

Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inc.

Serving the Greater Washington Metropolitan Region (DC-MD-VA) since 1972



The Sheltie Seanachie

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2016 Officers

Mike O'Shea, President
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Karen Schwartz, Vice President
Fran Beacham, Recording Secretary
Donna Richards, Corresponding Secretary
Jack Gurney, Treasurer

Members of the Board

Rich Gurney Ken Schwartz

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 October 17.**

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 dlrcpa@verizon.net 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.

2017 Officer Slate

The PVSSC Nominating Committee for the 2016 officers nominates the following members for these offices:

- President: Cathie Skoog
- Vice President: Mike O'Shea
- Treasurer: Jack Gurney
- Recording Secretary: Fran Beacham
- Corresponding Secretary: Donna Richards
- Board Members: Rich Gurney and Debbie Lauritzen

THANK YOU to those who have volunteered and to the nominating committee: Ginny O'Shea (Chair), Ken Schwartz, Marilyn Manser and Doey Blount.

Additional nominations may be made at the regular meeting next prior to the Annual Meeting (i.e. October 17) by any member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated accepts when his/her name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his or her proposer shall present to the Recording Secretary, a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his or her willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position. Anyone who has accepted a nomination made by the Nomination Committee cannot accept a nomination at the regular meeting next prior the Annual Meeting.

Absentee balloting privileges for the Annual Meeting will be extended to all members in good standing who:

- a) have been members for the entire preceding fiscal year and have attended at least four of the regular meetings during that fiscal year, or
 - b) have become members after the preceding Annual Meeting, but not after the June regular meeting, and have attended at least 50% of the scheduled regular meetings.
- Absentee balloting privileges will not be extended to members who have joined the Club after June 30th of any given year.

All requests for absentee ballots shall be written and forwarded to the Recording Secretary (Fran Beacham) no later than three weeks prior to the **Annual Meeting on November 21.**

Virginia Task Forces 1 & 2 Deploy

Search and Rescue teams from Virginia Task Forces 1 & 2 deployed to Florida on Thursday October 6 in preparation for Hurricane Matthew.

Task Force 1 is sponsored by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Task Force 2 is comprised of specialists from other regions of Virginia such as Virginia Beach, Newport News, Hampton, Williamsburg and various other counties. Both teams include Search and Rescue dogs and handlers.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/vataskforce1/>

<http://www.vatf2.com/>

<http://wavy.com/2016/10/06/va-beach-based-search-and-rescue-team-heads-to-florida-to-help-with-relief/>

Also in anticipation of the hurricane, the HSUS helped animal shelters in South Carolina evacuate animals for adoption to the Washington Area Rescue League and other shelters in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York.

http://www.humanesociety.org/news/press_releases/2016/10/sc-art-hurricane-matthew-relocations-100616.html?referrer=https://www.google.com/

And check out the news station videos:

<http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/DC-Welcomes-Dogs-and-Kittens-From-South-Carolina-Shelter-396100101.html>

<http://www.wbalv.com/news/spca-in-annapolis-takes-in-sc-dogs-fleeing-hurricane-matthew/41999028>

Get Your Fur Sweater On

Clothing and other items made from dog fur are referred to as "chiengora" (French for dog – get it?) This spinner makes items courtesy of her two Rough Collies. Many spinners liken dog hair to angora due to its "halo" of small fibers that stick out.

<http://modernfarmer.com/2014/06/dressed-dog/>

Handy instructions from youtube to help you get started on this project:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ZowsUs0JHw>

Another dog yarn enthusiast in Connecticut:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6jHTfshTzpM>

Don't have time to spin dog fur yarn yourself? You can order "cheingora" from this internet seller. And by the way if you want to donate dog fur to her, proceeds can go toward helping animal shelters in British Columbia.

<http://www.chiengorafibers.com/donation>

Puppy Culture Seminar, Hickory NC

Hi

I am on the board for the Greater Hickory Kennel Club. We wanted to share exciting news with obedience, rally and agility clubs. We will be hosting the Jane Killion Puppy Culture seminar the last weekend in October. It will be held in Hickory, NC at the convention center. This is the first time that Jane has come to the southeast.

