

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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2019 Officers

Donna Richards, President
Rich Gurney, Vice President
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Judith Bienvendu, Corresponding Secretary
Jack Gurney, Treasurer

Members of the Board

Patrick Keough Vacant

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 and July (no meetings) and December (Holiday Party). The next meeting will be held on:

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019

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

PVSSC 2018 HOLIDAY PARTY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

The Holiday Party will be held at the home of Ginny and Mike O'Shea from 12:00 – 4:00 PM. NO DOGS please.

4339 Still Meadow Road, Fairfax, VA 22032-1634
Please RSVP to 703-298-1162

The Main Course will be provided by the club. Please bring a dish to share. Coordinate with Ginny O'Shea.

A Gift Exchange will occur bring a gift if you desire to participate. Gifts should be priced between \$15 - \$20.

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/>

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

August 1, 2006 – November 1, 2018



ARCHMX4 CRMCh VTCh Canyonview Forever Romantic
Can/Am CD, CD-C, Can RE, Am RAE, CRNMCL, CRACL,
CRXMCL, CRVMCL, CRAT, RL1X7, RL2X8, RL3X6, RLVX7,
FDX, RATO, ETD, CGC, FDC, AKC ThD, SJATD, HIC

Deepest sympathy is extended to Dayna Dreger on the loss of her dear Romeo, who passed away on November 1, 2018.

Dayan wrote: "He was a dream partner, always happy, playful, eager to learn and train, and up for any game I put in front of him! He rose to every challenge with a flounce and just a dash of sass. Romeo was my first Versatility Champion, earning 75 titles in his short 12 years."

Board Member Resignation

Debbie Lauritzen was elected at the November, 19, 2018 meeting to serve on the PVSSC 2019 Board Members. Due to personal reason, Debbie has resigned.

The Board will be addressing a replacement for Debbie at the next Board Meeting.

2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues for 2019 is due December 31, 2018. Dues are \$25 for family memberships and individuals. Please send your checks to Jack Gurney, payable to PVSSC at:

245 Springvale Rd., Great Falls, VA 22066

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB GRAND OPENING of the MUSEUM of the DOG



Enjoy a light champagne brunch at the Grand Opening of the AKC Museum of the Dog while viewing the magnificent exhibits and

touring the AKC's newly imagined museum.

The event will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Museum of the Dog, 101 Park Avenue (Entrance on 40th), New York.

RSVP by calling 212-696-8359, or electronically at the AKC link:
<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/AmericanKennelClub/MuseumoftheDogArtfulBrunch.html>

Admission is a \$75 donation to the Museum of the Dog. Attendees will receive a complimentary gift and the opportunity to bid on a silent auction.

2018 AKC OBEDIENCE CLASSIC and AKC AGILITY INVITATIONAL

The 2018 AKC National Championship, presented by Royal Canin, was held in Orlando, FL December 15 and 16, 2018. The competitions included conformation, agility, obedience and rally. Junior classes were held in agility, obedience and rally.

These are “invitational” events, where the top five scoring dogs from each breed are invited to attend based on their accomplishments over the competition year. Mike O’Shea and Dixie Doodle received an invitation for the agility competition but did not attend.

At the 2017 Championship PVSSC had two members invited and both entered the competition: Heather O’Shea and Dixie Doodle in agility, and Cathie Skoog and Mollie in obedience.

For information on the 2018 Championship results and to review the requirements for the 2019 AKC National Championship, go to the AKC site:
<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/news/2018-obedience-and-agility-winners/>

243 dogs from across the country and Canada competed in obedience and 741 dogs in agility.

2019 ASSA NATIONAL March 30 – April 7, 2019

The American Shetland Sheepdog Association will hold its 2019 National Specialty Show, March 30-April 7, 2019 at Linn County Expo Center, Albany, OR.



CONFORMATION JUDGES

Best Of Breed	Mrs. Meredith Hector
Dogs	Mrs. Robin McTaggart
Bitches	Mrs. Barbara Kenealy
Futurity	Mr. Steve Barger
Junior Showmanship	Mrs. Meredith Hector

OBEDIENCE JUDGES

Novice & Utility	Ms. Carole Lynn Evans
Beginner Novice	Ms. Jill K Jones
Open	Ms. Jill K Jones
Veterans	TBA

RALLY JUDGE

All Rally Classes	Ms. Carolyn Wray
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AGILITY JUDGES

All Standard Classes	Ms. Paula Ratoza
All Jumpers With Weaves	Ms. Carole Lynn Evans

HERDING JUDGES

Herding Pre-Trial	Mr. Ron Fischer
Sheep Course A, Herding Tested	Ms. Nancy Ward
Ducks Course A & B	Mr. Ron Fischer

For more information such as hotel information, reserving grooming space and the complete schedule, please refer to the ASSA website at www.assa.org/

The **2020 ASSA National** will be held April 9 – 18, 2020 at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, Missouri.

