



The Sheltie Seanachie

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NEXT PVSSC MEETINGS

ONLINE



**February & March
21st
@
7:30pm**

Join us online for our Zoom Meeting on Monday, March 14th, at 7:30pm!

Next quarter's meetings:

- April 18th
- May 16th
- Jun 20th

We hope you will be able to join us. Below is information to access the meeting via Zoom. If you have any questions regarding accessing Zoom, contact Jack Gurney or Cathie Skoog - or email us at PVSSC.Shelties@gmail.com

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82068906861?pwd=TjJndUwvRSxWUJNURmREa0xZWEJodz09>

PVSSC EVENTS:

FEBRUARY EVENT

at Frolick Dogs Canine Sports Club
on February 27, 2022
TIME: 1:30 to 3:30 pm.
WHERE:
[3208 Colvin Street, Alexandria, VA](https://www.frolickdogs.com/)

Go to <https://www.frolickdogs.com/> to see their website and what they have to offer. We have a limit of 20 dogs, so if you plan on attending, please RSVP to Nancy Penn at npenn62@verizon.net or 703-203-3192. If you need to cancel, please cancel the night before so someone else can come in your place. The charge is \$15.00 at the door, and please have a copy of your vaccination status of your dogs if you have not been there before. Masks must be worn inside at all times. We will have the place to ourselves, **SHELTIES EVERYWHERE! YAY!!!**

As of Jan 18th we already have 4 shelties, 16 more spaces available. If it becomes a big hit, we can schedule another date for the folks that could not get into the first event.

A photo of our last visit back in Feb 2020 is on the next page...

ASSA National Specialty Show

The American Shetland Sheepdog Association's 2022 Specialty Show will be held at Purina Farms, MO from March 18th to the 26th.

Performance Trials are from March 18th to 20th then Conformation and other activities & special events are from March 21st to March 26th.

Visit the website for all the information:

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

2021 Winners were:

Best of Breed - GCHS Rosmoor Afterglow
Best of Winners and Winners Bitch - Laureate Diamond Is Forever
Best of Opposite Sex - CGH Mystic Suntime Everclear
Select Dog - GCHS Solange Valedictorian
Select Bitch - GCHS Solange Viva La Vida
Winners Dog – Sandy Isle Californication

Futurity Winner – Laureate Simply Simon

Futurity Runner-Up – Laureate Moira Rose

Club member Lilian Y. F. (Fairbrook Shelties) is planning to show one puppy girl (co-bred & co-owned with Belmar Shelties) in Futurity and 9-12 month AOAC Class, one in 9-12m AOAC Dog, and one girl in 12-18m AOAC (co-owned with Dante Kennels).

BIRTHDAY BOY!



Prince, owned by Donna R., will celebrate his 6th birthday on March 24th!



Feb 2020

MARCH HIKE

will be at Snickers Gap - Appalachian Trailhead Bluemont, VA.
on March 20, 2022, at 11am

It's a 1.7-mile loop hike with a light elevation gain of 29ft up to a beautiful western view. We plan to meet at the Rt 7 parking lot (Snickers Gap Appalachian Trail Head at 11am. Then about 12pm after the hike we will travel 2 minutes down the road for lunch and drinks at Bear Chase Brewing - a dog - friendly brewery with a great view!

Helpful Links: Bears Den Overlook

Info: <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/virginia/bears-den-park-trail>

Bear Chase

Brewing: <https://bearchasebrew.com/>

As with all outdoor activities this is assuming good weather.

If the outdoor activities get canceled because of the weather, we will reschedule in the following months. If they are canceled, please check the PVSSC Facebook page or if you have given Nancy P. your phone and or e-mail, I will send the cancellation that way as well as posting on Facebook. We will also be with "The Sheltie Investigation Squad" who does these types of events every month, so more Shelties and owners get to meet.

PVSSC Specialty Show

It will be held in conjunction with Mattaponi Kennel Club at :

Meadow Event Park
13191 Dawn Blvd
Doswell, VA 23047

on June 30th or July 1st 2022. More information in the next newsletter or via e-mail.

PVSSC BREEDER REFERRAL



Looking for a Sheltie?

For information on obtaining a Sheltie, contact PVSSC members Jan Stanley or Doey Blount. They will work to find you the Sheltie that is right for you and your family!

Contact:

Jan Stanley: 703-281-2828

SheltiesReign@gmail.com

or

Doey Blount: 301-567-3933

jimjandoey@aol.com

THE SHELTYE SEANACHIE

The Sheltie Seanachie will be published quarterly starting in 2022. Email brags and other items for the newsletter to Lilian (Subject: For PVSSC Newsletter) at theleafstudio@gmail.com

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



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

Deepest Sympathy



Rosebud 9/26/2008 - 12/28/2021

Late last year, we said goodbye to our beloved sheltie Rosebud. She has had a number of health issues over the last year, but until the last couple weeks had a very good quality of life. We will miss her a lot and her unique personality.

We had her since birth along with her mother, Cinder, and brother, Littlebit, over 13 years ago. It was one of the best and happiest times to have had her in our lives. She was shy and reserved except when it came to her brother, Littlebit, her sibling rival. But she loved him despite his many transgressions.