We are asking if you can forward this to your members and post it on your web page and/ or Facebook page. I, personally, have used this program with my puppies and cannot believe the difference in their training. This is the most confident group of puppies I have ever had. Quick learners and they love the challenges I bring forth to them daily. You can check the following website for more information on Puppy Culture: [Puppy Culture](http://www.puppyculture.com)

	<h3><u>Puppy Culture</u></h3> <p>Jane Killion's Puppy Rearing and Socialization Video Guide.</p> <p>View on www.puppyculture.com</p>
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Please join us Oct. 29th and 30th for an exciting weekend.

Sue Schultze
Balewater Labradors
Greater Hickory Kennel Club

*Max the Were-Sheltie says "Happy Halloween"
(I'm not really possessed, just yawning.)*



History of the ASPCA

The first Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was founded in Britain in 1824. In 1840 Queen Victoria (a noted dog-lover) granted permission for the society to be renamed the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Henry Bergh, an American traveling and living in Europe was aware of and interested in the activities of the RSPCA, particularly in efforts to prevent the mistreatment of carriage horses.

On returning to the U.S., Bergh began working to establish an equivalent American Society and in 1866 the ASPCA was established. In 1871 a Parisian living in New York left \$150,000 to the Society, enabling them to establish a large headquarters there. By 1886 due to Bergh's efforts, 39 states had adopted legislation relating to the protection of animals, where previously no such laws existed.

In 1874 a social worker approached Bergh to gain custody and protection of a child suffering from inhumane treatment. With several others, in 1875 Bergh formed the New York Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Bergh

http://www.hartz.com/Dogs/Getting_Started/October_is_Adopt_Shelter_Dog_Month.aspx

<http://www.museumofanimals.org/#/henry-bergh/3984717>

Congressional Cemetery K-9s

Congressional Cemetery on Capitol Hill is a noted historic and active burial landmark. Many famous members of Congress are interred there and the grounds are open to the public.

Surprisingly, there is an organized members-only dog-walking group. There is a wait list and the \$225 membership fee is a tax-deductible donation (the group is heavily funded by donations.) There is also a \$50 per-dog fee (not considered a donation, 3-dog limit.) The members also take on cemetery up-keep items such as spring clean-ups and tree removals. Each member is expected to contribute at least 8 hours of volunteer work. *One-Day Passes for you and your dog are available at the office for \$10.*

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

Condolences

Doey and Jim Blount lost Cheyenne on September 19.

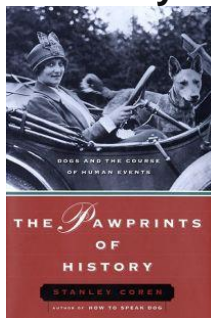
PVSSC Brags

At the Pup 'N Iron WCRL rally trials on Sunday, August 7, Mollie (1st picture below) earned her ARCHEX (Rally Champion Extraordinaire) Title by earning double-Qs in Levels 2 & 3. A perfect score in WCRL is 210 points; 170 is needed to qualify. Mollie placed second in Level 2 with a score of 205 and in Level 3 placed third with a score of 203.

On the same day Savannah (2nd picture below) earned her RLX3 (Level 3 Championship) Title. In her title run she scored a 203, placing second.



