

# 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 AUGUST 21.**

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 [PVSSC.shelties@gmail.com](mailto:PVSSC.shelties@gmail.com) 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.

### August 2017 CGC Speaker

Our August program features a discussion of the Canine Good Citizen test and preparation by trainer, exhibitor and AKC judge Debra Barrows. Debbie has judged Obedience and Rally for PVSSC as recently as 2014. She is active in many local training venues and clubs with her Golden Retrievers.



A New York Times article featured the CGC certification as the credential frequently used by real estate management companies as one criteria for allowing dogs and their owners to tenant preferred real estate buildings and vacation properties.

<https://mobile.nytimes.com/2017/07/07/realestate/is-your-dog-a-good-neighbor.html>

[Read the full AKC story here.](#)

## Canine First Aid Held July 15

11 PVSSC members completed the 4-hour Pet First Aid training class on July 15. The materials were covered thoroughly and we had hands-on practice with a variety of dog mannequins. Skills practiced included CPR and rescue breathing, muzzling, wound pressure, bandaging and splints. It was a very comprehensive course and clearly taught by an instructor with a lot of practical experience. Thanks to Pat Keough for most of the pictures.



It was hard to squeeze everyone into the group photo.



## Summer Picnic/Barbecue

Attendee count for the June Picnic was 22 Shelties and 18 people. The barbecue and sides were delicious and of course there was too much food. Agility equipment was set up for those adventurous enough to try it. Enjoy the pictures.





## September Scottish Games

PVSSC will again host a booth at the Virginia Scottish Games at Great Meadow on Labor Day weekend, Sunday September 3. In 2016 we had an excellent spot near the entrance and the Shelties attracted a lot of attention.

Anyone who wants to volunteer and arrives early for set-up will get in free. Contact Mike O'Shea for info.

<http://www.vascottishgames.org/>



## Dillon Reddersen

Deepest sympathy is extended to Bob and Cynthia Reddersen on the loss of their beloved Dillon on Saturday, July 15. Dillon suffered from a back injuring fall and a brief illness. Dillon was only four years old.



## September Swap Meet

After September's business meeting get ready for a "swap meet". This is your chance to clear your home of dog-related items that just did not work out or meet your needs. In return you will get an opportunity to choose one or more items that did not work for someone else. Extra bowls, leashes, grooming tools are all fair game. Detailed information will follow in the September newsletter but here are some preliminary guidelines:

Suitable items (in good condition): bowls, leashes, collars, harness, beds, durable toys, dog coats/sweaters, bedding, dog-related books/reference, training DVDs, training tools such as jumps & rally signs, grooming tools, drying towels, shampoo/conditioners, storage containers, costume items.

Non-suitable items: foods, medications, dirty/torn/chewed items. Any item you feel should be valued over \$15 you may want to sell at a different venue.

Most swaps will not require money but you may want to bring a few \$1 bills in order to "trade up". "Trade up" monies will go to the club treasury.

Please also consider items for the "Free" section: bandannas, other items of nominal value (less than \$2). These would be free to whomever wants them.

Items that do not find a new home will be donated.

## Dog Beds – Why They Matter

The Orvis dog blog had an interesting discussion of dog bed styles that match the sleeping styles of different dogs. Go to this web page and locate the “Dog Bed Sizing” video link in the lower right corner of the page (note cute Sheltie demos one bed and sleeping style.) Watch the video, the come back and read the rest of this article.

<http://www.orvis.com/news/dogs/can-get-dog-sleep-bed/>

The video mentions the Orvis bed manufacturing in Virginia but I believe that was subsequently closed. There is an outlet store in Roanoke.

Now read the story of BuddyRest beds. The founder Trevor Crofts worked in the human mattress industry and decided to apply his knowledge to providing more supportive beds for larger dogs to prevent problems with arthritis and joints. BuddyRest beds have won numerous awards and are manufactured in the USA.

[https://buddyrest.com/our\\_story](https://buddyrest.com/our_story)

These articles evaluate different orthopedic dog beds.

