

# The Sheltie Seanachie

The Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inc.

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

**June 2019**

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## PVSSC 2019 OFFICERS

Donna Richards, President  
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Cathie Skoog, Corresponding Secretary  
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Patrick Keough      Sandra Green

## 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: JUNE 17, 2019**

**NO JULY MEETING**

**NO JULY NEWSLETTER**

## Upcoming PVSSC Events

**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 2](#).

**August 2019:** PVSSC Picnic will be hosted at Sandra and Cliff Green's home. Exact date and details will be provided in the future.

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

### TO email a PVSSC officer or board member

send email to [PVSSC.Shelties@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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/>

## DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Taliesin Knights in White Satin  
"Morgan"

1/9/2007 - 5/9/2019



We extend our deepest sympathy to Linda and Dan McClure who lost their Morgan on May 9. Morgan, only 12 ½ years old, began to suffer from multiple problems.

After a week of testing and consulting with their vet and specialists in Charleston it was decided she was more sick than originally suspected and her chances of survival weren't good.

## SUNSHINE

Best wishes for a continued speedy recovery to Mike O'Shea who recently had surgery.

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.

## 2019 MEETING REFRESHMENTS

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

**June – Pat Keough**

July – No Meeting

August – PVSSC Picnic

September – Sandra & Clifford Green

October – Jeffrey Leiter

November – Marilyn Manser & Rich

December – Holiday Party

## Is Honey Safe for Dogs?

From an article by AKC contributor,  
Anna Burke, May 10, 2017

Honey is safe for dogs to eat in small quantities. It contains natural sugars and small amounts of vitamins and minerals, and is used as a sweetener in many foods and beverages.

That sweetness comes at a price. The high sugar content of honey can lead to obesity in dogs if owners feed too much honey and do not provide adequate exercise balanced nutrition.

Sugars can also cause tooth decay, so it might be a good idea to brush your dog's teeth if you do feed him honey.

***Raw honey should not be fed to puppies or dogs with compromised immune systems, as it may contain the presence of botulism spores. Honey should not be given to diabetic or obese dogs.***

### Benefits of feeding honey to dogs

A simple Google search reveals thousands of sites promoting honey as a health supplement for people and pets, including dogs. Honey is purported to have antimicrobial and antifungal properties, reduce inflammation, soothe stomach ulcers and sore throats, and cure allergies.

However, there have not been many conclusive scientific studies validating these claims. Many of these claims are anecdotal, but since honey is relatively safe, they are often enough for owners looking for an additional treatment for their dogs that is affordable and safe.

One of the most common claims made about honey is that it can cure seasonal allergies in humans and dogs. While the scientific evidence is lacking, there is some reason to believe that raw honey could help reduce allergic reactions to flower pollen—assuming, of course, that your dog is allergic to one of the pollens in the honey, and not another environmental allergen.

Regardless of the lack of conclusive research, feeding your dog a small amount of honey to help with allergens won't harm him, even if it is not guaranteed or even likely to help.

Humans also use honey to soothe raw throats and stomachs. If your dog has a sore throat, and you have already seen your veterinarian to determine the cause and followed her treatment instructions, then feeding a little honey could help soothe any lingering inflammation. At the very least, it will give your dog a tasty distraction.

To read the entire article, go to:

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/nutrition/can-dogs-eat-honey/>

## UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS

### PAWS IN THE PARK

June 1, 2019 from 10:00 – 3:00

PVSSC will be hosting a table at the Prince William Forest Park "Paws in the Park" as one of our "outreach" programs promoting Shetland Sheepdogs and responsible dog ownership.

Attend the event with your dogs. Bring a lawn chair with you. 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.

#### Address

18170 Park Entrance Rd, Triangle, VA 22172

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



### TAKE YOUR DOG TO WORK

June 21

June 21st is the nationally recognized **Take Your Dog to Work Day**.

If your employer recognizes this holiday (that occurs on the Friday after Father's Day every year), this is the perfect chance to show off your dog's manners and CGC skills.

Dog training students can set a goal of passing the CGC with their dogs in preparation for Take Your Dog to Work Day.

The presence of dogs can reduce a person's stress level in the workplace. In Dogs at Work programs, employers often report increases in job satisfaction and morale when dogs are allowed to come to work with their owners.

Dayna Dreger takes Johnnie (below) to work at the Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine and Teaching Hospital. Not only does Johnnie get to enjoy the attention, but he has a job as well – to reduce stress levels of students and workers!



