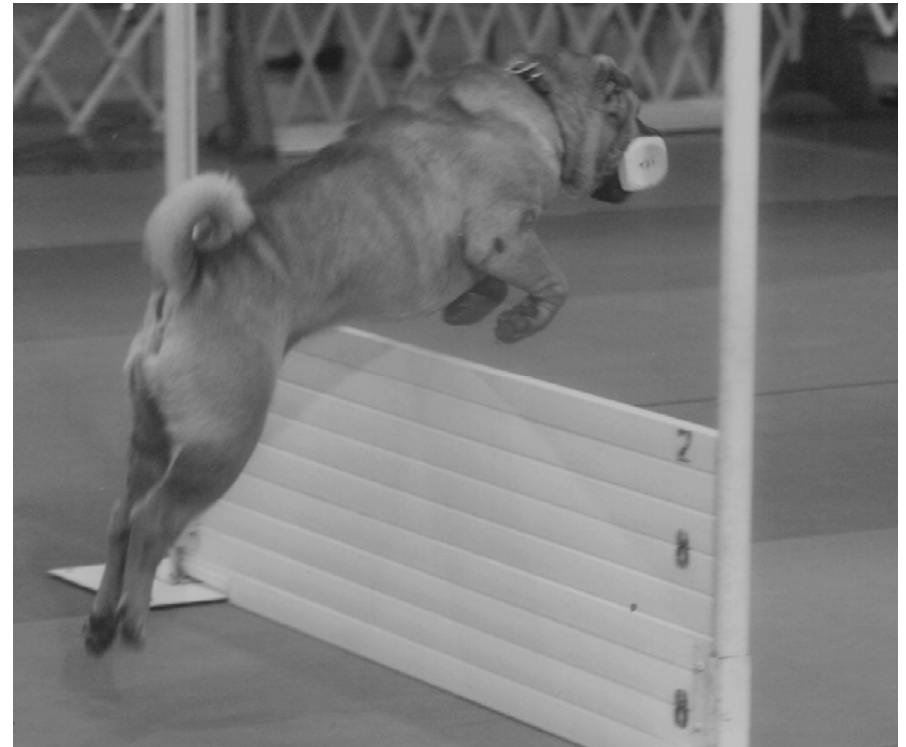


Louise Watson with Lacey winning High in Trial CSPCA Nationals 2004

Louise Watson made a clean sweep, and she didn't need a broom to do it either. She quiet handily waltzed out with all the major prizes in Obedience, and left the other exhibitors in her trail.

Louise walked off with High in Trial from the Novice B class with **R-LEE CHINA PUFF'S WHITE LACE** with a score of **195**.

She had the highest scoring Veteran with her seven year old veteran **CH CHINA-PUFF'S TAI WON CD** with a score of **192**.



Louise Watson's Tia- Highest scoring Veteran at CSPCA Nationals 2004

Then she got first place in the OBEDIENCE BRACE class with **R-LEE CHINA PUFF'S WHITE LACE** and **CH CHINA PUFF'S TAI WON CD** with a .score of **180**.

But she wasn't finished yet. Several years ago an award was set up for High In Trial winning dogs. This was a trophy that was established by Mike and Jocelyn Barker, founding members of our club. Every year the name of

the highest scoring dog is added to the trophy. Should any exhibitor win High in Trial on 3 separate years, the trophy is awarded to that person. This was Louise's fourth year to win the High in Trial, and the first member of the CSPCA to ever win the trophy outright. Louise's first High in Trial win was the year before the trophy was established. What an accomplishment for Louise and her dogs. A big congratulations, Louise, for a job well done!

She also did some winning in the Veterans Sweepstakes as well. **CH CHINA-PUFF'S TAI WON CD** won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 7-8 year class, and his sister, **CH CHINA-PUFF'S TASHA** won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 7-8 Veteran's Bitch Sweepstakes class.



### President's Corner:

2004 has been a wonderful year for our club. We put on a wonderful show, and even had the first major points in years. We have built our treasury up to a respectable sum, and have the Rescue treasury built up with a margin of safety. We have had several breed booths and are getting the information out about our breed. We now have an Internet present for our rescue dogs, and at last count were getting over 100 hits a month. Our fund-raisers have been successful. And all of these things happened because of the wonderful members of our club.

