

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 MAY 21.**

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.

May Program

Marnie Montgomery is founder and lead trainer of **Joyful Dog® TTouch and Training**, which serves Northern Virginia and Montgomery County with private TTouch®, training, and Behavior Modification, as well as basic manners and recreational group classes for puppies and adult dogs. She is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer, Knowledge Assessed (CPDT-KA); Level 3 Pat Miller Certified Trainer (PMCT3); certified Tellington TTouch® practitioner; and Connection, Cooperation, and Control™ instructor.

Marnie first came to TTouch while searching for ways to help her own dog with issues of reactivity, impulse control, and an inability to relax. He is now a delightful companion – thanks largely to the bodywork and movement which are foundational to TTouch, and the clarity inherent in clicker training and other rewarding techniques. While helping her own dog, Marnie discovered her true passion – helping dogs and their people build a great partnership based on mutual respect and empowerment. (continued on page 2)



Animal Disaster Preparedness Day

I was checking out the animal disaster kits on Amazon. They are rather pricey but I do like the idea of putting all the necessary items in a single large bucket. The "bucket kit" received a poor review because the reviewer realized he did not have space to store a bucket. But I think that in an emergency it would be very useful to have.

These reflective pet safety vests aren't a bad idea either. If you already have a reflective collar or bandanna it would be a good idea to pack that too.

<https://www.emergencykits.com/emergency-supplies/pet-supplies/pet-safety-vest/>

What about dust and smoke masks? My CERT kit came with dust masks meant to protect us from various pollutants in an emergency. But human dust masks don't fit canines and there don't seem to be commercial ones available. The best suggestion seems to be adapting a basket muzzle with filtration paper. A muzzle could also be handy if you dog is injured and snapping in self defense.

<http://www.sixthtone.com/news/2050/british-snout-masks-protect-chinese-dogs-air-pollution>

Center for Pet Safety - Prevent Pet Suffocation

Unfortunately some pets have paid the ultimate price for trying to get the last bit of flavor from plastic food bags and other containers. When discarding containers, take an extra minute to render them harmless by cutting off the bottom of the container as well. They also emphasize the importance of knowing pet CPR.

<http://www.centerforpetsafety.org/pet-parents/paws-up-for-safety/prevent-pet-suffocation/>

<https://preventpetsuffocation.com/blues-blog/>

Dog-Friendly Wineries – DC/VA/MD

See Washingtonian's 2017 list of dog-friendly wineries. However VA vineyard owners are not happy about new regulations that prohibit dogs in the tasting rooms.

<https://www.washingtonian.com/2017/05/18/six-dog-friendly-wineries-near-dc/>

<http://www.whsv.com/content/news/State-cracks-down-on-dogs-inside-Valley-vineyard-456162663.html>

May Program (continued)

Marnie received PMCT certification in 2013 by completing Pat Miller's Academies in Basic Training and Behavior, Behavior Modification, and Canine Aggression. She advanced to Level 2 (2013) and Level 3 (2015) certification by completing Academies in Advanced Behavior Studies and Canine Cognition respectively, as well as a one-on-one internship with Pat Miller. All of Miller's Peaceable Paws Academies combine academic study with the development of hands-on skills, and testing to a high level of proficiency in both arenas.

In April 2014 Marnie achieved certification as a Tellington TTouch Practitioner 1—a culmination of six week-long trainings, a multi-year mentorship program, and numerous case studies in the field.

Marnie's training approach draws on more than 20 years as an adult educator, honed through study and experience in TTouch and rewards-based methods of dog training and stress reduction. She regularly participates in continuing education seminars and courses in dog behavior concentrating on such areas as reactivity, control and focus, dog-dog aggression, canine cognition, and behavior modification.

Marnie teaches group classes in Great Falls and Hamilton, VA, and at Your Dog's Friend in Rockville, MD. She recently presented on TTouch at the inaugural Mid-Atlantic Animal Behavior Conference in Leesburg, VA

Marnie is a Peaceable Paws Affiliate, a member of the Tellington TTouch Practitioner Guild, a full member of the Pet Professional Guild, a professional member of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT), and a member of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Positive Professional Pet Trainers. She holds degrees from the College of William and Mary, and George Mason University.

