

The Sheltie Seanachie

The Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inc.
Serving the Greater Washington Metropolitan Region (DC-MD-VA) since 1972

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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 September 17.

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

Cathie Skoog, Editor

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

Email brags and other items for the newsletter to Cathie.

The Newsletter is sent to members and friends preceding the meeting. If you would like to be added to our distribution list, please send an email to PVSSC.shelties@gmail.com

Back issues of The Seanachie are available on the PVSSC website:
www.potomacvalleyshetlandsheepdogclub.org

Meet UP

See PVSSC events and join other Sheltie enthusiasts by logging on to our MeetUp page at

<https://www.meetup.com/Potomac-Valley-Shetland-Sheepdog-Meetup/>

Upcoming Meetings

Between 7:00 and 7:30, when our business meeting begins, members and dogs socialize.

Following our business meeting, refreshments are served and we begin our program.

The programs scheduled for the remaining year are:

- September – following the business meeting we will finish testing for the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and Dog Trick Tests while members enjoy refreshments and socialize their dogs.
- October – Member Nancy Hansbrough will make a presentation on her recent vacation, where she interfaced with wolves.
- November – Santa Photos. Members and guests have photos taken with Santa.
- December – Date to be determined. Holiday Party. Debbie Lauritzen has offered to host the party at her home/farm in Luray, VA and dogs are invited.

Do You Have a New Email Address or Phone Number??

Make sure you contact PVSSC if you have a new email address, or any other changes. We want to make sure you don't miss a single issue of The Sheltie Seanachie.



Send any changes to Donna Richards, PVSSC Corresponding Secretary at PVSSC.Shelties@gmail.com

Highlights from The August Meeting

Prior to the meeting, members were evaluated for Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and Novice Dog Trick (TKN) Titles.

Following the business meeting, rosettes and toys were given to those who earned the new titles.

The program for the evening was Sheltie Genealogy, presented by Mike O'Shea. It was an extremely interesting and informative presentation. Copies of the presentation handout are posted on the PVSSC website.

Thank you to Patrick Keough for providing the refreshments.

Congratulations to the following who earned their Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Titles:

- Corey, owned by Marilyn Manser & Rich Gurney
- Miles, owned by Melinda McKenzie Hall
- Jordan, owned by Lilian Yeh
- Dobby, owned by Ginny & Mike O'Shea
- Archer, owned by Nancy Hansbrough

Congratulations to the following who earned their Novice Trick (TKN) Titles:

- Dobby, owned by Ginny & Mike O'Shea
- Dixie Doodle, owned by Ginny & Mike O'Shea
- Archer, owned by Nancy Hansbrough

PUPPY CUTENESS

Max had fun at our August Meeting. He is owned by Judy Bienvenu and was bred by PVSSC member Lilian Yeh-Forsyth.

When Max isn't training, he is kept busy playing with his big brother, Clayton.



Max

Sire: Am GCH/Can CH Belmark Shakedown ROM
Dam (Lilian's girl): Blue Heavens I've Got Joy In My Heart
(GCH Kismet's Don't Mess With Texas x CH Blue Heavens I've Got A Secret)

The AKC Has Moved

The American Kennel Club moved on September 14, 2018 to 101 Park Avenue in New York City. The official "open for business" date was September 17, which was the anniversary of the founding of the AKC in 1884.

The Museum of the Dog will be opening in the same building in January 2019.

Mark your Calendars Upcoming PVSSC Events

Saturday, November 3, 2018: PVSSC will host herding events at Keepstone Farm in Berryville, VA. The entry period closes on October 18.

In addition to the trial and tests (Instinct, Herding Test and Pre-Trial Test), we will be offering Farm Dog Certified Tests (FDC) and Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Tests.

A copy of the premium is posted to the PVSSC website and at the Keepstone Farm website.

WE need volunteers – it is a great way to spend the day helping the club as you watch herding dogs compete as they herd cattle, ducks and sheep.

Bring a lawn chair and your dog(s) for a day of fun with other dog owners. If you can help, contact Jack Gurney or Cathie Skoog. We will train you, and you may want to see if your dog has the instinct.

NO Obedience or Rally Trials in February 2019. The Board is looking at options, such as dates and other venues to hold our obedience and rally trials. If any member has suggestions, please contact Cathie or Jack Gurney.

May 18, 2019: PVSSC Specialty. We will be holding a Designated Show in conjunction with the Mattaponi Kennel Club Spring Show. If there are any questions, please contact Cathie Skoog, Club President.