2020 CONFORMATION JUDGES

Best Of Breed	Patricia Skinner
Dogs	Jo Ann Pavey
Bitches	Susan Christie
Futurity	Mark Hersman

AKC DEFINITIONS

Below are some AKC definitions of AKC sponsored sports and events of which many of our Shelties participate. Shelties are a highly intelligent breed and they enjoy learning and working. And although it is fun to work with your dog you meet other dog people.

Your dog **MUST** be registered with the AKC to compete in an AKC event.

CONFORMATION (Dog Shows)

Dog shows may look like beauty pageants but they are not. Dogs aren't compared against each other; they're compared against the standards of their breed.

RALLY

You and your dog navigate a course, side-by-side, through 10-20 exercises and, although it's time, it's more about proving excellent behavior and teamwork than speed.

AGILITY

An exhilarating way to exercise with your dog. Agility is a fast-paced obstacle course with tunnels, hurdles and other challenges that your dog completes as quickly as possible.

OBEDIENCE

Developed in the 1930s. From walking in figure eights to sitting for 1-3 minutes, dogs show off their good behavior.

HERDING

Your dog uses its innate herding abilities to move sheep, ducks, or other livestock around a field.

FARM DOG CERTIFIED

A test is conducted to evaluate a series of twelve exercises in a noncompetitive pass/fail evaluation.

TRACKING

Your dog's natural ability to recognize and follow a scent is on full display in AKC Tracking events.

SCENT WORK

The handler guides the dog through a set search area to find specific odors that the dog has been trained to detect.

TRICK DOG

From the 1920s and 1940s when trick dogs such as Rin Tin Tin and Lassie won the peoples' hearts, trick dog training has become one of the most exciting new areas in dog training today.

COURSING ABILITY

Most dogs have the urge to chase objects, whether it's a ball or each other during playtime. CAT (Course Ability Test) is a non-competitive, pass/fail event that harnesses their natural instinct.

Fast CAT

This fast-paced event features one dog running at a time, with their speed clocked and converted to MPH.

BARN HUNT

The AKC does not sponsor AKC barn hunt events, but recognizes and issues Barn Hunt titles based on titles earned through the Barn Hunt Association.

In Barn Hunt the dog finds rats hidden between bales of hay. The rats are domestic rats in protective tubes. The handler reads the dogs "sign" when it has located a rat and calls "rat". Dogs must be registered with the Barn Hunt Association to compete. For more information go to: <http://www.barnhunt.com/>

BRAGS

AKC Fast CAT 2018 RANKINGS FOR SHELTIES

The AKC posts the records of the rankings of each dog by breed; the rankings are based on speed in miles per hour (mph).



Cathie & Mike Skoog's Merlyn Hullston The Stratovarius Black Diamond (Annie) ranked #25 in 2018 with a speed of 21.29 mph



Cathie & Mike Skoog's Taliesin Midnight Train to Georgia (Savannah) is ranked #26 in 2018 with a speed of 21.28 mph.

SCENT WORK TITLE



Dayna Dreger's Bennett (VTCh Canyonview The Lady is a Tramp) earned her AKC scent work Novice Interior, Exterior, and Container titles at the Michiana Scent Work Club trial in Valparasio, IN, on November 11, 2018.

SHELTIES AFFECTED BY CALIFORNIA FIRES

If you would like to donate to a Sheltie Rescue organization, we have been passed Sheltie Rescue Alternative, a 501c3non-profit charity for senior/special needs Sheltie Rescue.

You may send donations via PayPal to nyevita@gmail.com OR by check payable to "Sheltie Rescue Alternative, Inc." mailed to Eva Saks, 7443 Whitaker Avenue, Van Nuys CA 91406.

For additional information on Sheltie Rescue Alternative, go to: <http://www.alternativepet.net/Rescue.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.

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.

New CONTACT Information??

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 the Corresponding Secretary at PVSSC.Shelties@gmail.com

2019 MEETING REFRESHMENTS

Below is the list of member who have volunteered to bring refreshments to the meetings. There are three open months; see Fran to volunteer.

January – Donna Richards
February – Nancy Hansbrough
March - Cynthia Reddersen
April – Lillian Yeh-Forsyth
May – Specialty (no meeting)
June - Pat Keough
July - no meeting
August – **Seeking volunteer**
September – Sandra Green
October - **Seeking volunteer**
November – **volunteer needed**

Mark your Calendars Upcoming PVSSC Events

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. Give your suggestions to any member of the Board.

May 18, 2019: PVSSC Specialty. We will be holding a Designated Show in conjunction with the Mattaponi Kennel Club Spring Show. The Show will be held at the Prince William Fairgrounds in Manassas, VA. If there are any questions, please contact Cathie Skoog.

November 2, 2018: Herding Trials at Keepstone Farm in Berryville, VA.

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
jimjandoey@aol.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 bags and other items for the newsletter to Cathie at cathieskoog@verizon.net

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:
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