

# 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 2019 OFFICERS

Donna Richards, President  
Rich Gurney, Vice President  
Fran Beacham, Recording Secretary  
Cathie Skoog, Corresponding Secretary  
Jack Gurney, Treasurer

### Members of the Board

Patrick Keough      Sandra Green

## 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 hold our Specialty, July (no meeting) 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.

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**September 15, 2019:** PVSSC Picnic Details.

**November 2, 2019:** Herding Trials at Keepstone Farm, Berryville, VA. Two Trials and two Farm Dog Certifications tests.

**November 18, 2019:** Election of 2020 Officers and Board of Directors.

**December – Date TBD:** Scottish Walk in Alexandria, VA and PVSSC Holiday Party.

**February 2020:** PVSSC will hold our annual Obedience and Rally Trials. Trials will be held at the Catoctin Kennel Club in Point of Rocks, MD. Mike O'Shea will be the trial chair, assisted by Karen Schwartz.

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## DEEPEST SYMPATHY



**Little Bit Of Sass**  
**9/26/2008 – 8/29/2019**

PVSSC members and friends extend deepest sympathy to Fran Beacham and Jack Gurney who lost their Little Bit after a long battle with kidney disease.

Bit was a really joyous happy dog who liked nothing more than meeting other dogs and people, especially children. At one club meeting, Cliff Green said that he never met another sheltie who wagged his tail so much, and this truly captured his exuberant personality even though he sometimes invaded other dogs' personal space and got growled at.

He was a true bon vivant who greatly enjoyed walking in the woods, wading in streams and chasing unknown animal smells. Through his whole life, he was accompanied by his sister, and sometimes arch enemy, Rosebud. Over the years, they reached an uneasy truce, and Bit will be sorely missed by both her and his parents.



## 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/>

**TO email any PVSSC officer or board member,**  
send email to [PVSSC.Shelties@gmail.com](mailto:PVSSC.Shelties@gmail.com)

## DEEPEST SYMPATHY



**Jade Mist Taliesin She's So Fine "Sophie"**  
**12/12/2007 – 9/6/19**

PVSSC members and friends extend deepest sympathy to Linda and Dan McClure who lost their sweet Sophie on September 6.

Sophie had had surgery on August 28 to remove a mammary tumor and a newly found enlarged lymph node. The surgery was a lot harder on her than anyone thought. Sophie already was suffering from chronic renal failure but had been stable for a while so they flooded her with fluids and proceeded.

Both tumors came back negative for cancer. However the damage had been done and for the ten days following the surgery she ate very little solid food. Linda and Dan had to give her sub-Q fluids daily and appetite enhancers but they had limited success.

On Thursday evening, September 5 she started having problems walking and this progressed to her constantly pacing, running into things, trying to stand in corners, and being very unresponsive to us. Linda and Dan made the decision to put her to rest as she no longer had "quality of life."

All of this while dealing with hurricane Dorian, which by the way, Linda and Dan and their three remaining Shelties are fine. An added note, they lost their Morgan just this past May. It is difficult losing a dog, but two within four months is a horrible ordeal.

Sophie was co-owned with Carol Howell.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

PVSSC members and friends join Marilyn Manser and Rich Gurney in welcoming a new addition to their family.



Callum

Marilyn and Rich originally had been looking for an adult Sheltie, but ultimately chose this adorable, sable puppy. Callum is expected to be on the small side. He is very fast and adventurous! He is from the Canidaes Shelties breeder Dixie Moyer, in Gilbertsville, PA, west of Philadelphia. The sire is GCH Lanstarr Triumph Squire Teodoir O'Boyle; the dam is Canidaes Snap Crackle Pop.



Corey is settling in to being a big brother, but is still somewhat jealous of (and occasionally peeved by) the young whippersnapper!



Corey and Callum

## SHELTIES AND CAVITIES

I just read this in an article "...cavities are rare in dogs. Dogs typically don't get cavities for several reasons: Canine oral bacteria are different from ours. They tend not to cause acid build up that harms teeth."

Cavities are rare and often times when routine teeth cleaning is done by a veterinarian, they have never seen cavities so they don't recognize when a cavity is starting.



Large cavity - Savannah

This past May, when our dogs' had their annual teeth cleaning, our veterinarian, Dr. DeBolt, found Savannah had a large cavity and several smaller ones. This was a surprise. Dr. DeBolt said she has been doing teeth

cleaning and extractions for 20 years and this is the first time she saw cavities in a dog's mouth.

We took Savannah to Dr. Wade Gingerich of the Pet Dental Center in Bonita Springs, FL. He told us he sees several Shelties. He mentioned he believes Shelties suffer from cavities because of their long, narrow muzzles and because Shelties, compared to other breeds, have dry mouth. The narrow muzzle causes food to get lodged in the back of their mouths and it just sits there and along with the lack of saliva, limits the natural processes of breaking down the bacteria.

The PVSSC January Program was Canine Dental, where several members demonstrated how they brush their dogs' teeth and identified products they use. In the event you need a refresher, below is a link to a video on How to Brush Your Dog's Teeth from the website of The Pet Dental Center: <http://petdental.center/videos/>



Jack Gurney demonstrating how to brush teeth

Savannah needed a root canal done on a front tooth, but because of the shape of the nerves, we decided to have the tooth extracted, along with the tooth in the above photo with the large cavity. In addition to the two teeth extractions, Savannah had three fillings for cavities.

