

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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Cathie Skoog, Corresponding Secretary
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Patrick Keough Sandra Green

APRIL PROGRAM



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

NEXT MEETING: April 15, 2019

Upcoming PVSSC Events

April 28, 2019: Bluebell Walk at the Bull Run Regional Park. More information on [Page 5](#).

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, Show Chair. Information on [Page 6](#).

June 1, 2019: Paws in the Park. PVSSC will have a table at the event talking to the public about Shelties as part of Responsible Pet Ownership. More details on [Page 6](#).

November 2, 2019: Herding Trials at Keepstone Farm, Berryville, VA.

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The PVSSC April program presentation will be on "Emergency Preparedness." This is an appropriate topic for all and especially if you have dogs or cats, who rely on you.

The guest speaker will be Matthew Marquis, the Community Engagement Liaison with the Fairfax county Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Mr. Marquis graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, with a focus on Homeland Security and Emergency Management from Strayer University. His primary role in OEM is public education, engagement, build strategic partnerships with organizations and volunteer groups, and work to build resilience in the county.

For more information on the Fairfax County CERT, go to their website at www.fairfaxcountycert.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/>

JUDY, CLAYTON AND MAC – WE WILL MISS YOU

Recently Judy Bienvenu sent members an email, explaining that she was resigning as the PVSSC Corresponding Secretary due to her relocating from Forest Heights, MD to Stuarts Draft, VA.



Judy Bienvenu

We are happy for them, as we know they all have adjusted to their new surroundings. From Judy's posts we know the pups (Clayton and Mac) are having the time of their lives at their new home, with lots of area to run and tease livestock.

We will miss Judy and of course her Clayton and Mac. However, she will always be "in touch" via Facebook. And we will probably bump into Judy at AKC events – I'd be at a trial in Maryland and to my surprise Judy would be there, even though her dogs weren't entered in the trial! I'd be in Fredericksburg and Judy would be there!

Wishing you much happiness, our friend. . .we will miss you!!



Clayton (left) and Mac (right)



Clayton



Mac

PVSSC Officers and Members of the Board

With Judy Bienvenu resigning her office of Corresponding Secretary, the Board voted to move Cathie Skoog to the fill the vacant position and voted Sandra Green to fill the board position which Cathie had been holding.

Start thinking now if you would like to be on the PVSSC Board in 2020. Although the nominating committee will not be convening until later in the summer, you might want to start thinking of serving.

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CONGRATULATIONS DIXIE & MIKE O'SHEA



**MACH3 DIXIE DOODLE HSAs BN RN MXJ AXJ
OAJ NAJ MX AX OA NA T2B MJG2 TN CGC**

Mike and Ginny O'Shea traveled to Tulsa, OK to compete with Dixie in the AKC 2019 National Agility Championship Trials.

Out of 256 dogs in Dixie's jump height and class, she placed 24th. Unfortunately, the cut off for the final rounds of competition was the top 22 dogs.

FAIRBROOK SHELTIES: NEW PUPPIES

Congratulations to PVSSC member Yeh-Forsyth (Fairbrook Shelties), whose bitch, Joy, delivered six (6) healthy puppies on the afternoon of March 12. Lilian reports Joy is being a great mom and is very attentive to her puppies. The puppies (two girls and four boys) are doing good.



Above: The puppies are 1 week old. Order is girl, boy, girl, boy, boy, boy
Below: 1-day old puppies



SHELTIE NEWS FOR MARCH



Archer (left) and Patches (right)

CONGRATULATIONS: NANCY HANSBROUGH

Patches (bred by Lilian Yeh-Forsyth) joined Nancy Hansbrough's family on March 19.

Archer (bred by Greg Speeks, Suncrest Shelties) and Patches have been play mates for a while so it was a natural fit. CONGRATULATIONS to Nancy, Archer and Patches.

