

Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inc.

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The Sheltie Seanachie

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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 at the Fire House is September 19. August 13 is the PICNIC.**

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 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.

Volunteers Needed

PVSSC needs volunteers for the following activities:

- Obedience/Rally chairperson for the 2017 trials. We are on the AKC's calendar for February 4-5 2017. Cathie Skoog will coach/assist the new chairperson through all the preparatory steps but will be busy during the trials.
- Assistant chair for the 2017 Specialty in March. Debbie Lauritzen has agreed to chair again but needs help.

August 13 Picnic Meeting

Our August meeting will be a picnic at the O'Shea home instead of at the Dunn Loring fire station. Your Shelties are welcome and can try the agility and rally equipment set up outside. Planned start time is noon on Saturday.

Virginia Scottish Games Sept. 3-4

PVSSC will be participating alongside Northern Virginia Sheltie Rescue at the Virginia Scottish Games at Great Meadow, The Plains, VA. If you have never been it is definitely worth a visit. There will be sheep herding demonstrations put on by the border collies, Scottish Food, the games competitions, dancing, fiddling, British car and bike show, and crafts vendors. Bring your Sheltie to be admired and complimented. We will have AKC Responsible Dog Owner logo items to give away.



Meet the Herders

Pictures from the PVSSC Herding Instinct Test in May.
Lots of beautiful dogs!



AKC Promotes “The Dog Lover”

I received the following letter from the AKC:

Occasionally we ask for your assistance in bringing attention to piece of legislation that could impact the sport. Today, we’re asking for your help in bringing attention to a fun new project -- *The Dog Lover*, a new limited run film that will be debuting in select theatres and through Video on Demand on July 8.

This dramatic film tells the story – based on true events – of a young woman who goes undercover for an animal rights organization and learns first-hand about the extreme tactics animal rights groups are willing to use against dog breeders.

The Dog Lover is an entertaining film that makes a courageous statement in defense of breeders. Its producers deserve all the support (through theatre visits or on demand views) we can help give it. Let’s make a statement in supporting this film – and please help us in giving it an opening weekend beyond all expectations.

Please share the following trailer, flyers and information with club members on your website, social media, etc. -- and ask them to do the same.

<http://www.akc.org/news/movie-review-dog-lover/> (review and trailer)

www.thedoglovermovie.com (official website)

ASSA Handbook Available Fall 2016

The 2014 ASSA Handbook can be pre-ordered at a discount prior to publication on the ASSA web site.

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

Orvis Winning Photographs

Check out the great dog photo winners that will be used for the upcoming Orvis sporting goods catalogs later this year. There are some poses and background ideas you might want to try to capture with your Sheltie as the subject.

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

What is Dog Parkour?

Parkour is a physical discipline in which individuals move through their environment and conquer obstacles in their path. It includes climbing, balancing, jumping, running, vaulting, creativity and working past fear. So what is dog parkour? Dog parkour, sometimes known as urban agility, is an activity based on the same principles. It is a challenging, but fun, physical activity in which the dogs learn to interact with their environment. Just like in the human version, in dog parkour we work on ways to conquer obstacles, such as climbing, balancing, and jumping. Dog Parkour is a non-competitive event, but it is a titling event.

Dog Parkour (™) combines elements of human parkour and dog agility to create an accessible activity for dogs and humans alike. Dogs get introduced to the world of jumping, climbing, balancing over, crawling under, and going around different obstacles in their everyday world. Parkour can be done anywhere and is limited only by one's imagination. Dog Parkour helps with confidence and overcoming fears, and it is a low impact but challenging activity for any canine athlete.

International Dog Parkour Association was the first organization to offer dog parkour titles. We are also the only organization to have founders that include dog trainers, a veterinarian, and experienced (human) parkour practitioners that have trained with the founders of the discipline. We believe in keeping with the spirit of parkour and this means we do not offer competitions and try to promote an atmosphere of safely exploring and conquering challenges found naturally in the environment.

This link is to a short video of some Parkour obstacles/behaviors: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNccjA3-js>

Visit the Dog Parkour website for more information: <http://www.dogparkour.org/>

Local classes are held at **Trillium Valley Dog Training**, 10 Estes Mill Rd, Sperryville

Color Me Sable

If you are interested in the adult coloring books craze check out the coloring books for dog lovers. Available on Amazon of course. If you want to try your hand without buying an entire book, go here and print the two examples. By the way if you don't have your own crayons, you can "color online" with the painting feature. You can then share your creation on Facebook!

