

Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inc.

Serving the Greater Washington Metropolitan Region (DC-MD-VA) since 1972



The Sheltie Seanachie

November-December 2017

www.potomacvalleyshetlandsheepdogclub.org



2017 Officers

Cathie Skoog, President
cathieskoog@verizon.net

Mike O'Shea, Vice President
Fran Beacham, Recording Secretary
Donna Richards, Corresponding Secretary
Jack Gurney, Treasurer

Members of the Board

Rich Gurney TBD (vacancy)

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 NOVEMBER 20.**

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 SHELITIE 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 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.

November Annual Meeting

The PVSSC Nominating Committee for the 2018 officers nominates the following members for these offices:

- President: Cathie Skoog
 - Vice President: Mike O'Shea
 - Treasurer: Jack Gurney
 - Recording Secretary: Fran Beacham
 - Corresponding Secretary: Donna Richards
- Board Members: Rich Gurney and Patrick Keough

Dues Reminder

This is a reminder that the PVSSC 2018 dues is just \$25 regardless if you are a single member or a family (living at the same address.) Please send your dues payment to Jack Gurney promptly so he can update the member roster, or bring a check to the November meeting.

Scottish Christmas Walk

PVSSC and NVSR will again participate in the Scottish Christmas Walk on Saturday December 2. Plan to meet in Old Town Alexandria around 10:30 AM. Parking is limited so you really want to get there around 9:30 to get a spot.



What are PVSSC members up to?



Check out what some PVSSC members have been doing: Lillian Yeh with her Shelties Joy and Jordan at Central VA SSC and BRSSC specialties Oct 27-29.

Joy is Blue Heavens I've Got Joy In My Heart (12 months-old).

Jordan is CH Kell Right Now (13 months-old).

(more coverage on page 4)



Harper (above) and Gage (below) Reddersen



The Green Shelties: Tobin, Sawyer & Pilot enjoy their yard.

Introducing Archer

Submitted by Nancy Hansbrough



Here is the new addition to the family: Archer (female) from Greg Speeks (Suncrest Shelties). She is almost 5 months old. Her AKC name will be Suncrest Aryana Atashe (pronounced "R E Onna Ah Tash E"). Atashe is Native American for "Little One." I happen to like Native American things (although we don't have any Native American things in the house) and I thought this was appropriate (and sounds good). We told Archer not to let this name get to her head. She is precious and we love her.



January 2018 – Pilots 'N Paws

January's program speaker Stasi Poulos will discuss the Pilots 'N Paws program – a volunteer organization to fly pets for adoption from the shelter of origin to their final home location. Several local pilots based at Leesburg Airport participate in transport projects, sometimes even "boarding" the animals overnight in their homes to break up a long journey.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/pilotsnpawsfanpage>



This is a great video montage of planes, pets, pilots and airports set to music. Enjoy.

<https://www.facebook.com/pilotsnpawsfanpage/videos/vb.107431975962767/1467510709954880/?type=2&theater>

In addition to flying pets, a bus-load of dogs arrived in Virginia recently on a Best Friends Society roving rescue bus, a converted school bus used to transport and deliver dogs from overcrowded shelters to other shelters with room to accept them.

<https://wtop.com/local/2017/11/new-4-legged-hurricane-harvey-survivors-arrive-arlington-photos/slide/1/>

Vote by Sneezing?

Science News Daily reported in September that scientists studying wild dogs in Africa reached the hypothesis that members of the pack vote on initiating hunting activities by sneezing. The more collective sneezing that occurred, the more likely it was that the pack would soon move off to hunt. The social hierarchy and number of dogs sneezing also was a factor. If the leaders sneezed, only a few additional "votes" were needed. If the leaders were not interested, then more subordinate pack members' sneezes were required.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/09/170905202954.htm>

Blue Ridge and Central VA SSC Specialties

Submitted by Debbie Lauritzen

The weather was close to perfect at the Chesterfield County VA Fairgrounds the weekend of October 27, for the combined Blue Ridge and Central Virginia SSC Specialties. PVSSC is fortunate to again have an active Conformation member, Lillian Yeh, who exhibited her dogs at the Blue Ridge shows. The atmosphere was convivial with exhibitors, many of whom have figured prominently in our breed's history, and spectators from Sheltie communities in the Eastern US. An exceptional raffle was held by the Blue Ridge club on Saturday; among the tempting prizes was an original print by artist and breeder Jean Simmonds won by this author, (and well worth the \$40 in raffle tickets!)



