

Norma Webb 1924-2017

PVSSC member Debbie Lauritzen's mother Norma Webb passed quietly on Good Friday at home with her family. Her Lutheran pastor performed the Protestant version of Last Rites the night before surrounded by her children and her favorite Sheltie Jake. Norma was a good friend of the PVSSC and followed our activities with interest. We are sorry she has left us.

Canine First Aid July 15

Here is the link to register for the Pet First Aid class PVSSC is sponsoring July 15 from 10am-2pm in Herndon. The cost for the class is \$59 which you can charge on your credit card. This is a \$20 reduction from the regular \$79 individual rate. In addition, the club plans to reimburse members who complete the course another \$20. This makes the final cost very affordable. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pet-cpr-and-basic-first-aid-private-event-potomac-valley-shetland-sheepdog-club-registration-33534776419>

The link is also posted on the PVSSC web site.

Topics covered include: restraints, assessment, rescue breathing, CPR, choking, bleeding & shock, assessing vitals, first aid kit contents, bites & stings, hot & cold injuries, and seizures.

Class space is limited to 12 participants. We need at least 9 registrants to keep the \$59 group rate. If PVSSC members do not fill the class, we plan to open it up for other "friends of the club", so don't miss your chance. Please show your interest by participating so we can continue to offer useful programs like this in the future.

ASPCA and Community Disaster Response

If you are proficient in First Aid, you may want to continue your training and serve your community through additional disaster training.

ASPCA offers online webinar-based and live training to investigate and take action for animals in crisis, including natural or man-made disaster situations.

<http://aspcapro.org/resource/disaster-cruelty-disaster-response/disaster-response-training>

The Fairfax County Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) has recently added pet disaster response classes and hopes to train additional teams in the future.

May 13 is National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day.

Canine Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome

This topic was previously discussed in the April 2014 newsletter but worth bringing up again. It is sometimes referred to as canine dementia or Alzheimer's. Symptoms include

- Disorientation
- Interactions with people and other animals
- Sleep-wake cycle changes
- House soiling
- Activity level decline

This list and more detail is available at

<http://www.petmd.com/dog/conditions/neurological/5-signs-dog-dementia?page=2>

Some other interesting behaviors videotaped by Eileenanddogs. They include circling, wandering, and forgetting what they intended to do.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPR2vrnCeiY>

Several dog food manufacturers have come up with formulations to promote "cognitive health". Purina ProPlan has a veterinary diet *NC Neurocare*, in addition to their *Bright Mind* formulation available through regular retailers.

Hill's prescription diet for cognitive support is called *Brain Care b/d*.

In addition to diet, environmental enhancement such as toys and games can help. Regular exercise is also beneficial.

Zoetis manufactures the prescription drug Anipryl for control of Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome.

<https://www.thespruce.com/anipryl-help-for-senior-dogs-3384209>

Canine Vision

If you are not subscribed to the Canine Corner article series of Psychology today, then you are missing some very interesting articles. On April 12, Dr. Coren discussed and gave photographic examples of how dogs may view the world. Keep in mind that their reduced color vision (compared to humans) makes red and green appear similar and difficult to distinguish, while they see yellow and blue closer to the way that we do. Dogs also have "reduced acuity" since they are usually far-sighted. So closer objects will appear blurred.

View the entire collection here:

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/canine-corner>

Crufts 2017 video highlights

Beautiful canine freestyle demonstration by Mary Ray using with two canine partners.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e8lp852UvOY>

And the International freestyle winning performance, as performed again at Crufts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mf6Kuwma5J0>

Puppy Party

AKC has tips on how to host a play date. They suggest initial events for beginner hosts should be limited to around 30 minutes. Everyone should stay on leash, and lots of treats should be involved. And then of course there is the Martha Stewart version. (In case you didn't know, PetSmart carries a "Martha Stewart" line of pet products.)

<http://www.akc.org/content/entertainment/articles/how-to-host-a-puppy-playdate/>

<http://www.marthastewart.com/354757/playdate-ideas-your-pup>

June Picnic

We need refreshment committee members for the June PVSSC picnic meeting. Help is needed to decide and order the main dish and coordinate side dishes volunteered by other attendees. Please let us know if you can help. The general club email address is PVSSC.shelties@gmail.com

Bears Versus Dogs

Prince William Forest Park has issued bear warnings. If you are hiking, keep your dog on leash and you may also want to carry pepper spray. "Bear spray" is basically just pepper spray labeled for bear use.