PILOT TURNED 6 ON MARCH 19th

Breeder Greg Speeks (Suncrest Shelties) was growing the boy out for conformation but when the young pup was 6 months old, it was decided he was destined to be a pet.

Sandra & Cliff were at Greg's home for a big birthday bash. Sandra found herself spending lots of time with the puppies in the big puppy yard. There was a handsome pup just begging for attention. His eyes followed Sandra's every move. So she knelt down by the kennel and spent lots of time with him. It was love at first sight! When she went back to join the party, Greg said he had an older pup for her, if she was interested. You can only imagine Sandra's excitement when she found out it was the puppy she had bonded with! She tried to convince Cliff, as he didn't want to have 3 dogs, and she finally gave up.

The following night, Cliff looked up from his book and said, "Pilot". Sandra thought he was referring to his book. He said, "we can name the pup Pilot!" So back they drove to Greg's the next weekend to bring the puppy home. He has grown up to be such a wonderful, loving and devoted boy and he just adores Tobin and Sawyer.



Pilot

8 YEARS AGO on March 20, 2011



It is hard to believe it was 8 years ago when Mike & Cathie Skoog went to Rockville and brought Savannah (Midnight Train to Georgia) home. Savannah was being grown out for conformation and at 10 months Linda McClure (Taliesin Shelties) and Carol Howell (Jade Mist Shelties) realized she wasn't meant for the conformation ring.

Savannah is such a precious member of the Skoog family.

PRINCE CELEBRATES 3rd BIRTHDAY

Dante's Purple Rain "Prince" turned 3 on March 24. He joined Donna Richards' family on June 1, 2018.



SHELTIE NEWS FOR APRIL

RONNIE: APRIL 4, 1999

We remember all of our dogs that have passed across the Rainbow Bridge, but there are some that left extra paw prints on our heart because they were just so special or exceptional. For Melinda McKenzie Hall, that was Ronnie.

Ronnie was Melinda's "very best friend ever." On April 4 when Melinda honors Ronnie's birthday, despite the tears and sad heart we hope she is able to smile and remember fond times she spent with Ronnie. Deepest sympathy.



Email your Sheltie photos and brief story to Cathieskoog@verizon.net

PVSSC BLUEBELL WALK

April 28, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Dr, Centreville, VA 20121

Bring your Sheltie(s) and join PVSSC for the Bluebell Walk, a trail that explores the forest around Bull Run. In addition to the Bluebells, there are over 25 other varieties of wildflowers in bloom.

Members and friends will meet near the Disc Golf Course (close to picnic shelters 10 & 11) to walk along Cub Run. PVSSC will provide snacks and drinks. If you live outside of the NOVA jurisdiction, there may be an \$8 fee per car.

Map and entrance information is at www.novaparks.com/parks/bull-run-regional-park.



Fran Beacham & Jack Gurney's Shelties



Photo from NOVA PARKS website

May 18, 2019: PVSSC Specialty

PVSSC will be holding a Designated Show in conjunction with the Mattaponi Kennel Club Spring Show at the Prince William County Fairgrounds, located at 10624 Dumfries Rd, Manassas, VA 20112.

The Show is a MB-F, Inc. Superintended Dog Show. Two weeks prior to the Show, copies of the Judging Program will be available on the MB-F website: www.infodog.com under Show Info. The Judging Program will identify the ring numbers and times for each of the breed judging.

The Spring Show is an All Breed Show. There is a \$5 fee to park. Workers will direct you to the parking area and there will be judging programs available so you can see the rings and times for each of the breed judging. Food vendors will be on the grounds as well as vendors selling "dog" merchandise.

The Mattaponi Kennel Club will also be offering four FastCAT Tests at the Fairgrounds. Cathie will be assisting at the FastCAT when not at our Sheltie ring.

If there are any questions regarding the Specialty or the FastCAT, please contact Cathie Skoog.

We hope you will come out and show support for our Specialty.

