

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 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

NO MAY MEETING
NEXT MEETING: JUNE 17, 2019

Upcoming PVSSC Events

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 4](#).

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 7](#).

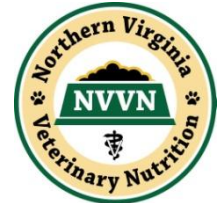
November 2, 2019: Herding Trials at Keepstone Farm, Berryville, VA.

Featured topic: *How Does Dogs' Hearing Compare to Humans'?* Read about this on [Page 8](#)

TO email any PVSSC officer or board member,
send email to PVSSC.Shelties@gmail.com

JUNE PROGRAM

The presentation will be on veterinary nutrition by Dr. Heidi Allen. Dr. Allen has practiced as a veterinary internist where she incorporated nutritional counseling when appropriate.



Since 2010 Dr. Allen has been board certified by the American College of Veterinary Nutrition and has her own consulting practice, Northern Virginia Veterinary Nutrition (<https://nvvetnutrition.com/>).

Dr. Allen intends to discuss a range of subjects related to nutrition for dogs including:

- A bit about her background and what lead her to focus on nutrition
- An explanation of vet nutrition
- Examples of some cases
- Guidelines for selecting a dog food
- Special nutrition needs for performance dogs
- Questions and answers

Members are encouraged to submit any nutritional questions they have before the meeting so that Dr. Allen can be best prepared with her response. For example, a question has arisen about the possible link between canine dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) and foods containing legumes and potatoes.

**Submitted questions to gurneyjack@gmail.com.
Time permitting, questions will also be taken during the meeting**

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/>

World's worst sheepdog – funny

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

Deepest Sympathy

PVSSC members Marilyn Manser & Richard Gurney and Ginny & Mike O'Shea recently lost their beloved Shelties. *Anyone who has loved a pet knows how your heart is breaking. May the wonderful memories of Travis and Autumn help you during this difficult time.*

IN MEMORY



Jade Mist Intrepid "Tavis" (2005-2019)



Marilyn Manser and Rich Gurney, sadly reported they lost Tavis on April 5. His appetite had been poor the last couple years due to liver tumor and digestive issues, and his mobility started to be affected as well. However, he totally stopped eating the final days.



Tavis was a wonderful dog whose favorite activity was meeting and greeting people. He loved everyone and every dog he met, certainly those at PVSSC. His next favorite activities were chase (usually forgetting about retrieval) and tug-of-war. Nobody could beat him at the latter. He brought joy into our lives, in all seasons and wherever we were. When almost three years old, he even welcomed the interloper Corey into the family.

Tavis was quite a trooper throughout his life, fighting against a few medical problems, and truly was intrepid. The issues included surgeries for congenital liver shunt and gallbladder mucocele.

Tavis showed some herding potential since he often placed his paw around your leg or grabbed your pants when he didn't want you to leave, and was warned away from a trial sheep pen because he was making them nervous just by looking at them. Also, he successfully stared down a fox (it slunk off). He enjoyed travelling, including annual trips to the Outer Banks and Fort Myers Beach, Florida. In his younger days he could hike quite a distance in the Blue Ridge Mountains or along the beach.

Anyone who met Travis couldn't help but like the little guy. He was friendly and full of life. Deepest sympathy is extended to Marilyn and Rich.



IN MEMORY

Jimjans Autumn Breeze HSAs RN NA NAJ CGC "Autumn"

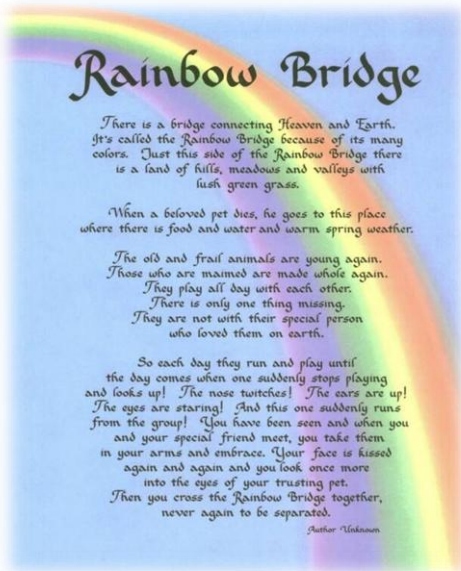


Autumn peacefully crossed the Rainbow Bridge on Monday, April 29. She had a good life, living to the age of 17 years and 1 month. She was an active little girl and she will be greatly missed.