## PVSSC Specialty May 18, 2019

PVSSC held a Designated Show in conjunction with the Mattaponi Kennel Club Spring Show at the Prince William County Fairgrounds. The judging began at 1:15 in Ring 7. Representing PVSSC were President Donna Richards, Vice President Rich Gurney, Treasurer Jack Gurney, Corresponding Secretary and Show Chair Cathie Skoog, Board member Sandra Green, and members Marilyn Manser and Nancy Hansbrough.

It was also great seeing Mary Stuller, former PVSSC member and breeder, at the ring keeping the show running smoothly.

If anyone would like to assist with plans for our 2020 Specialty, please contact Donna Richards or Cathie Skoog.



PVSSC Member Lilian Yeh-Forsyth with her Bi-Blue, Stella





## SHOW RESULTS

Judge: Mr. Michael Faulkner

### ***SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS. Puppy, 6 & Under 9 Months Dogs.***

1/R	7	<p><b><u>WHISPERWIND FORMULA ONE</u></b>, DN 55802101. 10-09-18          By GCH Homewood McLaren - Whisperwind I Believe In Pixie Dust. Owner: Sheri Blake &amp; Aleta Canady, Hardyville, VA 230700049. Breeder: Aleta Canady.</p>
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### ***SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS. 12 & Under 18 Months Dogs.***

1	21	<p><b><u>SYRINGA ON STRANGER TIDES TO RELYT</u></b>, DN 54231801. 04-19-18          By GCHP Syringa-Akadia The Corsair - Ch Syringa Treasure N Trinket. Owner: Ana Paola Diniz, Statesville, NC 28625. Breeder: Deborah Sirdofsky &amp; Tyler Crady. (Handler: Michelle Scott PHA).</p>
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### ***SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS. Bred by Exhibitor Dogs.***

1/W (3 Points)	23	<p><b><u>LANSTARR TRIUMPH INDEPENDENCE DAY</u></b>, DN 54441201. 07-04-18          By Ch Lanstarr Triumph Ball Of Fire - Ch Lanstarr Triumph It's Your Song. Owner: Eileen Lanser &amp; Nadine Iroff, Sumerduck, VA 227421820. Breeder: Carol J Metz &amp; Nadine J Iroff &amp; Eileen Lanser.</p>
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### ***SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS. Open, Sable and White Dogs.***

- 1 29 **KIZZBRI'S ARCHANGEL**. DN 35833102. 09-03-12  
By Ch Dury Voe Scottsdale - Kizzbri's Hail Mary. Owner: Barbara Golden, Joliet, IL 604355614. Breeder:  
Owner. (Zana Friend, Agent).

### ***SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS. Open, Any Other Allowed Color Dogs.***

- 1 9 **CARMYLIE SILVER HAWK RISING CGC**. DN 49570101. 12-12-16  
By Ch Carmylie Black Hawk Rising - Carmylie Quicksilver. Owner: Cindy A Gaines & Jean D Simmonds,  
Hedgesville, WV 254276525. Breeder: Jean D Simmonds.
- 3 19 **CHIVALYN CLEARED FOR TAKE OFF**. DN 47443103. 06-09-16  
By GCH Syringa Treasure Trove - Ch Suncrest Aquarelle. Owner: Alyssa N Fenton DVM, Manakin Sabot, VA  
231032036. Breeder: Alyssa N Fenton DVM & Greg Speeks & Doug Mock.
- 4 31 **BELMARK MIC DROP**. DN 53609704. 03-09-18  
By Ch Kell Rock, Paper, Scissors - Ch Belmark Soiree. Owner: Bella Thompson, De Graff, OH 433189738.  
Breeder: Bella Thompson. (Zana Friend, Agent).
- 2 33 **KIRBY PEACHMOR CELEBRATION**. DN 46856407. 06-15-16  
By GCH Sunair Studio 54 - Rose Dantes Little Miss Me. Owner: Sheri Blake & Catherine Caruso & Diana  
Morgan, Hardyville, VA 230700049. Breeder: Diana Morgan & Patricia Rose. (Aleta Canady, Agent).

### ***SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS. Puppy, 9 & Under 12 Months Bitches.***

- 1/R 10 **SUNCREST HIGH SOCIETY**. DN 54977502. 08-06-18  
By GCH Suncrest Rhetoric - Ch Suncrest Panorama. Owner: Greg Speeks & Doug Mock, White Stone, VA  
225782020. Breeder: Greg Speeks & Doug Mock.