As puppies they would love to play football with each other, chase after deer, and especially foxes. She loved to take hikes in the woods, and especially go to the "beach," wade in the stream, and nab treats as they floated by on the water. She kept us active and was a wonderful companion. Her last day she got to go down to the stream once more and truly relished every moment there. We will miss her very much.

THOSE SHELTYE EARS...

"We are reaching out to share our new puppy ear taping guide with your club. The article was originally printed in the April 2021 issue of *Collie Expression* magazine and appeared on Colliesonline.com. The updated online version has additional details and pictures, plus a how-to instructional video. While a Collie puppy was used for the video and photos, much of the content applies equally to Shelties.

Our goal was to create the easiest and most understandable guide online. Hopefully, this will serve as a valued resource for anyone wanting to learn how to tape puppy ears – whether new Sheltie fanciers or puppy buyers (...)"

Sincerely,
Matt & Anita Stelter

You can view the page here:

<https://www.wyndlaircollies.com/taping-collie-puppy-ears/>

DOGNAPPING Articles

Six Siberian Husky puppies stolen in Hampton, VA Pet Salon:

<https://www.wavy.com/news/local-news/hampton/six-husky-puppies-stolen-from-hampton-pet-salon-overnight/>

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/canine-corner/202201/is-dognapping-the-newest-wave-criminal-behavior>

(Unfortunately, the links don't seem to work if you click them from the Newsletter pdf, they either redirect you to another article or shows as Page Not Found...)

Reports suggest that there has been a large increase in the number of dognappings, where certain breeds of dogs are being stolen for resale or ransom, for instance French Bulldogs, since their price is higher than other breeds...

NEW KIDNEY & BLADDER CANCER STUDIES

Do you own a Shetland Sheepdog that has been diagnosed with kidney disease or is related to one with kidney disease? The American Shetland Sheepdog Association and its charitable Foundation are sponsoring a study, which might help determine if there is an inherited link to kidney disease in Shetland Sheepdogs.

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<https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-virtual-entry/>

The AKC Rally® Virtual Program has been made a permanent sport feature with AKC.

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The AKC Companion Events Department is excited to announce the AKC Rally Virtual Program has been approved as a permanent sport feature with AKC.

The Rally Novice, Rally Intermediate, Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent classes will be available to participate in virtually permanently. The competitor will set up a pre-designed AKC Rally course, video record the team's performance, and submit it to AKC. In turn, AKC will assign a pre-selected AKC Rally Judge to virtually review and score the team's Rally performance.

Courses and information are published on the menu on the Rally Virtual homepage.

The AKC Rally Virtual program is open to all dogs six months of age and older. Dogs entered in the Rally Advanced class must have earned the Rally Novice (RN) title and may have earned the Rally Intermediate (RI) title according to the owner's records. Qualifying in the Rally Advanced class three times will result in the dog earning the Rally Advanced (RA) title.

Dogs entered in the Rally Excellent class must have earned the Rally Advanced (RA) title according to the owner's records. Qualifying in the Rally Excellent class three times will result in the dog earning the Rally Excellent (RE) title. All qualifying scores will be recorded on the dog's AKC record and applied toward the three required for the Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent titles. The qualifying scores and titles earned virtually are the same as those earned at in-person events. You may earn a title by qualifying at either or both types of events. The RAE class is not offered in this virtual program and therefore, virtual classes cannot be used to earn the RAE title where double Qs at the same event are required. Rally Championship (RACH) points will be recorded for dogs after they have earned the Rally Excellent (RE) title, for scores of 91 or better in the Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent classes in the virtual program.

The scores earned virtually will not be eligible to use to qualify for entry into the AKC Rally National Championship events.

There are five pre-designed courses published on the AKC website for the exhibitor to choose from. The exhibitor will setup the course according to the Instructions provided in the **Virtual Rally Guidebook**. They will video the performance, upload the video to their personal YouTube account, set the required YouTube viewing options, and submit the video link with the online entry form and pay the fee electronically to AKC.

For more information go

to: <https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-virtual-entry/>

For Rally Virtual Guidebook go

to: <https://www.akc.org/pdf/Rally-Virtual-Guidebook/>

BRAGS!

Lilian Y. Forsyth (Fairbrook Shelties) welcomed new puppies recently!



Cancer is estimated to affect one out of every four dogs, regardless of breed, making it the most common cause of disease related death in the dog. Transitional cell carcinoma (TCC) of the bladder is the most common tumor of the urinary bladder affecting as many as (20,000 dogs each year. As with many diseases, some breeds are more susceptible to developing TCC than others. Scottish and West Highland White Terriers are the 2 most susceptible. Shetland Sheepdogs are the 3rd most likely breed as they are five times more likely to develop TCC than other dogs. This increase in risk suggests that there is an inherited component that predisposes some dogs to TCC.

There are 2 active studies in which Shetland Sheepdog owners can participate.

To see more information on both studies:

<https://www.americanshetlandsheepdogassociation.org/urinary-tract/#kidney>

See you next time!!!

This litter is sired by Shadow Hill South One More Night x Blue Heavens Heart's Desire (pointed).

And a co-bred & owned (with Belmar Shelties) "litter" resulted in a singleton..."mom" said "it's just one...but I made a pretty girl, Bi-Blue and 11.75 oz! You can't complain!

"Jubilee"
(pictured at 6 months)

