



The Sheltie Seanachie

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NEXT PVSSC MEETING

AUGUST 16 2021

ONLINE



**PVSSC will have
NO MEETING in
JULY!**

Join us online for our Zoom Meeting on Monday, August 16, at 7:30pm, when we will begin our business meeting, followed by Guest Speaker - a PVSSC club member, Nancy H. will discuss her experiences with the Scent work training she has been doing with her Sheltie Archer, including benefits and challenges.

Our September 20 program will feature a program on creating dog-safe/friendly yards by Fairfax Master Gardener Kathy Frame. For more information on the Fairfax Master Gardener program go to fairfaxgardening.org

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/83400395115?pwd=TIhMRUxFaHVwck0rcVRnOXNaWTZqZz09>

PVSSC EVENTS:

PVSSC Walks

Next group walk will follow "Dogs & Donuts" Sunday, August 1. Meet at 10 am on the shaded grassy area surrounded by parking lots for Lake Newport Tennis Courts and the Lake House:

11450 Baron Cameron Ave, Reston VA

Bring your own chair and beverages. Donuts will be provided. Following donuts take a 1 mile walk around Lake Newport or continue to socialize as you choose.

Hosted by Donna Richards.

Please send questions to:

PVSSC.Shelties@gmail.com

MEMBERS' PICNIC - COMING SOON!

A picnic is planned for MEMBERS ONLY for Sunday, September 26. Details will follow.

Herding Trials and Tests

PVSSC will be hosting 2 Herding Trials and Tests at: Keepstone Farm on Saturday, November 6

VIRGINIA SCOTTISH GAMES

PVSSC will be at the Virginia Scottish Games Saturday, September 4. Typically we hand out information, introduce our dogs to attendees, discuss Sheltie behavior and grooming and answer general dog ownership questions.

Arrive before 9 AM as a PVSSC volunteer to be admitted free (limited number for volunteer tickets). Otherwise general admission is \$20 per day or \$30 for both Saturday-Sunday. There will be food and merchandise vendors, athletic competitions as well as dance and music.

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

Photos below from previous years:



Dixie & new friends



Prince and a new friend



Waiting for the Parade to start...

PVSSC Specialty Show

On Friday July 2, the PVSSC Specialty show was held as part of the Mattaponi Ken Club All-Breed Show. The show was held at the Farm Bureau Center Arena in Doswell, VA. The PVSSC members attending the show were Donna Richards, Lilian Yeh and Jack Gurney.



getting ready for the show



Mrs. Carrie A. Chase judging



BOB (Best of Breed) Judging

PVSSC Specialty Show Results

BEST OF BREED/BEST OF WINNERS/WINNERS DOG
(5-point Major): Belmark Journey To The West

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX/WINNERS BITCH:
Somervan Belmark Mad Hattie

SELECT DOG: GCHG Jana Armitage Freelance AX
OAJ NF CGCA CGCU TKN

SELECT BITCH: CH Belmark Soiree

RESERVE WINNERS DOG: Caerleon Dundee Rewrite
The Stars

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH: Crinan I'm No Angel

OWNER-HANDLED BEST OF BREED: GCH Belmark
Mic Drop

Check out the results on InfoDog page:

<https://www.infodog.com/results/results.htm?evno=2021093402&bno=69200&sdt=06/15/21&edt=07/15/21>

Club Member Pat Keough's daughter Megan graduated from St. Paul VI Catholic High School (PVI) on June 6th 2021 with High Honors! She'll be attending George Mason University (GMU) in the fall!



Meghan and proud dad Pat

BRAGS!



Richard Gurney and Marilyn Manser's Sheltie Callum (Canidae's Bold Lair CGC) did two qualifying FastCAT runs at an event hosted by the St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association in Tampa on June 18-19. His speeds were middle-range for a Sheltie, but not quite as fast as his first-ever run in March, perhaps because of the heat.

Also, he completed two courses in Rally Novice, conducted by the Dog Obedience Club of Lee County, and Marilyn entered him in a Rally run-thru at the Sarasota Obedience Training Club earlier in June.



Congrats, Meghan!

Kennel Cough

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 bimonthly. Email brags and other items for the newsletter to Lilian 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

Background: **Bordetella** bronchiseptica and **canine** influenza virus (CIV) are common causes of infectious **tracheobronchitis** and, occasionally, pneumonia. Combined, these and other pathogens cause the **canine** infectious respiratory disease complex (CIRDC), often referred to as **kennel cough** or infectious **tracheobronchitis**.