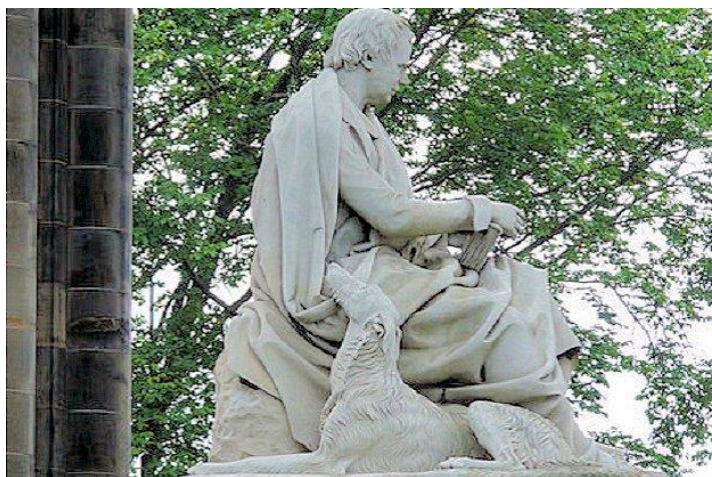
The Pawprints of History: Dogs and the Course of Human Events by Dr. Stanley Coren



This book is divided into chapters that delve into many little-known facts and events that have changed history. Why did Napoleon hate dogs, though he owed his life to a Newfoundland dog? How did the Pekingese lion-dogs evolve in the forbidden city of the Chinese Emperors, and escape extinction when the city fell?

My favorite chapter was the story of Sir Walter Scott, who secretly authored so many of the novels we love today. At the time, the writing of such novels was not considered a worthy, aristocratic and dignified occupation. But he needed the money to support his family (and many dogs) and to keep his large beloved estate solvent. So he turned to writing novels using a pseudonym. His mistake lay in including many dogs in his novel plots, and naming the fictional dogs by the same names as his own dogs! Eventually his contemporaries became suspicious and he was unmasked. The Dandie Dinmont breed is named after a character in the novel "Guy Mannering" by Walter Scott.

This monument of Sir Walter Scott and his deerhound Maida is located in Edinburgh, Scotland.



More on Sir Walter Scott:

<http://www.walterscott.lib.ed.ac.uk/biography/novel.html>

The Scoop on Poop

Pethealthnetwork.com offered this article in April, 2016 "What's My Dog's Poop Personality?" by Dr. Ernie Ward, DVM. The most interesting explanation for circling is that the dogs are aligning themselves with the earth's magnetic field. Supposedly this has been ascertained through scientific study. Decide for yourselves.

<http://www.pethealthnetwork.com/news-blogs/a-vets-life/whats-my-dogs-poop-personality>

Another interesting feature on this web site is the disease vector map, which you can query by zip code. The 4 most common in this area include 3 tick-borne diseases (Ehrlichia., Lyme and Anaplasma), and heartworms.

And my favorite Halloween dog costume video, this small dog dressed in a cardboard version of a Star Wars All Terrain Armored Transport costume. If you are looking for a costume idea, definitely consider this.

<http://www.pethealthnetwork.com/news-blogs/a-vets-life/5-horribly-hilarious-halloween-pet-videos/page/0/3>

It's Pumpkin Time Again

I just love pumpkins. Whole pumpkins they are certainly one cheap vegetable. You can incorporate them into so many different foods, they are amazingly versatile. And they are a healthy food, with low calories, not fat, and high fiber and Vitamin A. Pumpkin is also a great food for our dogs. Here are recipes for dog treats.

<http://www.mnn.com/family/pets/stories/5-pumpkin-treat-recipes-your-dog>

<http://www.woofipedia.com/articles/3-pumpkin-recipes-for-dogs>

Halloween Reminders

- Have your evening walk early
- Use battery lights instead of candle flames in decorations
- Human treats must be kept out of pets' reach. Remember the artificial sweetener Xylitol is extremely toxic to dogs.
- Confine your Sheltie in a separate area away from the front door. A radio, TV or white noise machine can mask the noise of doorbell and visitors. Closed curtains or blinds will reduce outside distractions.
- Make sure that your Sheltie is wearing ID in case of escapes. If you have any reflective dog wear, now is the time to use it!
- Watch out for discarded treats on the ground November 1.

PVSSC FALL HERDING TRIALS

November 5

Keepstone Farm Berryville, VA

Our November herding trials are quickly approaching. We will be holding **two** trials on Saturday with sheep, cattle and ducks at the trial level and sheep for Herding Instinct Testing, Herding Test and Pre-Trial Test.