### ***SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS. 12 & Under 18 Months Bitches.***

- 1 12 **DURY VOE SHELMAR SUGAR CRUSH**. DN 52570302. 02-01-18  
By Dury Voe Shelmar Core Values - Kell Confection. Owner: Cathy Price Jennings & Judy Kelsey, Tarboro,  
NC 278869275. Breeder: Judy Kelsey. (Karan Aurelius, Agent).
- 2 20 **MIQELON MESMERIC**. DN 56851501. 05-10-18  
By Ch Okie' Night At TH' Opera - Miquelon Fifty Shades Darker. Owner: Jenna L Cruthers & Rhonda  
Cruthers, Yorktown, VA 236934011. Breeder: Jenna L Cruthers & Rhonda Cruthers. (Aleta Canady, Agent).

### ***SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS. Bred by Exhibitor Bitches.***

- 1 26 **TRIUMPH LANSTARR SUMMERTIME**. DN 54373401. 05-25-18  
By GCHS Lanstarr Triumph Squire Teodoir O'Boyle - Ch Lanstarr Triumph Autumn Sunshine. Owner:  
Nadine J Iroff & Eileen Lanser, Sumerduck, VA 227421820. Breeder: Eileen Lanser & Nadine Iroff.

### ***SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS. American-Bred Bitches.***

- 1 8 **WINSONG'S ONE AND ONLY**. DN 45192601. 11-12-15  
By GCHS Solange Valedictorian - Ch WinSong's Coppertone. Owner: M Alton Fleming, Advance, NC  
270066611. Breeder: M Alton Fleming & Alex Fleming & Ben Fleming. (Zana Friend, Agent).
- 2 22 **TRIUMPH LANSTARR AMERICAN GIRL MX MXJ MJB XF**. DN 25441602. 07-04-09  
By GCHP Homespun Casual Blues PT OAJ NA NF - Triumph Cherise. Owner: Paisley A Bowles & Laurence  
W Wilson IV, Richmond, VA 232351472. Breeder: Nadine J Iroff & Eileen Lanser.
- 3 30 **BLUE HEAVENS CONSTELLATION**. DN 51238002. 09-17-17  
By Blue Heavens Neon Light - Apple Acres Blue Heavens Hellion. Owner: Lilian Yeh & Linda L Griffith &  
Patricia Reed, Germantown, MD 208746260. Breeder: Lisa & Lloyd Graser.

### ***SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS. Open, Sable and White Bitches.***

- 2 14 **ARATONE'S ROYAL KEEPSAKE CD MX MXJ**. DN 46052706. 05-11-16  
By GCH Solange Valedictorian - GCH Aratone Westar Dating A Royal UD PT. Owner: Vicky Gillow & Marie  
Eguro & Mark Herrman, Mebane, NC 273029523. Breeder: Marie Eguro & Mark Herrman. (Zana Friend,  
Agent).

3	16	<b><u>BERNBRITE COUNT ON ME.</u></b> DN 41390701. 11-19-14 By Ch Barwood Clearsky Fireworks - Ch Bernbrite It All Adds Up. Owner: Bernadette Biasi, Lafayette HI, PA 194441202. Breeder: Bernadette Biasi. (Peter Denbow, Agent).
1/W/BW/OS (3 Points)	34	<b><u>WINTERCREEK WHISPERWIND CHANGE OF HEART.</u></b> DN 35860701. 11-21-12 By Ch Whisperwind Mr Bojangles Top Gun - Whisperwind's Bodacious Brat. Owner: Aleta Canady, Yorktown, VA 236934011. Breeder: Aleta Canady.
<b><i>SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS. Open, Any Other Allowed Color Bitches.</i></b>		
1	24	<b><u>BELMARK EMPRESS.</u></b> DN 51929504. 10-31-17 By Ch Belmark Lo And Behold - Ch Belmark Take A Bow. Owner: Bella Thompson, De Graff, OH 433189738. Breeder: Bella Thompson. (Zana Friend, Agent).
<b><i>SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS. Best of Breed Competition.</i></b>		
B/G4 (5-GC Points) 79 dogs defeated	11	<b><u>GCHG JANA ARMTAGE FREELANCE AX OAJ NF CGCA CGCU TKN.</u></b> DN 38219702. 10-17-13 By Ch Sirio Chillin At Mistybrook - Ch Armitage Jana Hat Trick. Dog. Owner: Nancy L Porta, Roaring Spg, PA 166739316. Breeder: Nancy L Porta & Ellen Ball. (Zana Friend, Agent).
SEL (4-GC Points)	15	<b><u>CH VISION ALLURE LOVE.</u></b> DN 48758501. 01-12-16 By GCHB Laureate Invincible - Vision Finding Nemo. Dog. Owner: Linjie Chen & Gough Gao, Xinchang CN 312500, . Breeder: Linjie Chen. (Peter Denbow, Agent).
	17	<b><u>GCHB CARMYLIE SEA WAVE.</u></b> DN 27606801. 01-30-10 By Ch Brandina Carmylie Double Digit - Carmylie Shimmering Water. Dog. Owner: Jean D Simmonds, Hedgesville, WV 254276525. Breeder: Jean Simmonds & Lorraine Tisinger.
	27	<b><u>GCHS LANSTARR SQUIRE TEODOIR O'BOYLE.</u></b> DN 37877101. 09-01-13 By GCH Lanstarr Squire Talfryn O'Boyle - Triumph Lanstarr Heart Of Gypsy. Dog. Owner: Elmer Boyle & Eileen Lanser, Potomac, MD 208543950. Breeder: Nadine J Iroff & Eileen Lanser.
SEL (2-GC Points)	28	<b><u>GCHB SOLANGE SOUNDSTAGE.</u></b> DN 32252801. 10-07-11 By GCH Solange Surround Sound - GCH Sunebank Broadway Bound. Bitch. Owner: Linda Nicholas & Marni Sharoff, Chapel Hill, NC 275165704. Breeder: Marni Sharoff & Linda Nicholas.
	32	<b><u>CH ATTRIDGE PEARLS OF WISDOM .</u></b> DN 44757606. 12-14-15 By GCH Barwood Sound Sensation - Link Ridge Black Pearl. Bitch. Owner: Kelly Miller-Martin, Fredericksbrg, VA 224072041. Breeder: Bella Thompson & Beverly Klassen.

