

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 May when we will hold our Specialty and July (no meetings) and December (Holiday Party).

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

NEXT MEETING: February 18, 2019

Upcoming PVSSC Events

NO Obedience or Rally Trials in February 2019. The Board is looking at options, such as dates and venues other than the Catoctin Kennel Club facility. Give suggestions to Donna Richards or any board members.

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, Show Chair. At the Spring Show, MKC will be offering four FastCAT Tests at the Fairgrounds. Refer to Page 6 for more information.

November 2, 2019: Herding Trials at Keepstone Farm, Berryville, VA.

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/>

THANK YOU GINNY & MIKE O'SHEA

An enormous THANK YOU to Ginny and Mike O'Shea for hosting the Holiday Party when previous plans fell through.

When you look at the photo below, from the party, check out Dixie Doodle's MACH rosettes and MACH jump bars on the wall to the right of the room, above the green sofa behind Mike.



Members in the O'Shea "family room"

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



CHOCOLATE IS POISONOUS TO DOGS



Provide by Hill's Prescription Diet®

Chocolate is poisonous to dogs; however, the hazard of chocolate to your dog depends on the type of chocolate, the amount consumed and your dog's size. In large enough amounts, chocolate and cocoa products can kill your dog.



Why not chocolate?

The toxic component of chocolate is theobromine. Humans easily metabolize theobromine, but dogs process it much more slowly, allowing it to build up to toxic levels in their system.

A large dog can consume more chocolate than a small dog before suffering ill effects. A small amount of chocolate will probably only give your dog an upset stomach with vomiting or diarrhea.

With large amounts, theobromine can produce muscle tremors, seizures, an irregular heartbeat, internal bleeding or a heart attack. The onset of theobromine poisoning is usually marked by severe hyperactivity.

The usual treatment for theobromine poisoning is to induce vomiting within two hours of ingestion.

If you are worried or suspect that your dog may have eaten a large quantity of chocolate and they are showing any of the signs listed above, call your veterinarian immediately.

If you have a small dog that has eaten a box of chocolates, you need to call and go to your veterinarian right away. Do not wait.

Different chocolate types have different theobromine levels. Cocoa, cooking chocolate and dark chocolate contain the highest levels, while milk chocolate and white chocolate have the lowest. If you're dealing with any quantity of dark or bitter chocolate, err on the side of caution. The high level of theobromine in dark chocolate means it takes only a very small amount to poison a dog. Less than an ounce of dark chocolate may be enough to poison a 44-pound dog.



A WOMAN'S QUALITY OF SLEEP

Research examined women's quality of sleep based on three types of mammals: dog, cat and another human. You might be surprised at the findings. 962 adult women participated in the survey.

To read the entire article, written by Stanley Coren, PhD., FRSC that appeared in Psychology Today, click on the following link:

https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/canine-corner/201901/do-women-sleep-better-next-dog-or-man?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+CanineCornerCS+%28Canine+Corner%29

Can Senior Dogs Get Alzheimer's?

By Anna Burke: Published on AKC Site

"One of the most common questions owners ask veterinarians about their [senior dogs](#) is "Can senior dogs get Alzheimer's?" You may have noticed that your senior dog has started slowing down, or that she seems disoriented and anxious. Some of this is normal aging, but your dog could also have the canine equivalent of Alzheimer's: Cognitive dysfunction syndrome (CDS)."

For more information on CDS, follow the link to the AKC website article: https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/do-dogs-get-alzheimers/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20190124-nibble_senior_dog&utm_content=health-do_dogs_get_alzheimers-p1

PVSSC BREED REFERRAL Looking for a Sheltie?

For information on obtaining a Sheltie, contact PVSSC members Jan Stanley or Doey Blount. They will work to find you the Sheltie that is right for you and your family.



Jan Stanley: 703-281-2828
SheltiesReign@gmail.com

Doey Blount: 301-567-3933
jimjandoey@aol.com

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL PET DENTAL MONTH



At the January PVSSC Meeting the program was Pet Dental Health. Donna provided hand-outs from veterinary web sites regarding accepted products (dental sticks and chews) and practices to avoid (plastic bones, hooves chews and others). Samples of veterinary approved dental chews and sticks were distributed (Purina dental sticks and C.E.T. Enzyme rawhides).