<https://petgearlab.com/best-orthopedic-dog-beds>

<http://dogsrecommend.com/beds/orthopedic-dog-beds/>

<https://bestdogcratesandbeds.com/product-reviews/best-orthopedic-dog-beds-reviews-2016/>

Whole Dog Journal published their rating of best Orthopedic dog beds in 2016. They also note those beds made in the USA. Interesting reading and it may convince you to start saving up for one of these deluxe beds for your Sheltie.

[https://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/19\\_3/features/Orthopedic-Dog-Beds\\_21411-1.html](https://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/19_3/features/Orthopedic-Dog-Beds_21411-1.html)

Of course if your Sheltie prefers to sleep on YOUR bed or in the closet you can forget this whole discussion.



## Orvis Dog Photo Winner

A winner of the Orvis 2016 Fall & Holiday catalog covers is Aspen the Golden Retriever from Falls Church, Virginia. Check out the other beautiful cover dogs as well.

<http://www.orvis.com/news/dogs/congratulations-newest-cover-dog-winners/>

## Dogs Playing Cards

Not only are these dog playing cards cute but the video of dogs playing cards is also funny.

<http://www.boredpanda.com/pack-of-dogs-playing-cards-john-littleboy/>

## PVSSC October Meeting

Join us at our October 16 Meeting when Farm Dog Certification Tester Cathie Skoog will provide information on the test elements. Members will work with their dogs, in preparation for the PVSSC Farm Dog Certification Tests being held in conjunction with our Herding Trials on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Keepstone Farm, Berryville, VA.

In order to enter the Tests, your dog must be registered with the AKC, recorded in the FSS program, have a PAL numbers OR be enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners Program. The cost of each test at our trials is \$45.



## NEW AKC TITLE: FARM DOG CERTIFIED

The AKC has a new titling test, similar to the Canine Good Citizen (CGC), which assesses the overall conduct of a dog in a typical farm environment. It is NOT a test to determine herding ability, but rather to establish and test self-control on a farm.



The FDC Test is open to all dogs 9 months old, or older that are individually registered with the AKC, recorded in the FSS program, have a PAL number OR be enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners Program.



### The AKC Farm Dog Certified (FDC) Test 12 Test Elements (Conducted on Leash)

When the dog passes two tests (events) under two different judges it is awarded the title FDC.

Test 1: Greet the Judge. The handler approaches the judge with the dog at their side on a loose lead. The dog must not jump, or show aggression or excessive shyness.

Test 2: Walk around the farm and a passive stranger. The handler walks the dog on a loose lead at least 200 feet around a variety of objects and near a sitting person.

Test 3: Jump on hay/straw bale. Handler instructs the dog to jump on a bale and stay until released by the judge.

Test 4: Walk past farm animals. Handler walks the dog on a loose lead in view of penned farm animals.

Test 5: Walk over or through unusual surfaces. The handler walks the dog over three unusually surfaces found at a farm.

Test 6: Supervised separation. The handler places the dog in a crate and walks out of sight for a minimum of 1 minute.

Test 7: Pass through a gate. The dog stays while the handler opens the gate, passes through on the handler's command, and stays while the handler closes the gate.

Test 8: Handler feeds livestock. The dog is tethered while the handler approaches and feeds livestock in an enclosure.

Test 9: Reaction to another dog. The dog remains stationary on a loose lead while another dog is walked by twice, about 10 feet away.

Test 10: Reaction to noise distraction. The dog is exposed to two common farm sounds and the dog must not panic.

Test 11: Dog approaches livestock. The handler approaches penned livestock with the dog on a loose lead. The dog may not lunge or be fearful or aggressive to the stock.

Test 12: Physical examination. The handler examines the dog for plant material or debris collected while working on the farm, examining the ears, eyes, mouth, coat and toes.



## Do YOU Have a NEW Email Address?

Send email address changes to  
Donna Richards, PVSSC  
Corresponding Secretary at  
PVSSC.Shelties@gmail.com to  
assure you receive club news.



## August-September Events

- PVSSC Meeting August 21
- Virginia Scottish Games September 2-3

## Meeting Refreshments

Fran Beacham is our Refreshment Coordinator. *Thanks to everyone who volunteered refreshments for 2017*

### 2017

August meeting – Patrick Keough  
September meeting – Marilyn Manser & Rich Gurney  
October meeting – the Greens  
November meeting – Chris Demoncada  
December – no meeting  
THANK YOU!

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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