

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 April 18.**

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.

Meet MacKenzie

Submitted by Karen Schwartz

We picked MacKenzie up at the breeders on Saturday, March 12, 2016. She was initially being kept by her breeder for the Show ring. Tina Bjork who is Heartlake SHELTYES decided that MacKenzie was not going to grow to be the size she needs for the Show ring, so we have her. Heartlake is located right on Heart Lake is Scott's Township near Scranton, Pennsylvania. Tina lives in a 100 year old, beautiful two-story White House. The house is divided into two halves. Tina and her husband live on one side and she has a kennel/grooming area for her SHELTYES on the other side.

MacKenzie is a little fire cracker. It amazes me still how intelligent 9 week old SHELTYES are! She tells us when she needs to go out by barking or sitting by the back door which has a doggie door. Her little 4-pound self has been studying the doggie door as she watches Katie and Sheamus use it. She will figure it out, I hope not too soon.



Canine IQ Tests and Human Dementia

An article in Science News Daily describes the use of working border collies at Kinloch Sheepdogs to study general intelligence, cognitive ability and longevity. There is a general tendency for people with high IQ to be healthier and live longer. Studying canines who don't drink, smoke, or indulge in other bad habits helps us understand the link between intelligence and health. The test is being conducted by the London School of Economics and Political Science and the University of Edinburgh.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/02/160207203445.htm>

Lyme Disease Awareness

This article from 2015 discusses statistics showing increasing cases of Lyme disease in Northern Virginia. The study concerns people but we can probably draw parallels to the canine population.

http://www.roanoke.com/news/virginia/university-of-richmond-biologist-mapping-lyme-disease-expansion/article_e2140c49-7045-55ba-b0b9-1d9eef1207d3.html

There was a human vaccine against Lyme disease licensed in 1998 by SmithKlineBeecham, and was rated about 78% effective. However the vaccine was withdrawn in 2002 following lawsuits for adverse effects.

<http://www.historyofvaccines.org/content/articles/history-lyme-disease-vaccine>

Craving Greens?

This is an interesting article on the benefits of green leafy vegetables in the diets of dogs and cats. Dogs have digestive systems adapted to processing the nutrients in plants as well as meat. Greens are also relatively easy to grow at home and seeds are available in stores right now. Spinach and parsley chopped and added to meals can be a good place to start.

<http://animalwellnessmagazine.com/leafy-green-vegetables-for-healthy-pets/>

AKC "Fast CAT"

The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce the launch of a new event called Fast CATSM.

The Fast CAT test is a timed 100-yard-dash where a dog chases a lure. Dogs are run one at a time. It is a fun and healthy activity for dogs and their owners that answers the intriguing question – how fast can my dog run? The event is open to all dogs that are at least twelve months of age and are individually registered or listed with the AKC (registered purebred, FSS, PAL or AKC Canine Partner).

"The popularity of the coursing ability test demonstrates the enthusiasm of a dog when their inner instinct is awakened," says Doug Ljungren, Vice President for Sports & Events. "Now that same enthusiasm can be timed to determine how fast your dog can run. Who knows, you may have a national caliber track star sitting next to you. The national rankings by breed will show how your dog compares."

All AKC clubs currently licensed to hold lure coursing trials or coursing ability tests are automatically licensed to hold Fast CAT and can begin to hold events immediately. All other AKC member or licensed clubs may apply to the Performance Events Department (PerformanceEvents@akc.org) to become licensed to hold Fast CAT, provided they have the experience, equipment and location to hold a safe event. Another option is for clubs that have a suitable location but may not have the knowledge or manpower to hold Fast CAT to consider partnering with an existing AKC lure coursing club to hold Fast CAT in conjunction with their event. Fast CAT may be held as either a stand-alone event or in conjunction with other AKC events. In all cases the Fast CAT test must be applied for as a separate event with its own event number.

Additional information is posted on the AKC's [Fast CAT webpage](#).

Paws in the Park

Thanks to Ken Stanley for bringing this to everyone's attention. The National Park Service hosts various dog-related events and Prince William Forest Park has one on Saturday, May 7, 10am-2pm. \$7 entry fee per car.

<https://www.nps.gov/prwi/planyourvisit/event-details.htm?eventID=5011180-307230>

For fun, you can also meet the Denali Park sled dogs and watch 6 episodes of "The Puppy Paws" on the NPS web site.