There were discussions about chew times and saliva as a means of plaque reduction.

Jack Gurney demonstrated tooth brushing on Rosebud and the two products he uses.

Sandra Green also provided a demonstration on her technique with her dogs. Sandra uses her thumb as a "pacifier" to hold the dogs mouth open to allow access to the back teeth.



Ginny O'Shea discussed the TD/C capsules she uses and her success with the product that removes tartar. This is useful for older dogs who can't risk anesthesia.

Thank you, Pat Keough for the photos.

For more information on canine dental care, follow the link:

<https://www.avma.org/Events/pethealth/Pages/February-is-National-Pet-Dental-Health-Month.aspx>

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.

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.

New CONTACT Information??

Make sure your contact is current. Let PVSSC know 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 the Corresponding Secretary at PVSSC.Shelties@gmail.com

FEBRUARY 11/12
143rd Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show
6th Annual Masters Agility Championship
4th Annual Masters Obedience Championship
Presented by Purina® Pro Plan®

Check the AKC website for live streaming of the events

CONFORMATION

The AKC website is featuring photos and write-ups of the past 11 Best in Show Winners at: https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/news/westminster-winners-2008-to-2018/?utm_source=dedicated&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20190123-westminster&utm_content=news-westminster_winners_2008_to_2018-p2



GCh Foxcliffe Hickory Wind
2011 Westminster Best in Show Winner
(AKC Photo)

The 2011 Best in Show: Scottish Deerhound, GCh Foxcliffe Hickory Wind, from Virginia, co-owned by Sally Sweatt and breeder Cecilia and Dr. Scott Dove. Dr. Dove, DVM has his practice in Gainesville, VA. (The Skoog dogs, Mollie and Savannah were patients of Dr. Dove, receiving services for acupuncture and chiropractics. He has the Westminster Best in Show rosette hanging behind his receptionist's desk.)

Following her victory at Westminster, Hickory retired from show competition to breed her line at the Dove's farm in Flint Hill, VA. Hickory died in June 2017 at the age of 11.

The **Herding Group** has only won the Westminster Best in Show twice, both times by a German Shepherd Dog. In 2017 GCh Lockenhaus' Rumor Has It V Kenlyn in 2017 won Best in Show and in 1987 Ch Covy Tucker Hill's Manhattan.



2017 Best in Show
GCh Lockenhaus' Rumor Has It V Kenlyn (AKC Photo)



1987 Best in Show
Ch Covy Tucker Hill's Manhattan

The Herding Group was created in 1983. Prior to this, the dogs were part of the Working Group. Working Group dogs are eligible to compete in herding trials.

Shelties have been competing at Westminster since 1911 and although they are ranked in the top 20 Most Popular Breeds, they have never won the BIS at Westminster. Shelties have won the following at Westminster:

- **Best of Group** (5 times): 1997, 1990, 1988, 1985, 1943
- **Second Place** (2 times): 2001, 1989
- **Third Place** (5 times): 2006, 1999, 1986, 1965, 1939
- **Fourth Place** (5 times): 1952, 1951, 1948, 1947, 1932

According to the AKC, eight of the 20 Most Popular Dog Breeds have NEVER won the Westminster Best in Show. The breeds include the Labrador Retriever, Golden Retriever, Dachshund, Shih Tzu, Miniature Schnauzer, Chihuahua, Great Dane and the Shetland Sheepdog.

AGILITY

If you want to see an awesome Sheltie running an agility course, which won her the 2017 Masters Agility Championship for 16" dogs, follow this link: <https://www.foxsports.com/westminster-kennel-club/video/1432068675679>

SHELTIE FUN & BRAGS

MACH3 DIXIE DOODLE HSAs BN RN MXJ AXJ OAJ NAJ MX AX OA NA T2B MJG2 TN CGC



Dixie Doodle coming down the A-Frame during agility trial

Dixie Doodle earned her AKC Master Jumpers Gold 2 (MJG2) Title with her 175th jumpers run on Monday, December 31, 2018 at the SMKC agility trials in Maryland.

The second weekend in January at the Keeshound Club of Delaware Valley in Pennsylvania, Dixie Doodle earned her 10th QQ towards MACH4.

Videos of Dixie and Mike O'Shea performing their AMAZING agility runs can be viewed on Mike O'Shea's Facebook Page.