In 2005, we will hopefully be able to participate in a research project with Dr. Anne Avery, and maybe find

some of the answers to health issues in our breed. This project has the potential to be huge for our breed, so when the time comes, I hope that everyone that can, will participate.

Thank you to everyone that has been a chairman of any of our events. They have all run so smoothly. Thank you to very one that volunteered for a job at one of our events. Take the time to look at all that we do, and be thinking about what you might like to chair, or help with this year. If everyone learns all the jobs of our club, it makes for a stronger club.

I would also like to give a big thanks to Louise Watson for all the work that she does with rescue. It requires a tremendous amount of time and energy. Anyone willing to transport dogs, evaluate dogs, or foster dogs, please let Louise know (303-772-7325). She can use any help that she can get. Of course Rescue could not operate nearly as well without the help of Dr. Culver and her staff. They deserve more thanks than we could ever give them.

This year we have added 21 new members to our club. This club is for all of us, and if you have a program that you would like for our club to put on, or if there is something about the breed that you would like to know more about, please let me know. Our club is open to any and all suggestions.

I am wishing you all a great 2005, and may it be filled with lots of success, good health and happiness.

Alice Fix, President

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# SPRING SPECIALTY

April 15, 2005

Adams County Fair Grounds

Judges:

Conformation- Grace Fritz

Sweepstakes- Maureen Tomlinson

Obedience- Richard O'Mara

\*\*\*Special Attraction\*\*\*

Parade of Obedience Champions

Terry- All Judges

April 16- Breed and Group- Lewis Bayne

April 17- Breed and Group- Edmund Sledzik

\*\*Sat. April 16- Judge's Educational Seminar\*\*



For those people that travel with their dogs, we have put together a list of chains whose properties nearly always allow pets. You will need to check with each hotel individually to confirm that they accept pets.

- AmeriSuites
- Budget Suites of America
- Chase Suite Hotels
- Crestwood Suites Hotels
- Drury Inns, Inn & Suites, Lodges, Plaza Hotels
- Exel Inn
- Fairmont Hotels & Resorts
- Four Points Hotels
- Baymont Inn & Suites
- Candlewood Suites
- ClubHouse Inn & Suites
- Crossland Economy Studios
- Extended StayAmerica
- First Interstate Inns
- Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts

- Grandstay Residential Suites
- Heartland Inns
- Home-Towne Suites
- Hotel Sofitels
- InnSuites Hotel & Suites
- Key West Inns, Inn & Suites
- Le Meridien Hotels
- Loews Hotels
- Omni Hotels & Resorts
- Premier Inns
- Red Roof Inns, Inn & Suites
- Select Inns, Inns & Suites
- Shoney's Inns, Inns & Suites
- St. Regis Hotels & Resorts
- Studio 6
- Suite One Hotels
- TownePlace Suites
- Wellesley Inns, Inns & Suites, Suites
- Westin Hotels & Resorts
- Woodfield Suites
- Hearthside Extended Stay
- Helmsley Hotels
- Homestead Studio Suites
- Inns of America
- Jameson Inns
- La Quinta Inns & Suites
- Lees Inns, Inn & Suites
- Motel 6
- Pear Tree Inns
- Red Lion Inns
- Residence Inns
- Sheraton Hotels,
- Sierra Suites
- Staybridge Suites
- StudioPLUS
- Summerfield Suites by Wyndham
- W Hotels
- Windmill Inns
- Woodfin Suite Hotels

Hotel list from: [www.takeyourpet.com](http://www.takeyourpet.com)

"Did you ever notice when you blow in a dog's face he gets mad at you? But when you take him in a car he sticks his head out the window."

-- Steve Bluestone

**Did you know?** The world's first ever space astronaut was a dog named Laika. The Russian Government sent Laika into space in an artificial earth satellite in 1957.