Traveling with your Pets?

We have two cost saving hotels to tell you about.

The AKC has partnered with **Motel 6** to offer a 10% nationwide discount to AKC members. To receive the discount guests must reference the new AKC account number CPM64DOG.

100% of Motel 6 locations are Pet Friendly. Motel 6 Does NOT Charge a Pet Fee. Motel 6 Does NOT have weight limits on Pets. Motel 6 allows 2 pets per room.

RESERVATIONS can be made at 855-M6-4DOGS (855-664-3647), or with any Motel 6 property directly, or by clicking here.

Keepstone Farm, where we hold our Herding Trials has a partnership with **Red Roof Inn Hotels**. The discount is 15% nationwide. Make a reservation through the Keepstone Link at:

<http://keepstonefarm.com/Events.html>

AKC FIT DOG



AKC FIT DOG is not a title. It is an incentive program to encourage people to walk with their dogs.

Fitness is important for both dogs and people. The most commonly

recommended exercise to improve fitness is walking. Walking is considered a safe activity that improves muscular strength, circulation, memory, weight loss, increases energy, helps with sleep, and reduces stress.

The American Heart Association recommends walking a minimum of 150 minutes per week. Participation in the AKC FIT DOG program will bring health benefits to both you and your dog.

If you walk with your dog on a regular basis, join the ranks of AKC FIT DOG and get your free (5-3/4 inches) FIT DOG logo car magnet.

The AKC FIT DOG magnet proudly declares to the world that you are committed to your dog's health and fitness through regular exercise.

You can order your free magnet when you and your dog have met one of these fitness goals:

- Walked at least 30 minutes 5 times per week for a total of at least 150 minutes per week for at least 3 months. For dogs and people in good shape.
- Walked at least 15 minutes per session at least 10 times per week (e.g., two 15-min walks per day) for at least 3 months. For dogs or people who would benefit from a walk that is a shorter duration, e.g., senior dogs.

To **GET YOUR MAGNET**, complete your walks. Keep a record so you will know when you've met your goal. And then apply for the magnet at the AKC link below:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-family-dog-program/akc-fit-dog/>

SUNSHINE

Please remember to notify a board member, or Melinda McKenzie Hall, chair of our Sunshine Committee if a PVSSC member needs a little club sunshine.

If we don't know who is ill, who has lost a family member or needs help with a pet, we cannot reach out and offer "sunshine".

This committee doesn't work if you don't call or email us with your concerns for PVSSC club members. Please help Melinda stay in touch with what is going on.

AKC RALLY REGULATIONS Changes

The AKC has made changes to the Rally Regulations. For a complete list of changes go to the AKC website.

Below are key changes that exhibitors should be aware of are:

Effective August 1, 2018:

CHAPTER 1, Section 16. Entry Eligibility, Change of Entry. (5th bullet changed and new bullet added. The remainder of this section is unchanged.)

- After a dog earns a title from an "A" class, it may continue showing in that "A" class for 60 days. After 60 days, it may compete in that level "B" class.
- A dog may continue to compete in Novice B until it receives a qualifying score in the Rally Advanced class.
- A dog may compete in the Novice B and Intermediate class at the same trial.
- A dog may compete in the Intermediate and Advanced class at the same trial.
- After a dog earns a qualifying score in Advanced, they are no longer eligible for the Novice class. Once a dog earns a qualifying score in Advanced, the dog may be shown in the Novice class at trials for which entries have closed; if entries have not closed they must be changed.
- After a dog earns the Rally Advanced (RA) title it is no longer eligible for the Rally Intermediate class. Once a dog earns the Rally Advanced title, the dog may be shown in the Rally Intermediate class at trials for which entries have closed; if entries have not closed they must be changed.

Chapter 3. Classes and Titles. Section 5. Rally Intermediate Class.

To be eligible for entry in this class dogs must have won the Rally Novice (RN) title but may not have won the Rally Advanced (RA) title prior to the close of entries.

RALLY INTERMEDIATE CLASS ELIGIBILITY
(Effective January 1, 2019)

The Board approved a recommendation to change the eligibility requirements for the Rally Intermediate class to allow dogs that have earned a qualifying score in the Advanced class to enter the Intermediate class. Once a dog has earned the Advanced level title, it is no longer eligible to participate in the Intermediate class unless entries have closed. The purpose is to remove eligibility barriers to exhibitors competing in the optional Rally Intermediate class.