

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 IS JANUARY 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

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 PVSSC.shelties@gmail.com 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.

January Meeting

January's program speaker Doug Manuel will discuss the Pilots 'N Paws program – a volunteer organization that flies pets for adoption from the shelter of origin to their future home location. Several local pilots based at Leesburg Airport participate in transport projects, sometimes even "boarding" the animals overnight in their homes to break up a long journey. Please join us to welcome Doug.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/pilotsnpawsfanpage>

Scottish Christmas Walk

PVSSC and NVSR participated in the Scottish Christmas Walk on Saturday December 2.



Santa Photos – December 2017

Enjoy these photos from the December meeting.



AKC Achiever Dog Certificate

The American Kennel Club is excited to announce the launch of its new Achiever Dog certificate program. The AKC Achiever Dog certificate program is designed to recognize those exhibitors and dogs who participate in multiple sports. A dog will receive an AKC Achiever Dog certificate when they have been awarded a placement or earned a qualifying score in three different sports. Dogs can start earning AKC Achiever Dog certificates December 1, 2017.

"Many exhibitors are interested in participating in different sports," said Dr. Carmen Battaglia, AKC Board Member. "The AKC Achiever Dog program is designed to encourage owners to try a variety of sports, finding those they enjoy and realizing success. Both are winners!"

AKC is launching the Achiever Dog as a pilot program. At the end of one year, all owners who have received a certificate will be surveyed to determine the success of the program. Opportunities for improvement will be identified and could lead to a more refined program which recognizes these versatile dogs. The survey finding will help to shape the future of the AKC Achiever Dog certificate program.

It's easy to get started:

1. Participate in at least 3 different sports with your dog
2. Earn a qualifying score or placement in each sport
3. Receive a certificate that showcases your dog's achievement

<http://www.akc.org/content/news/articles/the-american-kennel-club-announces-achiever-dog-certificate-pilot-program/>.

Recall: Primal & Darwin Pet Foods

December 21, 2017 - Primal Pet Foods of Fairfield, California, is voluntarily recalling 5 of its freeze-dried products because their **grind size exceeds the ideal size of ground bone fed to dogs and cats**. Affected products include Primal Canine and Feline Freeze-Dried Poultry Formulas.

To learn which products are affected, please visit the following link:

[Primal Dog Food Recall of December 2017](#)

December 8, 2017 — Darwin's Natural Pet Products of Tukwila, Washington, has notified distributors that it is recalling select lots of its Darwin's Natural Selections dog food due to possible **contamination with Salmonella** bacteria.

<https://www.dogfoodadvisor.com/dog-food-recall/darwins-dog-food-recall-december-2017/>

Agility Course Test (ACT)

This info received from AKC by e-mail 12/12/17

The Agility Course Test (ACT) continues to grow as clubs and trainers incorporate it into their classes and events. Clubs are using this program as graduations for their students and to help those in the agility community get ready to enter their first trials. We have found this is great for first time handlers and for experienced handlers with beginning dogs.

The ACT is an entry level agility event designed to introduce and welcome beginning dogs and their handlers to the AKC sport of agility. It is a great way for owners to bond with their dogs and teach discipline. In addition to demonstrating their dog's entry level skills, handlers will learn some of the sport's basics like how to fill out an AKC entry form, check-in at the ring, take their dog in and out of ring, handle their dog while being judged and other skills that will help them when they move on to AKC agility trials with their dog.

There are two levels of ACT events – ACT1 and ACT2.

- ACT1 is designed for the beginner level dog to show beginning sequencing and performance skills.
- ACT2 requires an increased skill level shown by the additional obstacles to be performed.

We are excited to introduce our new video that explains more about the ACT program for you to use for your club.

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

Getting Started in Agility

Your fellow PVSSC club members are a great resource for getting started with Agility training. In addition, several local facilities provide structured group classes.

<http://www.woofsdogtraining.com/dog-training/group-classes/dog-agility-classes.html> including classes for puppies 12 weeks – 6 months!

A Click Above LLC near Leesburg has ongoing classes, you can probably sign up for the March-April classes soon. <http://aclickabovellc.com/classes/2018-january-february>

Animal Planet recommends these steps to determine if Agility Training will be a sport you and your Sheltie want to pursue, and how to get ready. Hint: temperament and physical ability are both factors.

<http://www.animalplanet.com/pets/10-tips-dog-agility-training/>

FIVE PVSSC MEMBERS RECEIVE HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

In October the Membership approved changes to the PVSSC Constitution to include Honorary Membership status. “The PVSSC Board may approve an Honorary Membership to a member who has provided significant contributions to the club by promoting the Breed or Performance Activities. Honorary members pay no dues, have no voting rights and cannot hold office unless they elect to pay dues as a Voting Member.”

The 2017 Board presented five PVSSC Members with Honorary Membership. The Board believes it is a way to recognize and honor each of them for their contributions which greatly led to the success of the Club and to the breed. Their efforts continue to inspire the membership.