Poem from a blind dog:

I cannot see you Mommy, when you cuddle me so near.  
 And yet I know you love me, it's in the words I hear.  
 I cannot see you Daddy, when you hold me by your side  
 But still I know you love me when you tell me so with pride.  
 I cannot see to run and play out in the sun so bright  
 For here inside my tiny head it's always dark as night.  
 I cannot see the treats you give when I am extra good  
 But I can wag my tail in Thanks just like a good dog should.  
 "She cannot see. The dogs no good" is what some folks  
 might say  
 "She can't be trained, she'll never learn She must be put  
 away."  
 But not you, Mom and Daddy You know that it's alright  
 Because I love you just as much as any dog with sight.  
 You took me in, you gave me love and we will never part  
 Because I'm blind with just my eyes, I see you in my heart.

"Anonymous"



Dr. Jeff Vidt's Corner:

## Dietary Soy

Information has existed for many years in Shar-Pei circles concerning the use of soy in diets for Shar-Pei and adverse effects. I can find no information in the nutritional literature, which would support this notion, and I actually found some information indicating the potential protective effects of soy in the diet against cancer. Certainly dietary sensitivity and allergic disease due to soy in the diet is possible and can occur in any individual in any breed. One major problem in this area is the lack of objective tests for food allergy in animals. The gold standard is still the use of hypoallergenic (elimination) diets to diagnose the condition. Another problem concerns the high incidence of allergic disease in Shar-Pei in general. My general recommendation concerning diet in Shar-Pei is to feed what the dog does well on. I evaluate coat quality, stool quality, stool quantity, physical condition and stamina and the dog's psychological status in this regard. I've seen Shar-Pei do well on one brand of dog food and other Shar-Pei do poorly on the same brand. Unfortunately, it is a trial-and-error approach, but because it is, I'm careful not to make broad generalizations about brand name diets and ingredients.

More articles by Dr. Jeff Vidt can be found at [www.drjvw.com](http://www.drjvw.com)



Annually, Americans spend more on dog food than on baby food.

## Taking care of tender paws

### New products melt snow and ice without hurting your pal's pads



Tuesday, December 07, 2004

By Pohla Smith, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

It's about time to haul out your bags of salt for those icy mornings, but you might want to think twice about the product you're using if you've got pets. Dogs and cats who lick rock salt or salt-based products off their paws and coat can develop skin conditions, intestinal problems and an inflammation of the stomach called gastritis.

"It's very much of an irritant," said Dr. Peg Rucker, of Lebanon, Va., past president of the American Animal Hospital Association. "Concentrated amounts [of salt] between the toes can cause ulcers and a lot of redness to tissue. They're going to lick that excessively, and that causes acute moist dermatitis, or pododermatitis. ... Then they can get bacterial infection and need antibiotics."

While licking their feet, cats and dogs are going to eat the de-icer, and that can cause internal problems, depending on how much they ingest and whether it's rock salt (sodium

chloride) or compounds including the salts known as calcium chloride and potassium chloride.

"I've had it cause G.I. irritation and a few with gastritis, but I've not had it cause any untoward effect," Rucker said. "Dogs and cats aren't high salt eaters unless they're over-active cleaning their feet and toes."

Rock salt and salt-based snow melters also pose a potential danger to humans. Salts are a skin irritant, said Ed Krenzelok, director of the Pittsburgh Poison Center at Children's Hospital. Ingestion, particularly of sodium chloride and potassium chloride, also could lead to trouble if taken in large amounts.

"It's like anything. An old Swiss physician from the 15th century, Paracelsus, said everything is potentially a poison," Krenzelok said. The only thing differentiating remedy from poison is the dose. He stressed, though, that sodium chloride and potassium chloride are much more hazardous than rock salt.

Fortunately, there are snow melters on the market without salts, including Safe Paw and Ice Melt Down. However, Ice Melt Down, made of three proprietary, or legally secret, organic chemicals is not completely hazard free. Rusty Pisle, national sales director for Lima, Ohio manufacturer HJP, Inc., said, that in dogs it occasionally "may cause gastroenteritis, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea or cause them to become depressed and slow reflexes. "Otherwise it just results in a sore tummy and gas."