Rainbow Bridge (Death of a Pet)

Author: unknown



There is a bridge connecting Heaven and Earth.
It is called the Rainbow Bridge because of all its beautiful colors.
Just this side of the Rainbow Bridge there is a land of meadows,
hills and valleys with lush green grass.
When a beloved pet dies, the pet goes to this place.
There is always food and water and warm spring weather.
The old and frail animals are young again.
Those who were sick, hurt or in pain are made whole again.
There is only one thing missing,
they are not with their special person who loved them so much on earth.
So each day they run and play until the day comes
when one suddenly stops playing and looks up!
The nose twitches! The ears are up!
The eyes are staring and this one runs from the group!
You have been seen and when you and your special friend meet,
you take him in your arms and hug him.
He licks and kisses your face again and again -
and you look once more into the eyes of your best friend and trusting pet.
Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together never again to be apart.

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 entry period closes on May 1, 2019.

The Show is a MB-F, Inc. Superintended Dog Show. A few days following the closing (May 1), a copy 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.

We hope you will come out and show support for our Specialty. If you can assist, please email contact Club President, Donna Richards or email the Show Chair, Cathie Skoog at cathieskoog@verizon.net.

PVSSC BLUEBELL WALK

April 28, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.



Jack Gurney, Rich Gurney, Marilyn Manser and Donna Richards walked the Bluebell Trail at Bull Run Regional Park on April 28 for about 1.5 hours.

Although possible rain was forecast the weather was generally good. The Bluebells were mostly past their bloom time but a few were seen. The four Shelties definitely enjoyed the walk and many people commented on them both in the parking lot and along the trail.



SHELTIE NEWS FOR MAY

CONGRATULATIONS: A New Puppy

Golem's Trow Hill Johnnie CGC aka "Johnnie"

Dayna Dreger, along with current Shelties, Bennett and Sawyer, welcomed a new addition in March. Johnnie (Golem's Trow Hill Johnnie CGC), born December 17, 2018.



Dayna saw this photo and knew "this is the one"



Johnnie, Sawyer and Miss Bennett



Johnnie earned his CGC

The sire is Merlyn Hullston Damiani HSDs HIAs HSAsM HTADIIs HRDIIs HTDIIs RLFIs OA OAJ NF CGC "Jace" owned by Rachael Toren and the dam is "Glinda" URO2 CH USA UFR HTCH Golem's Wicked Good RN PT HRDIII HTADIIIstd CGCA RATO DD "Glinda" owned by Claire Apple.

Johnnie has settled into his new role of bratty little brother to the older dogs, and he accompanies Dayna to work at the Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine nearly every day.

He's presently training in herding (sheep and ducks), nose work, barn hunt, and obedience, and will start hitting the competitions in June!

SAVANNAH Celebrates 9th Birthday

VTCH UACH ARCH Taliesin Midnight Train To Georgia CGC BN CD RE RA RN HIAd
HSAdM PT HT NA NAJ NJP CAA CA DCAT BCAT RATN RATI TT URO-1 UAG-2
UAG-1 RL3X RL2X RL1X "Savannah"

Savannah holds a lot of titles, but she doesn't like to compete unless it is herding, lure coursing, FastCAT or Barn Hunt. She prefers competing in trials that test her internal instinct such as running, chasing, herding or even looking for rats.

Savannah will celebrate her birthday running two FastCAT tests at the Mattaponi Spring Show on May 18.