<http://www.supercoloring.com/pages/shetland-sheepdog>

Stop a Dog Fight

We hope you will never have to stop a dog fight, but Dr. Stanley Coren posted this helpful discussion in June.

https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/canine-corner/201606/what-is-the-best-way-stop-dog-fight?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+CanineCornerCS+%28Canine+Corner%29

Vacation Reminders

Before you "check out" on vacation, remember to:

- Update pet sitter records and instructions.
- Copy current rabies certificates and provide to whoever might require them
- Refill any medications so you don't run out
- Update the contents of your first aid kit

PVSSC Brags

Taliesin Good Golly Miss Mollie earned her AKC RAE Title on July 31 at the Indian River Dog Training agility trials in Melbourne, FL. The club hosted three trials, where Mollie earned three QQs and finishing her title requirements. Mollie belongs to Cathie and Mike Skoog.



Zucchini Dog Treats

Sort of like a pizza for dogs...

1 (6 ounce can) tomato paste, 1 1/2 C shredded zucchini, 1/4 C dried parmesan, 1 tsp dried basil
1 egg, 1 1/4 C flour. Mix all together, roll into 1" balls and flatten. Place 2" apart on baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake at 350 degrees 10-15 minutes until lightly browned. Must be stored in refrigerator or can be frozen.

First Aid Kits for Pets

The [Humane Society of America](#) suggests that your kit include:

- Nylon leash
- Self-cling bandage (stretches and sticks to itself but not to fur -- available at pet stores and through pet supply catalogs)
- Muzzle or strips of cloth to prevent biting
- A pillowcase to confine your cat (small dogs too!) for treatment and a pet carrier
- Absorbent gauze pads, adhesive tape, antiseptic wipes
- Blanket (foil emergency blanket)
- Cotton balls, swabs and gauze rolls
- Hydrogen peroxide (to induce vomiting)
- Ice pack
- Non-latex disposable gloves
- Rectal thermometer and petroleum jelly (to lubricate thermometer)
- Scissors (with blunt ends)
- Tweezers
- Towels
- Phone numbers of local emergency vets and clinics

If you already have a first-aid kit for humans, you will just need to add a few supplemental items to be ready. The American Veterinary Medical Association also recommends you know numbers for animal poison control, how to perform CPR on your pet, how to muzzle your pet, and how to stop bleeding with a pressure wrap.

<https://www.avma.org/public/EmergencyCare/Pages/emergency.aspx>

When is it an Emergency? Urgent?

Maybe you just are not sure? AVMA provides their list of definite emergencies.

https://www.aaha.org/pet_owner/pet_health_library/general_health_care/when_is_it_an_emergency.aspx

The Sully Animal Hospital in Centreville posts a list of 31 situations which should be considered URGENT and see the veterinarian as soon as possible.

<http://sullyanimalhospital.com/is-it-an-emergency-what-should-i-do.pml>

Download and complete this form to show who to contact and care for your pet in an emergency. You may want to laminate and attach to a crate or post in some prominent place at home.

http://images.akc.org/pdf/public_education/emergency_info.pdf?_ga=1.174704038.50833943.1461163216

Hello From Linda McClure

Cathie Skoog, Mollie and Savannah visited with Dan and Linda McClure on August 1 and had lunch together. They have a lovely home and are doing quite well. Linda says "hi" to everyone!



Farm Dog Certification

In June, the AKC announced a new Farm Dog Certification test – a series of twelve situations a dog might encounter in a farm environment. A dog should exhibit confidence and self-control and willingness to comply with instructions in a farm-type environment. The test includes activities such as walking by farm animals (cow, pig, sheep, horse, chickens, ducks), pass through a gate and wait for handler to open and close the gate, walk on unusual surfaces such as tarp or plywood, or jump over logs. You can read more about the specific items tested here:

http://images.akc.org/pdf/Description_-_Farm_Dog_Certified_Program_-_Final_May2016.pdf?_ga=1.21844541.763338834.1470155769

There is a very nice demonstration video on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-g1ptQ8KAQ>

PVSSC has considered this type of testing but has determined that the time requirement for judging all of the individual tasks does not make it cost-effective when compared to other types of tests such as Herding Instinct. You can see from the video how time-consuming this would be to test a single dog. A search of the AKC 2016 events calendar for VA, MD, PA and NC turned up NO registered upcoming Farm Dog test events.

Do YOU Have a NEW Email Address?

Send email address changes to
Donna Richards, PVSSC
Corresponding Secretary at
dlrcpa@verizon.net to
assure you receive club news.



August Events

- PVSSC Picnic August 13
- International Assistance Dog Week August 7-13
- National Dog Day August 26

Meeting Refreshments

Fran Beacham is our Refreshment Coordinator. *Thanks to everyone who volunteered refreshments for 2016*

2016

August meeting – potluck picnic
September meeting – Marilyn Manser
October meeting – the O'Sheas
November meeting – Donna Richards

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

Happy Summer



PVSSC Breed Referral Services

For information on
puppy and adult Shelties,
contact PVSSC members



Jan Stanley

703-281-2828

janstanley@verizon.net

or

Doey Blount

301-567-3933

jimjandoe@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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