

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 October 15.

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:

- 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 – Holiday Party on December 15 at Debbie Lauritzen's home/farm in Luray, VA. 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 at PVSSC.Shelties@gmail.com

Dues for 2019

Dues for 2019 should be paid by the end of December. They are \$25 for an individual or family membership. A check should be made payable to PVSSC and either given directly to Jack Gurney or sent to him at:

245 Springvale Rd., Great Falls, VA 22066

OCTOBER PRESENTATION The Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary



Member Nancy Hansbrough will give a presentation on her visit to the Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary in Ramah, New Mexico.



Nancy with Archer

The sanctuary rescues displaced, unwanted, and un-releasable captive-bred wolves, wolf-dogs, and other wild canines who were victims of the pet trade. They also provide permanent, loving forever homes for these animals.

Nancy will talk about the sanctuary and share pictures of the animals that she was able to photograph and interact with inside their habitats.

After hearing about Nancy's trip I found that all of a sudden I was hearing a lot about wolves. On the Animal Planet there is a program where former soldiers travel to Montana to help identify wolf poachers to the Wildlife Department. Northeastern states are having problems with poachers – there is a poaching surge. There are rewards of \$10,000 to more than \$20,000 in an effort to find these people.

In 1995 the National Park Service reintroduced wolves into Yellowstone Park. They found that the entire ecosystem changed within the park and even changed the course of the rivers. The story is extremely fascinating and there are multiple videos on the Yellowstone National Park website, as well as when you do an Internet search. Below are just two YouTube links that briefly describe the transformation of the ecosystem – they are not long videos but quite informative:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysa5OBhXz-Q>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-h89-ggj0w>

If you are on Facebook, Mike O'Shea has a really good video he shares about the wolves in Yellowstone National Park.

I look forward to hearing more about Nancy's experience, especially after having learned so much about wolves and their impact on the ecosystem.



Cinder Beacham-Gurney

3/10/2005 – 9/20/2018

PVSSC extends deepest condolences to Fran Beacham and Jack Gurney. They were saddened by their loss of their beloved dog Cinder. She was a wonderful friend and companion and will be forever in their hearts.

Cinder was diagnosed with kidney disease 16 months ago. She died of a recent series of issues related to, but not caused by the disease.

They have wonderful memories Cinder, as shown below.



"Motherhood with her seven beautiful puppies"



Sheer joy, barking at and herding waves



Cuddling with her stuffed fox

PVSSC BREED REFERRAL It Didn't Go Away!

Sorry to all who thought we did away with our PVSSC Breed Referral. I thought it was time to create a new Breed Referral ad for our newsletter.

The dog that has appeared in our newsletter for about 12 years is Cassie. Cassie belonged to Cathie & Mike Skoog. She was bred by Patty Page, who is no longer a member of PVSSC. I thought it would be more appropriate to use a Sheltie photo from one of our ACTIVE PVSSC breeders.



Featured in our Breed Referral ad will be Fairbrook Different Shades of Blue "Mac". Mac belongs to PVSSC member Judy Bienvenu and was bred by PVSSC member Lilian Yeh-Forsyth.

What is the PVSSC Breed Referral? When a member breeds a litter and has puppies that need a home, he or she contacts our PVSSC Breed Referral Points of Contacts: Jan Stanley and/or Doey Blount. When members or the general public is interested in a Sheltie and contact PVSSC, they are referred to Jan or Doey.

Our Referral Services also applies to older dogs. Often times a breeder has a dog that had been used for breeding or for some reason an owner needs to give their Sheltie "up" – this happens when people are ill, get divorced, as well as many other reasons – and the dogs are returned to the breeders.

Jan and Doey are in contact with many breeders throughout Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. With their contacts and Sheltie knowledge, they will be able to help you find the perfect Sheltie.

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
jimjandoe@aol.com

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.

AKC rules only AKC registered dogs from the Herding and Working Groups to enter the trials. And each judge is limited to judging 50 dogs per day - there won't be a lot of dogs as you see at other types of trials.

Instinct Test is an AKC titled test. The dog needs to pass two tests under two different judges. We offer two tests at our trials. We do have day of trial entries, however, if the judges' limit of judging 50 dogs have been reached you will not get tested – it is suggested you pre-register using the form in the premium.

The Farm Dog Certification Test is open to ALL AKC registered dogs. Bitches in season are not eligible to take the test. There will be day of trial entries. The dog must pass two tests under two judges – we will have two tests being conducted at our trials.

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.

Scottish Christmas Walk, Saturday, December 1, 2018. PVSSC and NVSR will again participate in the Scottish Christmas Walk in Old Town Alexandria on Saturday, December 1. In the past participants needed to meet around 10:30. Parking is limited so to get a parking spot nearby it is recommended to arrive around 9:30. Folks who have attended met a lot of great people and the dogs love the attention. This is great exercise for you and your dogs. Mike O'Shea is the POC. More details to come next month.