Left: Lillian Yeh, with her CH Kell Right Now in the BOB class, BRSSC am show 10/28;

Right: Lillian: sitting behind her are former PVSSC members and Seanachie editors Willie Larrick and Jan George DVM, whose CH Jana Makeit Ruffles and Flourishes was awarded Select Bitch in the CVSSC afternoon show 10/28 under Judge Robert Kelly;



Left: Alyssa Fenton DVM, owner of CH Suncrest Aquarelle, showing her in the BOB class 10/27;

Center: Jean Simmonds 10/27 with WD in the am show 10/28, Carmylie Crosswind Deep Water, from the 6-9 month puppy dog class, Judge Kim Schive. His sire, GCH Carmylie Seawave, won BOB on Friday 10/27 under Judge Carolyn Ing;

Right: Jane Hammett (Shadow Hill) checks out one of Julie Iverson, DVM's(Homespun) bi-black puppies on Friday morning, 10/27.

What “Happy” Smells Like

This interesting article appeared in October 25, 2017 Canine Corner of Psychology Today by Dr. Stanley Coren. There’s a common myth that dogs can smell fear and respond aggressively to it. But a team at the University of Naples has refuted this myth as published in *Animal Cognition* journal.

Scents were collected from people who watched a video meant to induce either fear or happiness. Scent donors were unrelated to the 40 Labrador and Golden Retrievers who were studied. Each dog and owner sat in a room with a stranger. The people were instructed to read magazines and not interact with the dog. A collected “happy” or “fearful” scent was introduced into the room through a diffuser. The dogs were wearing heart rate monitors to measure their reactions. Dogs exposed to “fearful” scent reacted with higher heart rate and sought attention and reassurance from their owners. Dogs exposed to the “happy” scent did not show increased heart rate but showed more interest in approaching the stranger in the room.

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/canine-corner/201710/dogs-smell-your-emotional-state-and-it-affects-their-mood>

Do Dogs Feel Gratitude?

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are naturally anticipating a big dinner and family gathering. But this is also a good time to evaluate and appreciate the good things in our lives. The question arises – do dogs feel gratitude also? Certainly they can feel happiness and contentment, probably close enough.

<http://www.barkbusters.com/news/how-dogs-show-gratitude-and-thanks>

And even better – what can we learn about a “gratitude attitude” by emulating dog behavior?

<https://www.thestatenislandfamily.com/5-life-lessons-from-a-dog/>

And finally this essay by Jon Katz, one of my favorite authors.

<http://www.bedlamfarm.com/2017/03/31/grief-or-gratitude-my-daily-offering-for-the-gift-of-animals/>

Twas the Night Before Christmas

There are multiple creative dog-themed spoofs of the classic poem by Clement Clarke Moore. Choose your favorite.

<https://www.babble.com/pets/the-night-before-christmas-pets-version/>

<http://www.dogingtonpost.com/twas-the-night-before-christmas-guide-dogs-edition/>

<https://lessonsfromaparalyzeddog.com/twas-night-christmas-rescue-style/>

<http://www.pet365.co.uk/blog/twas-the-night-before-christmas/>

<http://www.lighthouseport.com/christmas.html>

Top 10 reasons Huskies don’t pull Santa’s sleigh
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o25CUGXclXc>

“Jingle Bells” Dog-sled style (Huskies of course)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKBgkbrQZXo>

Amazon Smile Shopping

If you are not aware of Amazon Smile Shopping, it’s time to get on board! Northern Virginia Sheltie Rescue can be a designated beneficiary of your upcoming holiday shopping on Amazon.

To designate your charity on Amazon, login then select Your Account. Scroll down to the “Shopping Programs and Rentals” box and choose “Change your Charity”. In the box “Pick Your Own Charitable Organization” you can type in “Northern Virginia Sheltie Rescue” and hit the search button. (Or the charity of your choice) Once you have located the charity use the yellow SELECT button to associate that charity with your account.