In humans, ingestion of 100 grams, or 3.527 ounces, -- a hefty amount -- can cause drowsiness, depression or other effects on the central nervous system, he said. (If it happens,

do not induce vomiting. Keep warm to counter shock and seek medical attention.)

"A couple years ago a women's child got into it and the poison center was called, and we gave them information and had no problem, but it's safe for them to walk on. It's safe around children and pets," Pisle said.

Safe Paw, also marketed as Safe Thaw, grew out of a product chemical engineer Steve Greenwald, of Huntingdon Valley, Bucks County, invented for the nuclear power industry to rid facilities of ice and snow. "It wouldn't kill fish, and it had to be safe on equipment and safe for people and whatnot." Later, Greenwald's son asked if he could make a product that wouldn't irritate his dog's feet or make him sick. Both products are available in supermarkets and online. Ice Melt Down can be found at [www.drsfostersmith.com](http://www.drsfostersmith.com). Try [www.petedge.com](http://www.petedge.com) or [www.just4pooches.com](http://www.just4pooches.com) for Safe Paw. PETCO and PETSMART also carry Safe Paw.

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<http://www.postgazette.com/pg/pp/04342/422662.stm>

In the early 1940's, Swiss inventor George de Mestral went on a walk with his dog. After arriving home, he saw that his pants and his dog's coat were covered with cockleburrs. When he looked at the burrs under a microscope, he discovered they have a natural hook-like shape, which became the basis for his invention of a unique, two-sided fastener --- one side with stiff "hooks" like the burrs and the other side with the soft "loops" like the fabric of his pants. The result was VELCRO® brand hook and loop fasteners, named for the French words "velour" and "crochet."

## **Veterinarians Keep Close Watch on Potentially Deadly Canine Disease**

*-- New Website Profiles the  
Latest Info on Recent  
Outbreak of Leptospirosis --*

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.**  
(August 27, 2004) – From Boston and Buffalo, to Chicago, Denver, Houston and San Diego, veterinarians

across the country are keeping a close watch on the recent outbreak of Leptospirosis, a potentially deadly canine disease that as already killed several dogs this summer. Leptospirosis thrives in water sources and is commonly found after periods of heavy rain. Animals which come into contact with water sources that have been contaminated with urine of infected wildlife are most at risk.

A new website, [www.dvmvac.org](http://www.dvmvac.org), profiles the latest information on the outbreak of Leptospirosis. The site, which educates veterinarians and pet owners about the important role vaccines play in the health of animals, also features break-through research on canine and feline vaccine development and helps to clarify the debate regarding annual and extended vaccination schedules.

"For many diseases such as Leptospirosis, vaccines remain the single most important element of a pet's preventative healthcare program," says well-known vaccine expert Dr. John Ellis, Professor of Veterinary Microbiology at the University of Saskatchewan's Western College of Veterinary Medicine. "The site, [www.dvmvac.org](http://www.dvmvac.org), answers questions by members of the veterinary profession and the pet-owning public about

vaccine efficacy and safety."

***Editor's Note:** As with an information, you should consult with your veterinarian about any vaccination, and weigh the advantages with the disadvantages, as well as the likeliness of exposure.*



## **More on Leptospirosis from the Center for Disease Control**

### **How do people and animals get leptospirosis?**

The bacteria are spread through the urine of infected animals, which can get into water or soil and can survive there for weeks to months. Humans and animals can become infected through contact with this contaminated urine (or other body fluids, except saliva), water, or soil. The bacteria can enter the body through skin or mucous membranes (eyes, nose, or mouth), especially if the skin is broken from a cut or scratch. Drinking contaminated water can also cause infection. Infected wild and domestic animals may continue to excrete the bacteria into the environment continuously or every once in a while for a few months up to several years.

If your pet has become infected, it most likely came into contact with leptospires in the environment of infected animals. Your pet may have been drinking, swimming, or walking through contaminated water. Because of increased

building and development into areas that were previously rural, pets may be exposed to more wildlife, such as raccoons, skunks, squirrels, opossums, or deer that are infected with leptospirosis. Dogs also may pass the disease to each other, but this happens very rarely.