Our judges are: **Scott Lucken** of Lansing, IL and **Debra Mintzer** of Bushnell, FL.

Follow our Herding Trial Updates at our Facebook page at:

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

For a copy of the premium with entry form, go to the PVSSC website and look under Events:

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

Bring your dog(s), your lawn chair and join us. Watch dogs herd cattle, sheep and ducks.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please note: If your dog(s) is entered, there is plenty of time to help and run in your trial. Herding trials are not as hectic as obedience, rally or agility trials.

Food and Beverages: Fran has volunteered to handle the food, beverages and snacks. We provide food and beverages to judges and volunteers.

Scribes: The scribes work with the judges and make notes on the score sheets annotates the points deducted. This is a great way to learn about herding. We need a minimum of two for the day. More scribes would be nice to help provide some relief. No prior experience required.

Time Keepers: It is nice to have a minimum of two time keepers each day. This involves starting the timer when the dog begins its outrun and stopping the timer when the livestock is penned. No prior experience necessary.

Runners and general assistance: One person is needed for each day to assist with set/clean up and make the circuit to collect score sheet. A good way to get your 10,000 steps of exercise for the day.

If you would like additional information, or would like to volunteer please call or email

Cathie Skoog cathieskoog@verizon.net
or Jack Gurney gurneyjack@gmail.com

Obedience/Rally Volunteers Needed

Obedience/Rally Stewards and committee help is needed for the February 4-5, 2017 trials. Cathie Skoog is the chairperson but volunteers are needed to provide support and learn duties in preparation for 2018.

Specialty Volunteers Needed

Assistants to Debbie Lauritzen are needed for the 2017 Specialty March 17. Debbie needs volunteers for the following:

- judges hospitality - get them from BWI airport to the hotel, and to the shows and back
- Someone to oversee the raffle baskets
- Help with trophy selections and ribbons ordering

Raffle Basket Items Needed

The club uses raffles at our trials and shows to help raise funds. If you are in the holiday shopping mood, please think about getting a few "extra" items to donate to the club. We can use **large attractive wicker or woven (fabric) baskets** Please help fill them with desirable Sheltie as well as non-dog related items:

- Throws, crate pads, chew toys, deluxe grooming products, show leads, gourmet dog foods, special Sheltie mementos that will appeal to both participants and spectators.
- Non-doggie food items such as wines/cheese/crackers/summer sausage/pickles/condiments, etc.
- Gourmet chocolates/cookies/dried fruits/trail mix (all food items should be fresh and attractively packaged)
- Bath/Body care items that are out of the ordinary, Spa gift certificates (Aveda, etc.)

Scottish Walk December 3

We are entered to march in the Old Town Alexandria, VA Christmas Walk on the 3rd of December 2016. Time is 11:00 AM, forming up at 10:30 to 10:45 AM. More information will follow. Please plan on attending with your furry friends.

<http://www.campagnacenter.org/scottishwalkweekend>

Holiday Party January 1

Prepare to relax and unwind after the holidays with other Sheltie-lovers. This year's party will take place in Reston. Details will be mailed in December.

Do YOU Have a NEW Email Address?

Send email address changes to
Donna Richards, PVSSC
Corresponding Secretary at
dlrcpa@verizon.net to
assure you receive club news.



October Events

- Adopt A Dog Month
- National Service Dog Month
- National Animal Safety and Protection Month
- PVSSC Meeting October 17

Meeting Refreshments

Fran Beacham is our Refreshment Coordinator. *Thanks to everyone who volunteered refreshments for 2016*

2016

October meeting – the O'Sheas
November meeting – Donna Richards

2017

Volunteers needed!

Reminder, beverages are not provided; water is available and there is a water/soda machine.

Happy Autumn



PVSSC Breed Referral Services

For information on
puppy and adult Shelties,
contact PVSSC members



Jan Stanley

703-281-2828
janstanley@verizon.net

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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