Savannah was bred by PVSSC member Linda McClure.



Puppy Update

PVSSC member Yeh-Forsyth's bitch, Joy, delivered six (6) healthy puppies on March 12: two bitches and four dogs. The pictured to the right appeared in the April edition of The Seanachie when the puppies were one week old.

Below are photos of the two girls and two of the boys at six weeks, 1 day of age.



The two girls



Three of the boys

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

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

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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.

BOOK REVIEW

Following Atticus: Forty-Eight High Peaks, One Little Dog, and an Extraordinary Friendship, by Tom Ryan

A true story

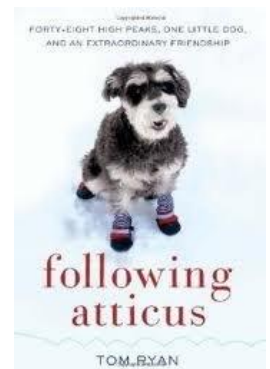
Donna Richards listened to the audiobook version, read by the author and offers the following review.

Tom Ryan made his living as the editor and publisher of a small-town newspaper in Massachusetts. He was highly integrated into the community and knew everyone and all the “dirt” on the politicians and bad business dealings. Although he had friends, he also had enemies.

One day he received a mass email from a friend looking for a home for an elderly dog whose owner has died. On impulse, Tom responded and became the owner of the miniature Schnauzer nobody else wanted, “Max”.

Tom and Max soon became constant companions as he went about his day gathering news, writing, and delivering his paper. Too soon, Max succumbed to an illness. Tom was adrift without his companion. He researched and bought a miniature Schnauzer puppy from a breeder in the south.

The puppy arrived and Tom named him Atticus M (for Maxwell) Finch. Tom and Atticus were soon fixtures in the community. Tom was introduced to mountain hiking by some friends, and Atticus seemed born to do this. He sat at each summit gazing serenely at the vista. Tom decided to hike all of the over-4,000-foot mountains in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, both in summer and winter, raising money for charity as part of his goal. Their adventures follow.



How Does Dogs' Hearing Compare to Humans'?

By Eileen Anderson (www.Eileenanddogs.com)

Donna passed this article to me and I found it quite interesting because research has recently found dogs identify things first by scent, then by sound and lastly by sight. As dog performance sports become more competitive, there is much more research being done on canines. We find this information is crucial when competing in herding, agility and disc dog or Frisbee Dog.

Below are excerpts from the article. . . .the entire article can be found at www.Eileenanddogs.com

There is a lot of misunderstanding out there about how well dogs hear. It's true that their hearing is better than that of humans in a couple ways. They can hear higher-pitched sounds than humans can, and they can hear quieter sounds than we can in some frequency ranges. Because of this, they have a reputation of superb hearing. But their hearing capabilities are not better across the board. Our capabilities are superior to theirs in a few important ways as well.

Experimental literature tells us about dogs' hearing compared to that of humans.

High Frequencies

Dogs can hear much higher frequencies than humans can. A young human with normal hearing can typically hear up to about 20,000 Hz (Gelfand, 2010, p. 166). As humans age, that upper limit decreases to about 12,000 Hz. Dogs can hear to 45,000 Hz (Heffner, 1983).

Low Frequencies

Humans can hear slightly lower frequencies than dogs can. We can hear pitches down to about 20 Hz. We can hear lower than this, down to about 2 Hz, but we don't perceive these notes as pitches (Gelfand, 2010, p. 166). Sound lower than 20 Hz is called the infrasound range. Dogs can hear down to about 67 Hz (Heffner, 1983). There was speculation in the past that large dogs such as St. Bernards can hear low frequencies better. But this was not born out by Heffner's research. The dog that could hear the lowest frequencies best was a poodle, and the St. Bernard came in last (Heffner, 1983).