### **What are the signs of leptospirosis in pets?**

The clinical signs of leptospirosis vary and are nonspecific. Sometimes pets do not have any symptoms. Common clinical signs reported in dogs include fever, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea, refusal to eat, severe weakness and depression, stiffness, severe muscle pain, or inability to have puppies. Generally younger animals are more seriously affected than older animals.

### **Is there a treatment for leptospirosis in pet animals?**

Yes, leptospirosis is treatable with antibiotics. If an animal is treated early, it may recover more rapidly and any organ damage may be less severe. Other treatment methods, such as dialysis and hydration therapy may be required.

The time between exposure to the bacteria and development of disease is usually 5 to 14 days, but can be as short as a few days or as long as 30 days or more.

[www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/leptospirosis\\_g\\_pet.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/leptospirosis_g_pet.htm)



Don't forget to sign up for the Rescue Booth at the Plum Creeks shows. We need people to man the booth and to give out information about the breed. If you can help, let Jeanne Hill Jurik know.

~~~Colorado Health Testing Breeders~~~

I'm currently accepting listings for a publication called *Colorado's Health Testing Breeders* (all breed directory) and ask that you let your club members know (and include in your newsletter if possible). This directory will assist bitch owners searching for health clearances on stud dogs and buyers looking for puppies. For inclusion, a breeder or stud owner must do at least one health test, such as CERF eye exam, OFA/PennHip x-rays, patella, thyroid, cardiac, temperament, hearing or DNA testing (such as vWD test for Dobermans), etc. For more info or to sign up, visit [www.legandary.ws](http://www.legandary.ws) to complete the form and mail it with \$25 to **Black Dobe LLC**, PO Box 150109, Lakewood CO 80215 before February 15, 2005. Deduct \$10.00 if postmarked by February 1, 2005. Questions? Call Jeanne Cook 303-548-3238. Thank you for your assistance.

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Have you seen our webpage on [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com)?  
This is a new place for us to advertise our rescue dogs.  
If not check it out at:  
<http://www.petfinder.org/shelters/CO151.html>

News Release from the Canine Health Foundation

**“Genetic Structure of the Purebred Domestic Dog,”**  
*On May 21, 2003 investigators at the FHCRC published a paper in the journal Science on the population genetics of purebred dogs. The paper can be accessed and downloaded at [www.fhcrc.org/science/dog\\_genome/dog/html](http://www.fhcrc.org/science/dog_genome/dog/html).*

*One of the four groups in the paper are of called "Ancient Origins." What does that mean?* Many dog breeds can trace their origins back hundreds if not thousands of years. The breeds specifically assigned to this group showed similarity at the DNA level to grey wolf and each other, and hence are labeled as "ancient". This group included many of the Asian breeds (Akita, Shar-Pei, Shiba Inu), some hounds (Saluki and Afghan Hound), and some of the Spitz type dogs (Samoyed, Siberian Husky, Alaskan Malamute).



**Poison Facts**

**Are you aware of what's poisonous for your pet?**

- Chocolate, tea, coffee, cola:** It is the theobromine that can trigger epileptic seizures and cause cardiac irregularity
- Walnuts:** There is a type of fungus common to walnuts that will cause severe episodes of seizing.
- Onions and Garlic:** especially raw ones have been shown to trigger hemolytic anemia
- Potatoes:** Solanum alkaloids can be found in in green sprouts and green potato skins
- Turkey Skin:** Is currently thought to cause acute pancreatis .
- Grapes and Raisins:** The gastrointestinal signs including vomiting and diarrhea and then signs of kidney failure



## **Officers and Directors on The Centennial Chinese Shar-Pei Club**

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Rescue: Louise Watson  
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Show Secretary: Jeanne Hill-Jurik

### A note from the Editors:

We would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to contribute an article to this newsletter.

The Rocky Mountain Wrinkle is a club publication, and as such requires the participation of club members through out the year. Your participation will help to make this publication meaningful and worthwhile for the membership of the club. All contributions and ideas are greatly appreciated.

Please forward your input for inclusion to the Publisher at the address listed below.

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