There is an outbreak of Tracheal Bronchitis in the Northern Virginia area including Fauquier County (From Liberty Hill Pet Resort, Bealeton, VA)

We need to let everyone know that there is an airborne virus(s) going around the area of Fauquier County, Prince William County, and the Northern Virginia which is causing a form of Tracheal Bronchitis. We know of no cases linked to Liberty Hill but this is a very contagious disease.

Vaccines help boost the immune system and hopefully lessen the severity, which is why we require vaccination. There are many strains of the Bordetella virus some of which may not be covered by the vaccine and there are other diseases which can also cause a Tracheal Bronchitis. Although usually associated with close contact, there are cases in dogs that have not been boarded, groomed, gone to daycare or dog parks.

Unfortunately, a dog could be a carrier and unknowingly spread the virus to other dogs. Sadly, things like this are more prevalent in groups of dogs. Veterinarians usually equate this to the common cold or children going to daycare.

Since it is in the area and a lot of dogs are boarding, there is a good chance that a dog may bring it to us. If your dog is acting sick or coughing, please take them to the vet and do not bring them to us. We will not charge you for cancelling. It is very contagious and spreads quickly. If possible, please avoid the dog park or other facilities a week before coming to see us.

The good news about Bordetella is that the dogs sound horrible as they are coughing but it is rarely fatal. The vets are putting the dogs on an antibiotic to prevent it from turning into something more serious. We sanitize as much as possible but as it is an airborne disease, they usually get it from coming into contact with an infected dog.

Seeking Shetland Sheepdogs

to participate in a study

TIPS for Collecting Urine

(by Donna Richards)

Here are some helpful tips for collecting “free catch” urine samples from your dog when indicated:

1. Assemble your supplies. Some videos suggest using a soup ladle. My vet tech provided me with a flat shallow metal tray. I like this because the large surface area provides more chance of success. I had previously tried something similar to a soup ladle but it was hit-or-miss. This sampling method isn't going to be sterile but everything should be clean to start with.
2. First get your dog used to the process. So practice when it's not urgent, and then practice occasionally. Your dog may not like being suddenly approached mid-pee. But I found if I approached too soon the dog might even change his/her mind about peeing. Praise afterwards.
3. Try to get 1-2 Tablespoons of urine. A Tablespoon is approximately 15 ml.
4. Vets can provide a specimen container so you may want to ask for one ahead of time to keep handy at home. My vet tech brought out a plastic syringe. She was able to easily draw urine from the metal tray up into the syringe.

More discussion here:

<http://www.vetstreet.com/our-pet-experts/how-to-collect-a-urine-sample-from-your-pet>

6 Tips to Help Keep Dogs Cool in Summer:

1. Have Plenty of Fresh, Cold Water Available
2. Play in the Water
3. Avoid the Midday Heat
4. Never Sit in a Parked Car
5. Stay Out of the Dog House
6. Know the Signs of Heatstroke in Dogs

Heatstroke is a serious risk for dogs on hot days. Puppies, senior dogs and those in poor health are at a higher risk. Following the above tips can help prevent overheating and heat stroke in dogs, but knowing what to look for is also critical.

Symptoms of heatstroke include:

- Excessive panting and/or salivating
- Obvious discomfort
- Vomiting and diarrhea
- Disorientation
- Seizures

If you notice any of those symptoms, get your dog into a

Dr. Shelly Vaden, Dr. Claire Wiley, and Dr. Matthew Breen of North Carolina State College of Veterinary Medicine, with the help of Dr. Jessica Pritchard and Dr. Michael Wood at University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine, are conducting a study of a canine bladder cancer called urothelial carcinoma or transitional cell carcinoma (UC/TCC).

The research team is tackling UC/TCC by attempting to diagnose it much earlier, before clinical signs of cancer develop. Early diagnosis likely translates to both improved quality of life and survival.

If you are interested in learning more, please [read this information](#) and see if your dog qualifies.

You can also complete a [study questionnaire](#).

More information is also available at [this website](#).

cooler environment as soon as possible and call your veterinarian for further instructions.