Enjoy A Day with your Dog(s) and Help at the PVSSC Table June 1, 2019 from 10:00 – 3:00

PVSSC participated in the Prince William Forest Park "Paws in the Park" last year and all who attended had a great time. People stop by the PVSSC table and ask about the breed and of course, shower our pups with hugs.

And there are paths you and your Shelties can walk along. It is a LOVELY park and a nice way to spend the day with your Shelties.

Contact Donna Richards if you are able to help at the PVSSC table.

Prince William Forest Park



Paws in the Park

Saturday, June 1, 2019
10:00am to 3:00pm
Pine Grove Picnic Area

*Learn about Responsible Pet Ownership in the Great Outdoors!
at this family-friendly event!*

- Exhibitors
 - * Rescues
 - * Dog Services
 - * Local Dog Clubs
 - * Veterinary Professionals
- DOGS Got Talent Dog talent show
- One Day Only Off-Leash Dog Area
- Working Dog Demonstrations





Address

18170 Park Entrance Rd, Triangle, VA 22172

Prince William Forest Park is part of the U.S. National Park Service.

It was established as Chopawamsic Recreational Demonstration Area November 14, 1936 to house children "relief" camps during the Great Depression.

The park was renamed Prince William Forest Park in 1948.

Located in Triangle, Virginia, adjacent to the Marine Corps Base Quantico.

The park is the largest protected natural area in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region at over 16,000 acres.

There are 37 miles of hiking trails.

Chopawamsic Creek is a 6.8 mile long tributary of the Potomac River in Prince William and Stafford counties.

Chopawamsic Island is the only island in the Potomac River with the boundary of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2019 MEETING REFRESHMENTS

The following members have volunteered to bring refreshments to the meetings. Fran Beacham is the refreshment coordinator.

April – Lillian Yeh-Forsyth
May – Specialty (No Meeting)
June – Pat Keough
July – No Meeting
August – PVSSC Picnic
September – Sandra & Clifford Green
October – Jeffrey Leiter
November – Marilyn Manser & Rich
December – Holiday Party



Patches at Nancy's

**This is why dogs are
happier**



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

VERY Funny Herding Video *Enjoy*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-9-3DtUzug>

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 with our members..

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

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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Mid-Florida Shetland Sheepdog Club 2020 Sheltie Calendar

This is our 39th year of publishing a color Sheltie calendar that has pleased breeders and fanciers globally. Your support is vital to keeping this much loved publication alive and the cost down.

Your Club Show Date(s) Can Be Published in the Calendar

If You Order 25 or More Calendars and Pay in Full by May 15, 2019

Our Show Dates Are: _____

Suggested retail price for the 2020 Calendar is \$16.00

Prices for orders received and paid in full before May 15, 2019		Prices for orders received after May 15, 2019	
10-24	\$9.75 ea no shipping	10-24	\$10.00 plus \$.50 ea shipping
25-49	\$9.25 ea no shipping	25-49	\$ 9.50 plus \$.50 ea shipping
50-74	\$8.75 ea no shipping	50-74	\$ 8.75 plus \$.50 ea shipping
75-150	\$8.25 ea no shipping	75-150	\$ 8.25 plus \$.50 ea shipping

There will be no shipping charges on United States orders received by

May 15, 2019

Foreign countries contact us for shipping costs.

Expected shipping date before August 1, 2019

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Contact at: keynotespecialties@gmail.com or 863-646-5300

2020 Sheltie Calendar Club Order Form

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NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL EXPANDS PET-FRIENDLY PROGRAMMING WITH MARS, INCORPORATED

Washington, DC (March 6, 2019) – The National Cherry Blossom Festival is pet-ready once again thanks to its host sponsor Mars, Incorporated.

