

# Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inc.

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## The Sheltie Seanachie

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[www.potomacvalleyshetlandsheepdogclub.org](http://www.potomacvalleyshetlandsheepdogclub.org)



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### PVSSC MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Monday at 7:30 pm at the Dunn Loring Fire House (2148 Gallows Rd, Dunn Loring, VA) except for March and July (no meetings) and December (Holiday Party). **NEXT MEETING is January 18.**

Meetings are open to the public. The Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club welcomes Sheltie breeders and fanciers, including those interested in conformation and performance events, and pet and Sheltie Rescue owners.

### THE SHELTYE SEANACHIE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Donna Richards, Editor

*The Sheltie Seanachie* is the Club's Monthly Newsletter. It provides a forum for sharing information, discussing issues concerning the breed, and club activities.

Send brags and other items for the newsletter to the editor at [dlrcpa@verizon.net](mailto:dlrcpa@verizon.net) or mail to Donna Richards, 1591 N Village Rd, Reston, VA 20194. The Newsletter is sent to members and friends preceding the meeting. If you would like to be added to our distribution list, please email the above address. Back issues of The Seanachie are available on the PVSSC website.

### January Meeting

PVSSC has several upcoming events to prepare for. We will have the Obedience/Rally Trials in February and the Specialty in March. The club needs help in many forms which will be discussed at the meeting, so please attend the meeting for information. Alternatively see the points of contact for the chairpersons for each event to contact. Debbie Lauritzen and Ginny O'Shea are collecting items for raffle gift baskets, see page 3.

### Tethering Law Update

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors passed the following provision in November regarding tethering of dogs in the county.

*"It shall be unlawful for any person to tether a dog for more than one hour cumulatively within any 24 hour period, whether or not the tethered dog has been provided adequate space as defined in the Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6500, as amended, unless the dog is under the direct supervision and control of its owner or custodian."*

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/protecting-pups-new-rules-for-dog-tethering-passed/>

Other cities and counties in Virginia have enacted similar legislation.

In Montgomery County, MD the tether time limit is 2 hours in a 24-hour period, and not between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. or during weather emergencies.

<http://www.mymcpnews.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/anticruelty.pdf>

### Canine H3N2 Vaccine

Zoetis Inc. has received a conditional license from the U.S.D.A. for CIV H3N2 killed virus vaccine.

<https://www.zoetisus.com/news-and-media/zoetis-receives-conditional-license-from-usda-for-vaccine-to-help-control-new-type-of-canine-influenza-virus-detected-in-25-stat.aspx>

## Train Your Dog Month

January 2016 is the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Train Your Dog Month sponsored by the Association of Professional Dog Trainers.

### Gender differences in trainers

Summarized from "The Bark" magazine by author Karen B. London, PhD

Lacking scientific research evidence, many of these observations are just anecdotal. In summary she notes that:

- Women are more specific and detail-oriented
- Women tend to assign themselves more responsibility for the outcome. If the dog doesn't perform, women feel they must be doing something wrong. Men are more likely say the dog "doesn't want to cooperate".
- Women may over-use chatter and praise. As far as treats, men need to be reminded "less is more".
- Dogs respond differently to men than to women. Dogs are more likely to be fearful of men, but also pay closer attention to them.

<http://thebark.com/content/do-women-and-men-approach-dog-training-differently>

### Dog Aging Project

The dog aging project at the University of Washington was initiated to study geroscience: the science of healthy aging. In particular, an FDA-approved drug *rapamycin* is believed to slow the aging process, as demonstrated in mice, and hopefully now in companion animals and humans.

Studies that take decades for humans can be completed significantly faster with dogs as subjects. This project seeks to enroll veterinarians and "citizen scientists" in the Seattle area to volunteer for and provide research information for the first phase of the project – a short-term study. The next phase of the study will include dogs from around the United States for a longer duration of low-dose *rapamycin*.

<http://dogagingproject.com/project-details/>

<http://www.nature.com/news/pet-dogs-set-to-test-anti-ageing-drug-1.16237>

### Cataracts in dogs

A new study involving the drug *lanosterol* shows promise of treating cataracts without surgery.

<http://news.sciencemag.org/health/2015/07/eye-drops-could-dissolve-cataracts>

## Cross-county Skiing and Hiking

Downhill skiing does not really lend itself to canine participation but for cross-country or snow-shoe athletes, your furry friend is welcome to come along at these ski centers.

<http://www.xcski.org/dog-trails.php>

Skijoring is a sport in which the person on cross-country skis is pulled by dogs or a horse in harness.

Some ski resorts also operate lifts in the summer to take hikers up the mountains. A few of these resorts also sell a "dog pass" to ride the lift, and so hike down with their human. <http://blog.liftopia.com/blog/north-america-dog-friendly-ski-towns/>

Reading through some good tips on winter hiking, I liked the idea of having your Sheltie wear a highly visible coat in the snow. If you get separated, a reflective orange or day-glow color vest or harness will make a visual sighting much easier for both of you. If you think you will be out after dark, a glowing collar or blinking light will help too.