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Tellington TTouch® Practitioner

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Introductory TTouch Handout:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/8315v7lzl74txiq/TTouch%20Intro%20Handout.pdf?dl=0>

PET DISASTER KIT CHECKLIST

DOCUMENTS

- ☐ Photocopied veterinary records
 - ☐ Rabies certificate
 - ☐ Vaccinations
 - ☐ Medical summary
 - ☐ Prescriptions for medications
 - ☐ Most recent heartworm test result (dogs).
- ☐ Photocopied registration information (ex: proof of ownership or adoption records)
- ☐ Pet description(s) (ex: breed, sex, color, weight)
- ☐ Recent photographs for each of your pets
- ☐ Waterproof container for documents
- ☐ Microchip information (ex: microchip number, name and number of the microchip company)
- ☐ Your contact information (phone numbers and addresses for your family and friends or relatives you may be staying with)

WATER, FOOD, MEDICATIONS

- ☐ 2-week supply of food for each animal stored in waterproof containers
- ☐ 2-week supply of water for each animal
- ☐ Non-spill food and water dishes
- ☐ Manual can opener
- ☐ Feeding instructions for each animal
- ☐ 2-week supply of any medications (if applicable)
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- ☐ One month supply of flea, tick, and heartworm preventative

OTHER SUPPLIES

- ☐ Leash, collar with ID, and harness
- ☐ Toys
- ☐ Appropriate-sized pet carrier with bedding, blanket, or towel
- ☐ Pet first aid book and first aid kit
- ☐ Cleaning supplies for accidents (paper towels, plastic bags, disinfectant)



Paws in the Park

Prince William Forest Park hosted Paws in the Park Saturday April 28. The weather was absolutely perfect and everyone who attended enjoyed the day. The National Park Service provided a table, chairs, and water and came by multiple times to make sure the exhibitors had everything we needed. There were 7 Shelties in attendance with Cathie Skoog, Fran Beacham and Jack Gurney, Pat and Meghan Keough and Donna Richards. Other vendors and clubs exhibiting included Prince William SPCA, Mattaponi Kennel Club, CPRPetAid and Dogtopia to name a few. Many of the visitors were from Quantico base and we learned about how the military working dogs are housed. There were also demonstrations by the military and police dogs, and a dog talent show.

The most frequent question asked by interested and prospective dog-owners is "How often do you have to brush Shelties?"

We were all glad to have a reason to visit the park, learn about the history, and get acquainted with the facilities and amenities. If you are interested in hiking or picnicking it's a great choice. I'm hoping they hold this event again next year.



Summer Vacationing

Patricia McConnell recently re-ran an article of do's and don'ts for leaving your pet with a sitter while you vacation. It's worth printing as a checklist before your next trip.

<http://www.patriciamcconnell.com/theotherendoftheleash/leaving-your-dogs-home-with-a-sitter>

Low Calorie Training Treats

As we were passing time at the Paws in the Park event on April 28, we discussed low-calorie training treats. I decided to research some options for training:

Oyster crackers are 4 calories each.

Medium baby carrots are about 4 calories each. Also....

<https://www.thesprucepets.com/best-low-calorie-dog-treats-4155087>

Therapy Dogs for Dogs

The University of Bern, Switzerland is studying socialization in Swiss military dogs. Because these dogs are raised in very controlled environments to prepare them for their duties, they have few socialization opportunities. The researchers were interested in whether short-term interactions with other social dogs would reduce stress behavior in the working dogs. Following sessions with the therapy dogs, the military dogs were presented with objects likely to cause stress – a realistic beagle model and an unfamiliar male dog. It was fairly clear that the therapy sessions reduced defensive and aggressive reactions later.

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/canine-corner/201804/are-stressed-dogs-helped-interactions-therapy-dogs>

Just for Fun

There is a recent trend called "Citizen Science". The general population is invited to participate in data collection projects. Using large amounts of free data, scientist attempt to draw conclusions. Check out the "Muttmix" project at this web site. You are asked to attempt to identify dog breeds or breed mix from pictures. Participants will receive a "certificate" at the completion of the study period.

www.muttmix.org

Mattaponi Kennel Club Specialty

Occurs May 19-20 Prince William County Fairgrounds near Manassas, VA. Spectator parking \$5. See many different breeds being judged indoors and outdoors.

Border Collie Collapse Syndrome

(This article previously appeared August 2014)

Not just Border Collies but many varieties of herding dog can be affected by this malady. It is also referred to as exercise-induced collapse, hyperthermia, stress seizures and "wobbles". Affected dogs seem normal and healthy however during or after periods of exercise, have symptoms of staggering, disorientation, choppy gait, and falling. Episodes last 5-30 minutes and then the dogs appear completely recovered. Shetland Sheepdogs are one of the affected breeds.

<http://www.aaha.org/blog/NewStat/post/2016/12/14/216057/Getting-to-the-bottom-of-border-collie-collapse.aspx>

<https://www.avma.org/News/JAVMANews/Pages/170315f.aspx>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A_5u-BeaF9M



Little Bit and Rosebud Beacham-Gurney admire their bluebell woodland garden.

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.



May Events

- Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month
- National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day May 12
- PVSSC Meeting May 21
- Mattaponi Kennel Club Specialty May 19-20

Meeting Refreshments

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

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May – Donna Richards
June 16 – 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
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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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