Guided by Mars Petcare's BETTER CITIES FOR PETS™ program, a key initiative that advocates for fewer pets in shelters, more pet-friendly places, and happier, healthier lives for both people and pets, the National Cherry Blossom Festival's partnership with Mars enables select signature events to be "pet-friendly" by providing dogs who attend with their owners the necessities they need while on-the-go. As part of this year's partnership, Mars will also provide a \$20,000 grant to Washington DC's Southwest Business Improvement District (SWBID) to help further improve the lives of pets and their owners in the area.

Throughout the Festival, which attracts millions of visitors from around the world, pet owners can visit pet comfort stations featuring waste bag distribution, treats, shade, and water stations using bowls with potable water to keep dogs hydrated and out of the sun. Mars and the Festival will also provide educational resources for pet owners on responsible pet ownership and the importance of creating more pet-friendly spaces.

"As a member of the Washington DC community, with our global headquarters in McLean, VA, Mars is proud to be a Host Sponsor of the National Cherry Blossom Festival. We are excited to once again provide pet-friendly activities for dogs and their owners through our BETTER CITIES FOR PETS™ program," said Jam Stewart, vice president of corporate affairs for Mars Petcare. "We applaud the National Cherry Blossom Festival and the DC community for recognizing that pet-friendly amenities are critical at events like this and we look forward to another successful year."

Pet-friendly services provided during the Festival include:

- *Weekends between March 23-April 14 (10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.):* At the **Tidal Basin Welcome Area**, pet comfort services will be available complete with water bowls and waste bags for dogs on the go.
- *Saturday, March 30 (10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.):* At the **Blossom Kite Festival** on the grounds of the Washington Monument (17th St NW & Constitution Ave), pet comfort services will also be available.

- *Saturday, April 6 (12 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.):* At **Petalpalooza** taking place at the Wharf, BETTER CITIES FOR PETS™ will offer a pet comfort station and activities celebrating pets and pet-friendly spaces. Visitors can also pick-up giveaways and share thoughts on how cities can make life happier and healthier for pets and owners.
- *Thursday, April 4 (5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.):* Mars and **Milk Bar Logan Circle** invite all four-legged friends and their humans to an afternoon of dog-friendly activities, food, and drinks.
- *Saturday, April 13 (10 a.m. – Noon):* At the **National Cherry Blossom Parade**, Festival sponsor Mars and BETTER CITIES FOR PETS™ will host the springtime float. Visitors and parade attendees are welcome to bring dogs to this event.

"We realize the important role that pets play in so many of our attendees lives, and with the help of Mars Petcare's BETTER CITIES FOR PETS™ initiative, we are excited to enhance the Festival experience by providing pet-friendly amenities throughout our events," said Diana Mayhew, President of the National Cherry Blossom Festival.

Attendees of the Festival will also have the chance to learn more about BETTER CITIES FOR PETS™, a Mars Petcare program, that aims to create enough places for every dog and cat to live, visit and play by supporting shelters, homes, businesses and parks.

Before attending, Festival attendees with pets should visit <https://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/pets/> for more information and to determine if their dog is Festival friendly before making the trip.

Additionally, to join the BETTER CITIES FOR PETS™ movement, get more information about Mars Petcare, and access resources such as the [Playbook for Pet-Friendly Playbook](#) to help create more pet-friendly communities, visit www.bettercitiesforpets.com.

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About BETTER CITIES FOR PETS™

BETTER CITIES FOR PETS™ is a program of Mars Petcare, the world's leading pet nutrition and health care business, created to help communities become more pet-friendly by bringing the voice of pets and their owners to places of influence and advocating for fewer pets in shelters, more pet-friendly places, and happier, healthier lives for both people and pets. Mars Petcare works with key partners, businesses and local governments to better understand how to improve communities by: providing safe and welcoming shelters that lead to forever homes; encouraging pet-friendly, responsible homes for pets; welcoming more pets into local businesses, and giving pets plenty of park space to play. For more information about Mars Petcare and BETTER CITIES FOR PETS™, visit www.bettercitiesforpets.com.