## 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](mailto:PVSSC.Shelties@gmail.com)



## 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 bags and other items for the newsletter to Cathie at [cathieskoog@verizon.net](mailto: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:

[www.potomacvalleyshetlandsheepdogclub.org](http://www.potomacvalleyshetlandsheepdogclub.org)

# SHELTIE NEWS

## OOPS! Correction

In the May issue of The Seanachie, it was reported Dayna Dreger has a new puppy: Golem's Trow Hill Johnnie "Johnnie". After reading the newsletter, Dayna Dreger, contacted the editor and clarified that one of the photos identified as Johnnie is actually the puppy photo of Rachael Toren's Jace, Johnny's sire. They sure do resemble one another!

Since our May newsletter was sent out, Johnnie has earned three new titles: AKC Novice Trick Dog, AKC CGCA, and UKC Spot-On titles. This little fellow has earned four titles and he isn't even 6 months, yet! What a smart little guy!



Johnnie



Identified in May's Newsletter as Johnnie, but is actually Jace, Johnnie's Sire

## FastCAT TESTS

The below photographs from the FastCAT tests were taken by photographer Carl Gernazio.

The Mattaponi Kennel Club hosted two FastCAT tests on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Prince William County Fairgrounds. Following our Specialty some of our members went down to watch the runs.

FastCAT titles are earned by accumulating points which is based on a dog's individual speed.

## ARCHER RUNS IN FastCAT

Suncrest Aryana Ayashe "Archer" ran her first two FastCAT tests. She caught on quickly to "chasing the bunnies". Both owner, Nancy Hansbrough and Archer had a good time – don't know which one had more fun!



Archer

Taliesin Midnight Train to Georgia "Savannah" spent her 9<sup>th</sup> birthday running FastCAT on May 18



Savannah

Merlyn Hullston The Stratovarius Black Diamond "Annie" earned her DCAT Title on May 18



Annie

## Two More May Birthdays!

Hi. I'm Patches Hansbrough (my mom's name is Nancy). I turned 1 on May 21. I love walks with my mom, sitting on the couch with my mom, and chewing on Bully Sticks (boy, are those good).



Together, we LOVE, LOVE, LOVE chasing each other, knocking each other over, and just plain jumping on each other all the time. We are sisters in heart and soul!



Hi. I'm Archer Hansbrough. I turned 2 on May 30. I love playing kick ball with my mom, playing with dogs, and digging holes.



## Puppy Update – Two Males Looking for Homes

Lilian Yeh-Forsyth's (Fairbrook Shelties) has "Two Big Boys" looking for Pet/Companion/Performance Homes. Both are ready to go under a AKC Limited Registration, Neuter Contract.

Both boys have been vet checked, with first shot, dewormed (Fecal Test Negative) and will be microchipped before leaving. They are currently being show, crate, leash trained.