Here is a list of favorite Virginia winter hiking trails:

<http://blog.virginia.org/2014/12/favorite-winter-hikes/>

And for Maryland:

<http://www.chesapeakefamily.com/fun/travel/540-best-winter-hikes-in-maryland>

C&O Canal Winter Wonderland Canal Walk Saturday, January 16 10 am-2 pm. Pets allowed on leash. \$3 pre-registration to be mailed in. The walk is 3.1 miles.

<http://www.sugarloafers.org/> Click on "Events", then "Carderock C&O Canal Brochure".

### Sheltie Missing for 6 Years Reunited through Microchip

A Sheltie in Nevada went missing for 6 years and was identified through his microchip and returned to his owners in December.

<http://abc13.com/pets/dog-returns-to-family-for-christmas-after-6-years-missing-/1138046/>



## PVSSC SPECIALTIES GIFT BASKET RAFFLE

On Friday March 18 2016 PVSSC will be holding our Conformation Specialties in concert with Greater Baltimore SSC at Havre de Grace, MD. Our Specialties have traditionally been an expensive proposition, but are a requirement of the AKC to maintain our status as a Breed Specialty Club.

For the past two years our Club has managed to makes a small profit on our Specialties, chiefly due to income from the Basket Raffle. There will be a table set up near the Show Ring, and throughout the day attendees will have the chance to buy raffle tickets for one of our baskets.

We have about one dozen (and can always use more) **large attractive wicker or woven (fabric) baskets** Please help us fill them with desirable Sheltie as well as non-dog related items:

- **Throws, crate pads, chew toys, deluxe grooming products, show leads, gourmet dog foods, special Sheltie coasters and mementos that will intrigue both participants and spectators.**
- **Non-doggie food items such as wines/cheese/crackers/summer sausage/pickles/condiments, etc.**
- **Gourmet chocolates/cookies/dried fruits/trail mix (all food items should be fresh and attractively packaged)**
- **Bath/Body care items that are out of the ordinary, Spa gift certificates (Aveda, etc.)**

These are the kinds of items we need to fill these baskets. Debbie will bring the empty baskets to our January meetings, and you make take and fill one on your own, or you can assemble contents as long as you get them back to Debbie by March 1 so we can put them together. The Greater Baltimore SSC has been doing raffle baskets for many years and they are a fabulous money-maker for their club: The ASSA National Specialty has a raffle every year for the same reason.

**The secret to a successful raffle is stunningly presented, high-quality-content baskets.** Please help contribute so that our raffle can be as successful as those of other Sheltie Clubs. We appreciate very much the way our members have helped the past two years, and hope you'll exercise your creative and generous spirit this year to help create beautiful baskets.

Any questions please contact Debbie Lauritzen (cell 240-506-7008) or Ginny O'Shea (703-298-1162)

## PVSSC OBEDIENCE-RALLY TRIALS

PVSSC will host our annual 48 & 49th Obedience and our 17 & 18th Rally Trials the weekend of **February 6 and 7, 2016**. The trials will be held at the Catoctin Kennel Club Training Facility in Point of Rocks, Maryland

### Judges

Obedience: Donald A. Levinson of Alexandria, VA  
Rally: Laurie Williams of Fredericksburg, VA.

### Classes Offered

#### Obedience (A&B)

Beginner Novice,  
Novice, Open,  
Utility and  
UDX



#### Rally (A&B)

Novice, Advanced,  
Excellent and  
RAE



**The entry period closes Thursday, January 21, 2016**

FOR a copy of the premium and/or entry go to the PVSSC website at:

<http://www.potomacvalleyshetlandsheepdogclub.org/>  
or contact Trial Secretary, Jack Gurney by email at [gurneyjack@gmail.com](mailto:gurneyjack@gmail.com)

**To Volunteer:** contact the Cathie Skoog  
Volunteers receive a complimentary lunch and/or snacks  
There will be a volunteers' raffle table



Some of PVSSC Volunteers for the 2015 Trials (Thank You!)

## FIREFIGHTER SAVES DOG

Dec. 6, 2015 - A firefighter in Australia saved the life of a dog by pulling him from a burning house and giving the dog oxygen.

[ABC reported](#) found the dog, Angus, hiding under a bed.

After rescuing the dog, Angus was taken outside and given oxygen. The moment was captured in a photo, which has been shared on social media all over the world.



The Metropolitan Fire Brigade reported Angus was doing well and was reunited with the owner.

## PUPPIES AT MATCHES (Shows)

The AKC recently announced, **effective January 1, 2016**, dogs must be of an eligible age to compete in order to be on the grounds of a sanctioned match. This change will bring consistency to the Match Regulations and current practices at dog shows. As an easy reference tool, below is a chart that shows the type of match and the minimum age of puppies for that type.