DOBBY HSAs AJX OAJ NAJ AX OA NA TN CGC

Dobby has been qualifying in Master Standard and Master Jumpers, including a FIRST place in T2B.

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Savannah earned her FastCAT DCAT Title at the Sunshine State Rhodesian Club Fast CAT events in Brooksville, FL.

MERLYN HULLSTON THE STRATOVARIUS BLACK DIAMOND "Annie" RN PT HT NA NF CAA CA BCAT RATN FDC CGC RL-1 RLP



Annie earned her Standard Novice Agility Title and placed FIRST at the Tampa Bay German Shepherd Dog Agility trials in Brooksville, FL. She also earned her first Open FAST leg, placing FIRST and her second JWW leg with a FIRST place.

Annie earned her Course Ability Advanced (CAA) Title at the Sunshine State Rhodesian Club Course Ability Test (CAT) in Brooksville, FL.

Annie earned the Pre-Trial (PT) Herding Title at the Australian Cattle Dog Herding Trials in Bushnell, FL



Sandra & Clifford Green's Tobin

SHELTIE'S AT PLAY

In between the rain, snow and windy weather, PVSSC members Sandra & Clifford Green, Cynthia & Bob Reddersen, Lilian Yeh-Forsyth and Nancy Hansbrough took advantage of a pleasant day for Sheltie Play Time. The Shelties enjoyed the playtime and exercise.



Cynthia & Bob Reddersen's Harper and Lilian Yeh-Forsyth's Patches

FastCAT

Most dogs like to run. And of those dogs that like to run, many enjoy chasing things. Savannah and Annie enjoy FastCAT, as well as Dayna Dreger's Shelties. Mollie loves to chase things, but wants no part of chasing white plastic bags. As with people, all dogs have different likes and dislikes.

FastCAT is an AKC activity for All Breeds where dogs compete against themselves for titles based on their speed. They chase what is referred to as a "bunny" or "lure". A human operates the equipment and is an AKC appointed tester/judge. One of his/her jobs is to adjust the speed of the bunny based on the dog's speed. At the end of the 100 yards dogs are given the opportunity and encouraged to grab the bunny, as can be seen in this photo of Savannah.



Miles per Hour and Points

The dog's speed is converted to a mph and then a handicap number is applied – the handicap is based on the size of the dog. The result of the computation is points. When the dog reaches 150 points the dog earns a BCAT title; 500 points a DCAT title; and 1,000 points a FCAT title. The AKC tracks the points and they appear on the Manage My Dogs portal on the AKC website. Also, the AKC tracks and lists the speed of the fastest 30 dogs for each breed and publishes the speeds on the website, culminating with an annual report.

PVSSC will be holding our Specialty on Saturday, May 18, 2019 as part of the Mattaponi Kennel Club's Spring Show at the Prince William County Fairgrounds in Manassas, VA. MKC will be hosting, at the Fairgrounds, two FastCAT tests on Saturday and two tests on Sunday, May 18 & 19 while the Specialties are being held.

Pre-registration is recommended for FastCAT as these tests are very popular and fill up quickly. If you want to try out FastCAT before May, The Potomac Valley Samoyed Club will be holding six tests (two per day) on March 22, 23 and 24 in White Post, VA. Take your lawn chair to White Post and enjoy the weather with your dog(s).

Below are some photos from Savannah and Annie's runs at White Post, VA, Lakeland, FL and Brooksville, FL.



Contact Cathie Skoog if you have any questions or go to the AKC website, where they have posted articles and videos. A copy of the rules is available for downloading on the AKC website or contact Cathie and she'll email you a PDF copy.

2019 MEETING REFRESHMENTS

The following members have volunteered to bring refreshments to the meetings. **If you can volunteer for August and October, see Fran Beacham.**

February – Nancy Hansbrough
March – Cynthia Reddersen
April – Lillian Yeh-Forsyth
May – Specialty (No Meeting)
June – Pat Keough
July – No Meeting
August – Seeking Volunteer
September – Sandra & Clifford Green
October – Seeking Volunteer
November – Marilyn Manser & Rich
December – Holiday Party

THE SHELTYE SEANACHIE PVSSC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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 bags and other items for the newsletter to Cathie at cathieskoog@verizon.net

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

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