When you shop, remember to go to **smile.amazon.com** instead of www.amazon.com For eligible products, 0.5% of the purchase price will be donated to your selected charity. So for

If the product is eligible, you will see the following type of notation in the product description

Eligible for  donation.

Happy shopping!

More Breed Name Origins

In June we discussed the origins of the following dog breed names: Basenji, Bichon Frise, Borzoi, Chihuahua, Havanes, Komondor, Malamute, Muti, Pomeranian, Poodle., Puli, Saluki, Vizsla. What about the following?

Akita Inu – originating in the mountainous northern Honshu Island in the Akita prefecture of Japan. There is also an “American” strain referred to simply as “Akita”. In the U.S. and Canada both are considered a single breed. All other countries recognize them as separate breeds.

Beauceron – a guard and herding breed originating in northern France. It was also referred to as “Bas Rouge” or “red stockings” because of its tan legs with black body. The Beauceron was one of the breeds that were used to derive the Doberman Pinscher.

Dachshund - literally German for “badger dog”. In modern German they are more commonly known by the name **Dackel** or, among hunters, **Teckel**.

Dalmatian – although there is a region of Croatia called Dalmatia, there is no evidence these dogs originated there. But there is conjecture that these dogs were used as guard dogs on the borders of Dalmatia. In the late 18th century, there was a type of white spotted dog known as the [Talbot Hound](#) and these dogs were used to accompany horse-drawn carriages and guard the passengers and the cargo. In 1791, [Thomas Bewick](#) named this type of dog as the Dalmatian.

Doberman Pinscher - originally developed around 1890 by [Karl Friedrich Louis Dobermann](#), a tax collector from Germany.

Jindo – a breed of hunting dog that originated on Jindo Island in South Korea

St. Bernard – bred in the Great and Little St Bernard Pass of the western alps in France, Switzerland and Italy.

Shar Pei – originated in Canton China. The name is the British spelling of the Cantonese word that translates as “sand skin”.

All information taken from Wikipedia.

Also from Wikipedia: A **pastoral dog** is any breed or type used for mustering, guarding or otherwise managing livestock.

PVSSC Brags

Donna Richards completed Fairfax County CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) BASIC training in October. Class #126 trained at St. Timothy Episcopal Church in Herndon. You can read about CERT here:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/cert/cert.htm>



Reflecting

Due to the time change you may be dog-walking in the dark these days. All of our CERT equipment issued above is loaded with reflective strips and other visibility features. You can buy reflective tape such as “Duck” brand at WalMart and other vendors. There is also “glow in the dark” tape available.

Volunteers Needed

Please let the board know if you can volunteer for one of these tasks.

1. We need a chairperson for the obedience and rally trials the first weekend in February. Past chairpersons can coach the volunteer and provide support with organization and tasks prior to the event.
2. Need volunteers for the obedience and rally trials the first weekend in February. You can volunteer for morning, afternoon, or all day. Lunch is provided. Prepared to be impressed by all these dogs and handlers.
3. Need volunteers to work with Debbie Lauritzen at the PVSSC Specialty on Friday March 16 2018.

October 2017 Meeting

The October meeting program was an overview of Farm Dog Certification by Cathie Skoog and practice with several of the props set up in a corner of the meeting hall. There was also a costume contest.



AKC E-Book: Agility for Beginners

Here's a shortcut link to download the free e-book.
<http://p.akc.org/agility-for-beginners-ebook/>

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.



November Events

- PVSSC Meeting November 20

Meeting Refreshments

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

2017

November meeting – Chris Demoncada
December – no meeting (Holiday Party)

2018

January – Nancy Hansbrough
February – Maribeth Keitz
March – no meeting
April – Cathie Skoog
May – Donna Richards
June – Picnic?
July – no meeting
August – ?
September – Marilyn Manser & Rich Gurney
October – Debbie Lauritzen
November – Judith Bienvenu
December – no meeting

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
SheltiesReign@gmail.com

or

Doey Blount

301-567-3933

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!

THIS PAGE IS BLANK