Janet “Doey” Blount

Janey “Doey” Blount is a long-time member of the PVSSC and an avid breeder of Shetland Sheepdogs under her kennel name of JimJan Shelties. Doey has bred five Champions and many members of the Club have had great puppies from JimJan Shelties which have excelled in the agility, herding, obedience and rally rings. Doey is a member of the American Shetland Sheepdog Association (ASSA).

Doey spent many hours helping the Club at all events over the years and was always available to participate in many of the Club activities. She served as the Club’s Sunshine Chairman for many years. Her cheery personality and caring nature are virtues that underlay all she does.

Doey has been a frequent member of the Club nominating committee, and gave demonstrations and hands-on grooming clinics to PVSSC members.



Doey Blount

Carol Howell

Carol Howell, a long-time member of PVSSC, is a well-respected breeder of Shetland Sheepdogs through her Jade Mist Shelties. Her resume consists of a long list of more than twenty-five Champions (CH) and multiple Grand Champions (GCH). Carol’s Shelties are known for their beauty and compliance to the AKC breed standards, as well as having sweet personalities. Her line excels in performance rings from agility, herding, obedience and rally.

Carol provides “give back” to the Sheltie community as a member of the American Shetland Sheepdog Association (ASSA) and mentors upcoming breeders by providing insight based on her experiences. Carol assists in the selection of judges for the PVSSC Specialties.



Carol Howell

Linda McClure

Linda McClure, a long-time member of PVSSC, has represented the Club in the breed ring, having bred numerous litters under her kennel name Taliesin Shelties. Linda served on the PVSSC board and volunteered in support of all Club events, even in the pouring rain at herding trials. Many of the dogs she bred have excelled in the performance ring.

Linda provided hands-on demonstrations of Sheltie grooming techniques, provided presentations on breeding and genetics, assisted members with puppy “ears” and made Sheltie cookie treats for all Shelties entered in the Sweeps.

Following her retirement from the Department of Health and Human Services, she and husband Dan (and their Shelties) moved to South Carolina.



Linda McClure

Jan and Ken Stanley



Jan & Ken Stanley

Jan and Ken Stanley, kennel name Capricorn Shelties, are long-time members of PVSSC who joined shortly after the Club was first formed. They have an intense interest in the development of the breed with high quality Shelties and are quite committed to the well-being of all dogs in their care. Over the years, they both served as key officers and brought their knowledge and interests to the Club. Both are members of the American Shetland Sheepdog Association (ASSA.) Capricorn Shelties has produced several Champions.

They each were instrumental in development of Club programs and activities, growing the Club and providing puppy referrals. Together they planned and successfully executed the annual Specialty show.

Ken worked diligently to obtain show sponsors and dog-appropriate merchandise for the PVSSC raffle tables to help reduce the show expenses.

Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors

A new smoke detector law takes effect in Maryland on January 1, 2018. Any smoke detector 10 years or older must be replaced with a new detector. The new detectors require longer battery life and are tamper-resistant.

<https://wtop.com/maryland/2017/12/new-year-new-law-maryland-smoke-alarm-law-take-effect/>

This writer had some ideas on how to make smoke detectors more pet-friendly.

<http://www.ideaoftheday.com/Blog/article.aspx?p=118>

These articles recommend that you PRACTICE evacuation with your pet in the event of a fire. Where is a pet likely to hide? Apply decals to the windows to let emergency personnel know how many pets may be inside. Store extra leashes near exits you don't normally use.

<http://www.akc.org/content/news/articles/tips-help-dog-fire/>

<https://www.petful.com/pet-health/fire-escape-plan-for-pets/>

Each home should also have a carbon monoxide detector. If carbon monoxide is present in your home, your dogs are likely to react sooner than a person due to lower body weight and if they are inside at home for more hours than the owners. Read about symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning in dogs.

<https://www.thespruce.com/carbon-monoxide-2804921>

FIRE PET SAFETY



PVSSC Brags

Sunday, November 5, Keepstone Farm
AKC MKC Herding Trials



Savannah Skoog earned her AKC Intermediate – A- Ducks (HIAd) Title



Annie Skoog earned her AKC Farm Dog Certified (FDC) Title

Volunteers Needed

1. Need volunteers for the obedience and rally trials the first weekend in February. You can volunteer for morning, afternoon, or all day. Lunch is provided. Prepared to be impressed by all these dogs and handlers.
2. Need volunteers to work with Debbie Lauritzen at the PVSSC Specialty on Friday March 16 2018.



Do YOU Have a NEW Email Address?

Send email address changes to
Donna Richards, PVSSC
Corresponding Secretary at
PVSSC.Shelties@gmail.com to
assure you receive club news.



January Events

- National Train Your Dog Month
- PVSSC Meeting January 15

Meeting Refreshments

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

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January – Nancy Hansbrough
February – Maribeth Keitz
March – no meeting
April – Cathie Skoog
May – Donna Richards
June – Picnic?
July – no meeting
August – Pat Keough
September – Marilyn Manser & Rich Gurney
October – Debbie Lauritzen
November – Judith Bienvenu
December – no meeting

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
SheltiesReign@gmail.com

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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