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.

Meet Jeff and New Puppy Tipper

Meet Jeff Leiter and his new Sheltie, Tipper. Tipper was Bred by PVSSC Member Lilian Yeh-Forsyth.

Lilian was going to grow this little guy out for conformation, but based on his growth chart, he is going to be on the large size.

Frequent PVSSC visitor Jeff Leiter, Who recently had his Sheltie pass Over the Rainbow Bridge, found he Had a place in his heart for little guy.

Lucky Tipper, to find a wonderful home. Jeff's children selected his name.

Tipper and Judy Bienvenu's Mac are liter mates.



CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION

The AKC, the AKC Canine Health Foundation, and the Theriogenology Foundation have awarded a \$100,000 grant to the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech for a three-year companion animal theriogenology residency program.

The college is one of two U.S. veterinary colleges with renowned expertise in genetics to receive the competitive grant this year and one of only six veterinary programs to receive the grant since its establishment by the AKC in 2014.

To read more about this go to:

<https://vtnews.vt.edu/articles/2018/09/vetmed-theriogenology-2018.html>

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 FIT DOG



Donna Richards and Cathie Skoog have applied for her Magnet – have you??

This article appeared in the September issue of The Seanachie. It is in the October issue as well, because this is such a wonderful program that

benefits you and your dog's health and also helps to create a bond with your dog. Shelties love to be kept busy, love to exercise and love to be with their owners.

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/>

SCOTTISH GAMES

The Plains, VA
Sunday, September 2, 2018



The PVSSC and the NVSR together represented the Dogs of Scotland at the Annual Scottish Games. Although it was a VERY HOT day, the event was well attended. Thank you to Mike O'Shea and Donna Richards for organizing this AKC "reach out" event.

Below are some photos from the event:



The PVSSC Display (Ginny & Mike O'Shea)



*Summer Breeze
(Ginny & Mike O'Shea)*



*Prince
(Donna Richards)*



*Dobby in the X-Pen (Ginny & Mike O'Shea)
and Archer outside the X-Pen (Nancy Hansborough)*

AGILITY BRAGS

DIXIE DOODLE Ranked the #21 Sheltie in Agility



The AKC will hold its Agility Invitational in December 2018 in Orlando, FL. The qualifying period was from July 1, 2017 – July 6, 2018. The AKC posted the list of the top 25 dogs from each breed. Ginny & Mike O'Shea's **MACH2 Dixie Doodle RA HSAs MXG MJS2 MFG T2B5 TQX PJD PAD CGC** is ranked #21 Shetland Sheepdog in agility in the U.S.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Mike & Dixie Doodle Agility Team.

An added footnote: Dixie Doodle is just a few runs from earning her AGCH. We wish Mike and Dixie continued successes.

ANNIE EARNS AGILITY TITLES

The Stratovarius Black Diamond "Annie" BN RN NF FDC CA BCAT CGC RATN AG-1 RL-2 earned her AKC Novice FAST Title (NF) on September 29 in Palmetto, FL.

In August at the UKC Agility Trials in Beltsville, MD Annie earned her UKC Agility Level 1 Title (AG-1)



**EMAIL your Brags to Cathie Skoog
And we LOVE Photos**

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!

Meeting Refreshments

Fran Beacham is our Refreshment Coordinator. *Thanks to everyone who volunteered refreshments!* The following have volunteered to provide refreshments:

October Meeting: Cathie Skoog
November Meeting: Marilyn Manser and Rich Gurney
December Holiday Party: Debbie Lauritzen

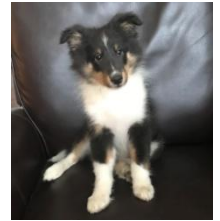
IF a SHELTYE DOESN'T HAVE A JOB, IT WILL CREATE ONE

Sandra Green wrote: TP mischief taken to a whole new level today. The pups carried a brand new roll of TP out of the master bathroom and proceeded to shred it to bits.



*Pilot, Tobin and Sawyer
(Sandra & Cliff Green)*

This is Mr. Black



This pretty tri-colored male is just 13 weeks old and available to an approved home. If you are interested please call 302-668-5064 or email yankeeshelties@icloud.com. For more info about Yankee Shelties, stop by the website: <https://www.yankee-shelties.com>



Judy Bienvenu's Mac and Clayton

PVSSC is looking for some volunteers

We are looking for someone to take photos at the November meeting when we have Santa pose with dogs and family members. These make cute Holiday cards.

A chair for the obedience and rally trials. A date and location needs to be found, once we find a trial chair.

IF YOU are interested in filling any of these positions, please contact a member of the PVSSC board.

SHELTYE PLAY DATE



Archer Hansborough had a play date with Pilot, Sawyer & Tobin Green