Type of Match	Minimum Age of Puppies
Sanctioned A	Four (4) Months
Sanctioned B	Three (3) Months

Any questions regarding this change should be sent to [eventplans@akc.org](mailto:eventplans@akc.org) including the type of match your club plans to host.



## HERDING BREED WINS AKC BEST IN SHOW

Sunday, December 13, 2015 marked grand finale of the 15th AKC National Championship event, hosted by Eukanuba in Orlando, FL. Mr. Edd E. Bivin of Ft. Worth, Texas judged

The event showcased the top national and international dogs included competitions in Best Bred-by-Exhibitor, Best Veteran in Show, the AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals and AKC Meet the Breeds. Additionally, performance trials were held: the AKC Agility Invitational, AKC Obedience Classic and junior events in each sport.

Congratulations to Rumor, her breeders, owners, and handlers on achieving 100 Best in Show awards! Best In Show Judge: Mr. Robert Stein Dog Reg: GCh Lockenhaus Rumor Has It V Kenlyn [Bitch] Breed: German Shepherd Handler: Kent Boyles

Congratulations to GCH CH Lockenhaus' Rumor Has It V Kenlyn "Rumor" who won the Best in Show (BIS), judged by Mr. Robert Stein of Chapel Hill, NC.



Rumor, being judged

Winning the BIS marked Rumor's 100th Best in Show award!

Sire: GCH CH Karizma's Ike Of Edale

CH Lockenhaus' Isis V. Kenlyn Hi-Cliff



**Best in Show Winner**  
GCH CH Lockenhaus' Rumor Has It V Kenlyn "Rumor"

It is always exciting to see a dog from the Herding Group win BIS! Congratulations to Rumor!

### The Herding Group

Another exciting part of the event was the Herding Group, judged by Mr. Thomas W. Coen. The Herding Group was

the last group to be judged on Sunday before the Best in Show judging.

1st: German Shepherd  
GCH CH Lockenhaus'  
Rumor Has It V Kenlyn (F)

2nd : Shetland Sheepdog  
GCH CH Thunderhill's  
Apple Bottom Jeans (F)  
"Bindi"

3rd: Beauceron GCH CH  
De Joie Du Chateau  
Rocher CA (M)

4th: Australian Shepherd,  
GCH CH Wind Spirit  
Rod's Amazing Grace (F)  
"Grace"



GCH CH Thunderhill's Apple Bottom Jeans

Shetland Sheepdog GCH CH Thunderhill's Apple Bottom Jeans (F) "Bindi" placed **SECOND** in the Herding Group. Those who attended the 2015 ASSA National in Fredericksburg, VA you may have seen Bindi. At the National, Bindi won Best in Breed.

### 2015 ASSA National

Shetland Sheepdog

GCH CH Thunderhill's Apple Bottom Jeans (F) "Bindi"  
*Best in Breed*

Owner: Michele & Marty Miller & Anne (Pepper) Power  
Breeders: Michelle & Marty Miller  
Handler: Michelle Miller  
Sire: CH Windhover Stroke Of Midnight  
Dam: CH Thunderhill's Tempting Fate  
Birthdate: 12/28/2007



2015 ASSA National: Best in Breed  
Judge Thomas Coen (left) and owner / handler Michelle Miller (center).

For more information and to see videos of the Shows, go to: <http://live.eukanuba.com/>



## 2015 Scottish Walk Parade

Special thanks to Richard Yuretich (family of Holly the Collie) for providing these photographs.











**Happy Holidays from Holly the Collie and the Yuretich family!**

### **2015 Holiday party**





## Do YOU Have a NEW Email Address?

Send email address changes to  
Donna Richards, PVSSC  
Corresponding Secretary at  
[dlrcpa@verizon.net](mailto:dlrcpa@verizon.net) to  
assure you receive club news.



## January Events

- Train Your Dog month
- PVSSC Meeting Jan 18

## Meeting Refreshments

Fran Beacham is our Refreshment Coordinator. *Please sign up* with Fran to bring the refreshments to a 2016 meeting.

### 2016

January meeting – Fran Beacham  
February meeting – Maribeth Keitz  
April meeting – the Greens  
May meeting – Cathie Skoog  
June meeting – needs a volunteer!  
September meeting – Marilyn Manser  
October meeting – the O'Sheas  
November meeting – needs a volunteer!

Reminder, beverages are not provided; water is available and there is a water/soda machine.

## PVSSC Breed Referral Services

For information on  
puppy and adult Shelties,  
contact PVSSC members



Jan Stanley

703-281-2828

[janstanley@verizon.net](mailto:janstanley@verizon.net)

or

Doey Blount

301-567-3933

[jimjandoey@aol.com](mailto:jimjandoey@aol.com)

## Northern Virginia Sheltie Rescue (NVSR)



NVSR rescues, rehabilitates, and places lost, abused, and abandoned Shelties where they will be loved, protected, and well cared for.

Visit the NVSR Website <http://www.nvsr.org/> to find out about activities, dogs for adoption, to support their activities, or even to see how you can volunteer!

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