A dog who is handling the heat well may have a temperature of 109 degrees and within a minute it will drop to 104 and down to 102 in another minute. When your dog's temperature stays elevated, even after stopping activity and getting out of the heat, that's a sign you need to intervene. Squirt your dog's chest and armpits with cool water and rubbing it in might help. You can also rinse his mouth with water, which helps his internal cooling system work more efficiently. Many signs of heat stroke may not appear for several days, so be on the lookout beyond your outdoor activities. Prompt veterinary care can prevent or treat some of these complications. The above tips can ensure a fun and safe summer for your dog.

Read the complete article here:

<https://www.purina.com/articles/dog/care/6-tips-how-to-keep-dogs-cool>

More BRAGS!

SKOOG DOGS: CONFORMATION

Over Memorial Weekend, Savannah and Annie Skoog competed in their first conformation shows at Bratty Paws Training Center in Punta Gorda. The North American Briard Club hosted the United Kennel Club (UKC) shows. The UKC has conformation for "intact" dogs and "altered" dogs. Savannah and Annie were entered as Altered Dogs.

Savannah placed FIRST in two different shows the Sheltie Class and placed SECOND three times.

When she placed first she then competed in the Herding Breed Class, where she placed SECOND twice.

Savannah is owned by Mike & Cathie Skoog. She was bred by PVSSC members Linda McClure and Carol Howell.

Savannah celebrated her 11th birthday on May 18.



VTCH UACH ARCH TALIESIN MIDNIGHT TRAIN TO GEORGIA
"Savannah" CD BN RE HIAd HSAdM NA NAJ NJP CAA CA FCAT
RATO CGC TT URO-1 UAG-2 RL3X

Annie was entered in six UKC conformation shows.

Annie placed FIRST four times in the Sheltie Class and went to compete in the in the Herding Breed Class, where she placed SECOND each time.

Annie was bred by Deborah Hull and Marilyn "Rusty" Cromer of Pittsburgh.

Annie is owned by Mike & Cathie Skoog. She was bred by PVSSC members Linda McClure and Carol Howell.

Annie celebrated her 5th birthday on June 23.



VTCH MERLYN HULLSTON THE STRATOVARIUS BLACK
DIAMOND "Annie" BN RI RN PT AXP AJP OAP OAJ NF FDC CAA
CA CGC RATN AG-1 RL-1

AKC Sunshine State Cluster, Tampa Florida June 16 – 20, 2021

The newest Skoog Sheltie, Ashley, turned 6 months old on June 15.

On Thursday, June 17 she was entered her first AKC conformation show in the 6 – 9 month class in the Greater Venice Florida Dog Club Show, where she placed SECOND. The following day, she placed THIRD. On Saturday she was entered in the Sunshine State Herding Group Association Show and placed SECOND.

Her breeder is Debbi Kaplan of South Carolina.



SHADOW HILL SOUTH ASHLEY,
OUR FANTASY GIRL "Ashley"

AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy



On Monday afternoon, June 28, 2021, at the Bratty Paws Dog Plex, Ashley passed her AKC S.T.A.R. Test. The classes were conducted by trainer Bess Walmsley, who also administered the test. Ashley is owned by Mike and Cathie Skoog.



AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy is program designed to get dog owners and their puppies *off to a good start*. A key component of the program is responsible ownership, along with puppy behaviors, and pre-canine good citizen test behaviors.

Socialization
Training
Activity
Responsibility

Owners and puppies attend in-person training classes. Classes provide a forum to:

- Learn basic skills, such as walking on leash,
- Commands, such as “sit and down.”
- With other puppies and people in class, the dog is introduced to socialization skills and a variety of ways to interact within with others in a different environment.
- Address issues such as chewing, training, eating and other questions puppy owners may have.

AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy provides a good lead-in to earning the Canine Good Citizen title.

If you have any questions, go to the AKC website or contact S.T.A.R. Puppy Class Trainer, Cathie Skoog.

NEW LITTER & more...

Lilian Yeh Forsyth (Fairbrook Shelties) has a new litter of 4 puppies – 2 Boys and 2 Girls!

They are Futurity Nominated for the ASSA National Show in 2022...fingers crossed they keep their early promise until then!

Pictured below at 6 weeks and 1 day old:



Obi (Blue Heavens The Force Is With Blu), shown by handler Zana Friend, was RWD (Reserve Winners Dog) at Huntington Kennel Club shows in West Virginia (July 10 and 11).



Thanks to Cathie Skoog for the Kennel Cough article (page 4) and to all contributors!