DOB: March 2019

They are 9 weeks old in the photos below



Sire: GCH Blue Heavens Dom Perignon (by GCH Rosmoor Protocol ROM)  
Hips OFA Good, Eyes CERF Normal, MDR1 N/N, vWD Clear, DMS aabb (low risk)  
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Dam: Blue Heavens I've Got Joy In My Heart (by GCH Kismet's Don't Mess With Texas ROM)  
Eyes CERF Normal, DMS aabb (low risk), Hips vetted good (not OFA yet), MDR1 N/N, vWD, CEA, PRA, DM Clear



Both eyes are blue



Has one blue eye and one brown

The pups are in Maryland. E-mail for more info: [fairbrookshelties@gmail.com](mailto:fairbrookshelties@gmail.com) or text (815) 608-6110

# Can Dogs Get Measles?

By Elizabeth Racine, DVM, Apr 29, 2019

If you follow the news at all, you have likely been hearing a lot about measles. With outbreaks of measles on the rise in the United States, people are understandably concerned about how this highly contagious disease could affect their families, including their dogs. This has many pet owners asking: Can dogs get measles?

Fortunately, the short answer is no. Dogs cannot get measles or transmit the virus to humans. But they are susceptible to canine distemper, a virus in the same family as measles. If not treated, canine distemper can be fatal or cause permanent neurological damage in dogs.

**What is Measles?** Measles is a virus belonging to the family Paramyxoviridae. In humans, this disease causes symptoms such as coughing, runny nose, watery eyes, and rashes. Although measles spreads rapidly between unvaccinated humans, the CDC Centers for Disease Control reports that no other animals are affected by this virus. This means that your dog cannot contract the measles virus or spread it to you.

**What is Canine Distemper?** Canine distemper virus, or CDV, belongs to the same viral family as the measles virus. Dogs affected by CDV display a wide range of symptoms, including:

- Fever
- Loss of appetite
- Lethargy
- Ocular and nasal discharge
- Coughing
- Vomiting and diarrhea
- Stumbling or walking in circles
- Head tilt
- Convulsions
- Weakness or paralysis
- Abnormal jaw movements, sometimes called “chewing gum fits”
- Hardening of the paw pads

Unfortunately, there is no cure for canine distemper, which is one reason why this disease is so serious. Instead, treatment typically involves supportive care such as fluids, antibiotics, and management of symptoms until the disease has run its course. In many cases, distemper can be fatal or cause permanent neurological damage in dogs who do survive it.

The disease is primarily transmitted by direct contact between dogs, or by aerosolization of the virus through coughing and sneezing. While CDV does not affect humans, many animal species are susceptible to it, including domestic dogs, foxes, wolves, ferrets, skunks, and bears.

Canine distemper is highly contagious, but it is preventable through vaccination. According to the American Animal Hospital Association’s vaccination guidelines, distemper is a core vaccine, meaning it is strongly recommended for all puppies and adult dogs.

**What About the Canine Measles Vaccine?** If you have done your own research, you may come across references to a Canine Measles vaccine. Although dogs do not get measles, this vaccine was previously used to protect very young puppies against distemper. This was necessary because maternal antibodies — the immunity passed from a vaccinated mother to her puppies — would inactivate the CDV vaccine if it was given while the puppies were still young, leaving them vulnerable to infection. Since adult dogs were not vaccinated for measles, the Canine Measles vaccine would provide a measure of protection for the puppies until they were old enough for the maternal CDV antibodies to wane.

More recently, scientific advances have led to the development of vaccines that are better able to overcome maternal antibodies. The current CDV vaccines are typically given at intervals of 3–4 weeks until the puppies reach 16 weeks of age. This schedule ensures that the puppy obtains adequate immunity as the maternal antibodies wane. Because modern CDV vaccines are more effective, the Canine Measles vaccine is now rarely used.

Although measles and distemper belong to the same viral family, measles does not pose a threat to dogs. Canine distemper, on the other hand, is a serious and highly contagious illness in dogs, which can be prevented through appropriate vaccination. If you have concerns about canine distemper, your veterinarian is your best resource to help keep your dog protected.

## Aggression, Fear and Gut Health. Joined at the Hip

May 20, 2019

This article appeared in The Other End of the Leash, a blog addressing ongoing inquiries about the behavior of people and dogs.

This is a fascinating report that links aggressive behaviors to the health of a dog’s gut. It further reports on studies that show probiotics can significantly improve the health of gut health.

There has been controversy on whether probiotics are effective on dogs because of their digestive system. Some people like to use natural probiotics, such as yogurt, while others use a variety of products that can be obtained from your vet or health food store.

**CAUTION:** Probiotics are not a regulated substance.

To read the entire article, go to <https://www.patriciamcconnell.com/theotherendoftheleash/aggression-fear-and-gut-health-joined-at-the-hip>