Sound Localization

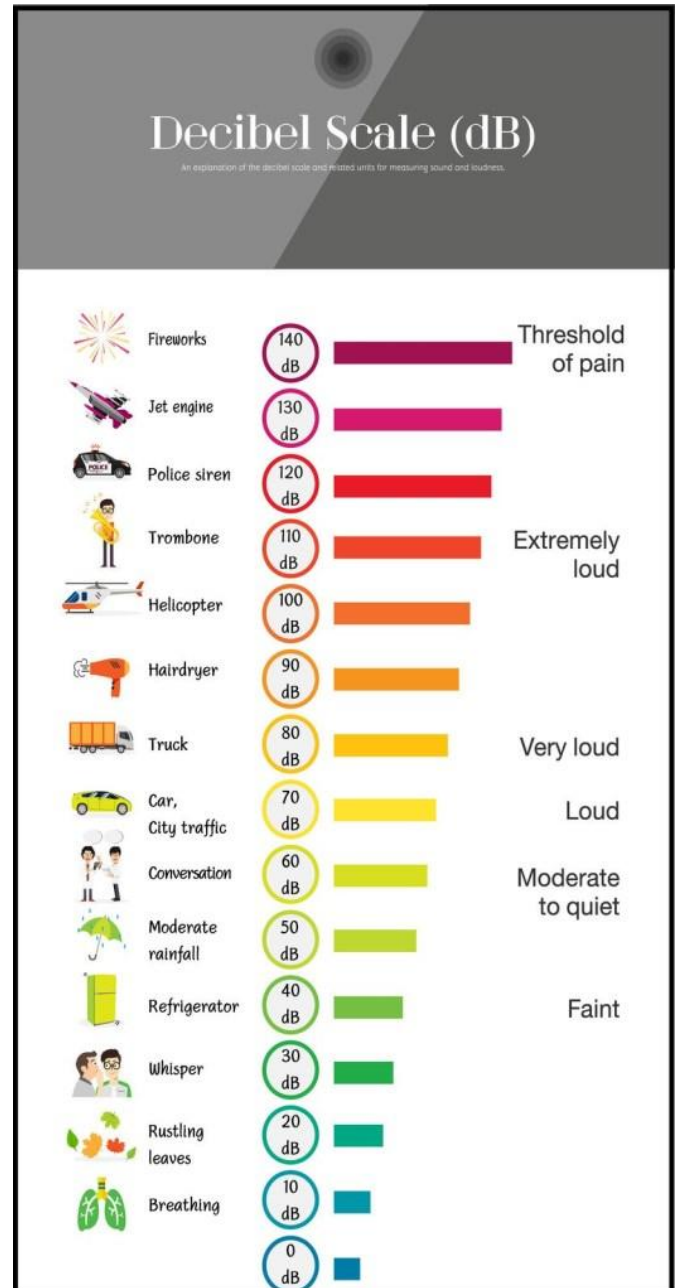
Humans can locate sounds more precisely than dogs can. For humans, the so-called minimum audible angle is 1° or less in our strongest zone and frequency (Mills, 1958). The minimal audible angle for dogs is 4° (Fay and Wilber, 1989, p. 519).

Psychologist Dr. Stanley Coren (2005, p. 47) points out that sound location is one of the first capabilities that dogs lose if they go deaf.

Threshold of Hearing

The threshold of hearing is the sound pressure level at which a sound becomes audible. In the lower frequency

range (125–500 Hz), dogs' and humans' thresholds of hearing are about the same. At higher pitches, though, dogs have a lower threshold. That is, they can hear sounds at a lower volume than we can. This is true in the range of 500–8,000 Hz, where they can hear noises that are from 13–19 decibels lower (quieter) than we can (Lipman & Grassi, 1942). This is a significant difference. At frequencies higher than 8,000 Hz, the discrepancy grows wider. Then comes the range where we can't hear at all, but dogs can (20,000–45,000 Hz).



To view a video: Flying Disc 1st Place - Incredible Dog Challenge 2015 Huntington Beach, CA, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYsPyYWqq9o>

2019 MEETING REFRESHMENTS

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

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

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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