She is doing great – she must have been in so much pain from the cavities. And some of her problems have cleared – as with humans there is evidence of a link between gum disease and other chronic illnesses. Mollie also has a cavity and will have her teeth worked on in November.

# UPCOMING PVSSC EVENTS AND MEETINGS

## PVSSC ANNUAL PICNIC



Sunday, September 15  
3:30 p.m. until dusk  
Dinner served around 5:00 p.m.

Hosted by Cliff & Sandra Green  
6214 Militia Court, Fairfax Station, VA

Pulled Pork BBQ, rolls, cornbread, baked beans and coleslaw (prepared by Willard's BBQ). Members are asked to bring an appetizer, side dish/salad, OR dessert to share.

Well behaved dogs are invited unless it rains.

**Please R.S.V.P. to Sandra Green: 703-426-2662**

There will be a brief business meeting in lieu of holding our meeting on September 16.

## PVSSC / NVSR Open House October 21 Meeting

The Northern Virginia Sheltie Rescue (PVSSC) and PVSSC hold several joint activities each year. At the October meeting both will discuss their organizations in an effort to "get to know one another" better. This will hopefully be beneficial to both organizations gaining more members and/or participating in activities more.

<https://www.nvsr.org/index.html>

## HERDING TRIALS

Saturday, November 2, 2019 at  
Keepstone Farm  
412 Russell Road, Berryville, VA

PVSSC will host two herding trials with cattle, ducks and sheep. In addition we will be holding two Herding Instinct Tests and Farm Dog Certification Tests.

If you would like to know more about entering or if you are able to volunteer to assist at the trial, contact Jack Gurney or trial chair Cathie Skoog on her cell or email at [cathieskoog@verizon.net](mailto:cathieskoog@verizon.net).



## PVSSC ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the November 18 Meeting PVSSC members will elect the 2020 officers and board of directors. The nominating committee had put forth the following slate of nominees:

Donna Richards - President  
Rich Gurney - Vice-President  
Jack Gurney - Treasurer  
Fran Beacham - Recording Secretary  
Cathie Skoog - Corresponding Secretary  
Sandra Green, Board Member  
Pat Keough, Board Member

## Photos with Santa

Santa & Mrs. Claus have graciously offered to create a Holiday stage for posing with Santa. Photos will be taken at our November 18, 2019 Meeting. The club will provide a photographer but feel welcome to bring your own cameras as well. There is no cost for the photos.



## PVSSC Holiday Party

We are looking for a volunteer to host the PVSSC Holiday party. The Club will pay for the main courses and members will augment with sides.

If you would like to host the party or have any questions contact Donna Richards.



## **SHELTIE CORNER: What's Happening**

### **MISS BENNETT EARNS NOVICE SCENT WORK (SWN) TITLE**



RATCHX5 ARCHEX VTCh Canyonview The Lady Is A Tramp RE RLP-  
AOE RL1X3 RL2-AOE RL3X3 RL3-AOE RL3X9 SN-C HAS-SD RATM  
CZ8- NN AV SIN SEN SCN ATD TEAM1 CA BCAT CGC FDC and  
SWN

Dayna Dreger's Miss Bennett earned two legs in Novice Buried with FIRST and THIRD placements to earn her Novice Scent Work (SWN) title. She also earned her first two Qs in Advanced Interior, Advanced Containers and one Q in Advanced Exteriors. *Congratulations!*

### **Dayna Dreger and Her Shelties ENJOYING A WALK IN THE WOODS**



Sawyer, Miss Bennett and Johnnie

### **ANNIE EARNS OPEN AGILITY TITLES**



Annie placed FIRST in Open Standard Agility earning her title on July 27, 2019 at the Sarasota Obedience Dog Training Club agility trials in Punta Gorda, FL.

At her next trials Annie placed FIRST in her Excellent Standard runs on Saturday and Sunday.



On August 16, 2019 Annie placed FIRST in Open Jumps with Weaves earning her title. The following day she placed FIRST in Excellent JWW at the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County agility trials, held in Arcadia, FL.

Annie is owned by Mike and Cathie Skoog. Cathie and Annie have taken a month off from trialing so Cathie can become more proficient in her agility handling skills!!

### **PVSSC DOGS AT THE SCOTTISH GAMES**



Prince



Archer



# PVSSC: The Scottish Games Great Meadows, The Plains, VA Saturday, August 31

PVSSC members joined the NVSR at The Scottish Games to celebrate Shetland Sheepdogs and other Scottish Breeds. Below are some photos from the event and you can see, the Shelties were a great hit. This event serves to educate the public on the Breed and is also a great opportunity for our Shelties to get lots of attention.

The Shelties, along with other Scottish Breeds, participate in the Scottish Parade to the music of Scottish bagpipes.



Mike O'Shea, Donna Richards, Nancy Hansbrough and Ginny O'Shea with Dixie, Dobby, Prince and Archer



Donna & Prince, Nancy & Archer, Mike & Ginny O'Shea with Dixie & Dobby



Prince



Dixie



Prince

## 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](mailto:SheltiesReign@gmail.com)

Doey Blount: 301-567-3933  
[jimjandoey@aol.com](mailto:jimjandoey@aol.com)

## 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](mailto:PVSSC.Shelties@gmail.com)

## 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 brags and other items for the newsletter to Cathie at [cathieskoog@verizon.net](mailto:cathieskoog@verizon.net)

The Newsletter is sent to members and friends preceding the meeting. Back issues of The Seanachie are available on the PVSSC website:

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