Tick Troubles

Due to the mild winter, we are expecting greater than normal insect activity this summer. Ticks are already active. If you don't know how to identify various varieties of ticks, this paper explains it all, in disgusting detail. http://www.ct.gov/caes/lib/caes/documents/special_features/tickhandbook.pdf

May Events

Pet Fiesta , Saturday May 6, 10am-4pm in Reston, VA
<http://petfiesta.org/>

Lake Accotink Canine Cruises May 20 & 21, 6pm
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink/bark.htm>

Wine & Fleas May 21 Barrel Oak Winery (BOW)
Delaplane, VA
<https://www.bringfido.com/event/30922/>

Pups in the Park (Nationals Baseball) May 13 7:05 pm.
Owner ticket \$30, dog ticket \$10
<http://m.mlb.com/nationals/tickets/info/special-ticket-pups-park>

Paws in the Park – Prince William Forest Park May 13
10am-3pm. Speakers, exhibits, expert advice available.
<https://www.virginia.org/listings/Events/PawsinthePark2017/>

Don't forget Skyline Drive is rated among the top 5 most dog-friendly National Parks with on-leash dogs permitted on most of the trails.

In addition to dog-friendly wineries, there are also craft beer breweries that welcome dogs. Here is a list to start you off but call ahead since the list is a year old now.
<https://www.washingtonian.com/2016/08/05/beer-dog-friendly-breweries-around-dc/>

AKC Humane Fund Surveys

As discussed in the January, 2017 Seanachie, I have been taking surveys in exchange for donations to the AKC Humane Fund. My total contribution to date is **\$24**. Anyone else participating?

Participating in online surveys is a popular and easy way to support a favorite charity. Since 2011, the SurveyMonkey.com Contribute panel has contributed over \$9 million to a select group of organizations. We are delighted to report that the AKC Humane Fund has been invited to join SurveyMonkey.com Contributes' roster of not-for-profit organizations that are eligible for donations.

Click here to sign up for SurveyMonkey's survey panel, and for every survey you complete, SurveyMonkey will contribute \$0.50 to the AKC Humane Fund.

[Sign Up Here](#)

BRAGS

Cathie & Mike Skoog:

Mollie earned her Obedience Novice Title (Companion Dog) on Sunday, February 5, placing FIRST in All Breed and Sheltie Specialty and was the High Scoring Sheltie in Obedience.



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Cathie & Mike Skoog:

Savannah earned her Obedience Novice Title (Companion Dog) on Saturday, March 4 at the Tampa Bay Area Shetland Sheepdog Club trials held in Lakeland, FL.

Cathie & Mike Skoog:

Annie earned her WCRL Puppy Rally Title (RLP) at Break Away Action Dogs (BAD) in Frederick, MD January 28 & 29.

Annie earned legs 1 & 2 towards her Rally Novice Title at the Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club (PVSSC) Rally Trials in Point of Rocks, MD February 4 & 5.

On February 17 Annie earned her Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Title at the Strawberry Cluster Dog Show in Lakeland, FL.

And on March 5 she earned her first leg towards her Beginner Novice title at the Mid-Florida Shetland Sheepdog Club obedience trials.



MERLYN HULLSTON THE STRATOVARIUS BLACK DIAMOND "Annie" CGC RLP

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Dayna Dreger:

York County Dog Training Club, Red Lion, PA. AKC Rally-O trial, January 29, 2017

- Bennett earned her first two RE legs
- Romeo completed two more RAE QQ's

PVSSC, Point of Rocks, MD. AKC Rally-O trial, February 4-5, 2017 (Photo attached)

- Bennett completed her Rally Excellent (RE) title with a 1st place Sheltie in class
- Romeo completed his Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) title with three 1st place Sheltie, a 2nd place Sheltie, a 2nd place all-breed, and a 3rd place all-breed in class. Also taking High Scoring Sheltie in the Sunday Rally trial.

WCRL Rally-O National Rankings 2016

- Bennett is ranked 6th nationally in the RL3 division



Also welcoming new addition, Sawyer!

- Canyonview Modern Day Warrior
- (GCh CRS Canyonview Free Wheelin' CD, MJDC, MGDC, AADC, AgXJ, AgI, RE, SSN, SSB, NID, BID, CGN, CRNMCL, CRACL, CRXCL, CRV, CRXT, SJATD, VT, VC x Canyonview Start Me Up)



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.



May Events

- PVSSC Meeting May 15

Meeting Refreshments

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

2017

May meeting – Cathie Skoog

June meeting – “potluck picnic”

July – no meeting

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

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!

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