<https://www.nps.gov/dena/planyourvisit/puppy-paws.htm>

PVSSC Specialty 2016

Submitted by Debbie Lauritzen

We had 4-point majors for all four shows, and they were almost as well attended as last year's just before the Fredericksburg National. Friday a.m. BOB was Julie Iverson's beautiful blue bitch Vera, GCH Homespun Unveiled PT., and Friday pm BOB tri-bitch Ch Rossmoor Maleficent, shown by her co-owner-breeder Jennie Hynes.



Patty Page judges Linda Nicholas' Solange Body Double at the Friday Sweeps. He was Winners Dog at the Friday a.m. Specialty

See more info and pictures at Sheltiesonline.com <http://www.sheltiesonline.com/march2016/results-potomac-feret.php>

Marked catalogs are available at <http://www.clantyre.net/secserv/Specialty/SSCGB-2016.html>

PVSSC Obedience Rally Trials

Submitted by Cathie Skoog

On February 6 and 7, 2016 PVSSC held its 48th / 49th Annual Obedience Trials and 17th/18th Annual Rally Trials at the Catoctin Kennel Club Training Facility in Point of Rocks, MD. Our Specialty and All-Breed trials were open to All-American dogs in the AKC Canine Partners Program.

The obedience judge was Donald Levinson of Alexandria, VA and the rally judge was Laurie Williams, owner of Pup 'N Iron Training Center in Fredericksburg, VA.

There were 56 obedience runs on Saturday and Sunday; rally runs totaled 79 on Saturday and 76 on Sunday.

Obedience High In Trial (All-Breed)

Saturday



Score: Open B w/ 199
Judge Donald Levinson with Kim Kaufman and Golden Retriever Golly G's Check Me Out UDX OM4 VER RA

Sunday



Score: Open B w/198.5
Judge Levinson with Jeanine Goldberg and Labrador Retriever Silver Is as Good as Gold UD OM1 RE AX AXJ CGC FMX

Obedience High Combined (All-Breed)

Saturday



Combined Score: 396
Judge Levinson with Gayle Echevarria and Border Collie OTCH HC Darkside's Broadway Play Bill UDX3 OM5 HXAS RN TD.

Sunday



Combined Score: 391.5
Judge Levinson with Pamela Blackstone and her Belgian Tervuren GCH Chantryle Gossip Girl UDX OM2 RAE

High Scoring Rally Dogs

Sunday
High Scoring Rally Dog



Judge Laurie Williams with Nancy Walkins and Border Collie CH ABFAB's Blaze of Light OA OAJ CGC

Sunday
High Combined (RAE)



Judge Laurie Williams with Richard Street and Retriever CH Flatterhaft Empires Never Last CDX BN PCD GN PCDX RE JH CGC

Specialty High Scoring Dogs



High Scoring Sheltie on Sunday and RAE on Saturday & Sunday
Dayna Dreger with Romeo, Canyonview Forecer Romantic CD RE CGC THD



High Scoring Sheltie on Sunday Cathie Skoog with Mollie, Taliesin Good Golly Miss Mollie CGC BN RE HSAdM NAJ NJP NAP NA OJP OAP

25 New Titles Awarded

Between obedience and rally, 25 new titles were earned by exhibitors. Two members earned titles in Rally Advanced:



Nancy D'Souza with Penny Surprise CGC BN RA



Dayna Dreger with Miss Bennett, Canyonview the Lady is a Tramp RA PT HSAdS CGC

PVSSC Obedience – Rally Trials: VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the judges: Donald Levinson and Laurie Williams. AWESOME judging, and taking the time to talk with exhibitors.

Thank you to all volunteers, giving up their time to work at the trials by serving in a variety of capacities, such as ring stewards, gate stewards, timers, cleanup crew, hospitality and doing what needed to be done.

A BIG SHOUT OUT to Ken Schwartz with a **Great Big Thank You** for all that he did! Kenny put up with a lot of harassing, yet never lost his smile nor his good sense of humor. Additionally, Ken saw something that needed to be done, which was quite disgusting, and he simply handled the situation and didn't say a word. **THANK YOU, Ken** – you are amazing!

A BIG SHOUT OUT also goes to Dayna Dreger who was a Rally Ring Steward, but functioned in multiple roles: leash runner, course builder, ribbon preparation and distribution and other roles.



Ken Schwartz, Dayna Dreger, Nancy D'Souza and sitting at the table Fran Beecham



Karen Schwartz, Cynthia Reddersen and Gate Steward Mike O'Shea (background)

Warm thanks and appreciation to the Obedience Stewards. Table Steward Karen Schwartz worked non-stop and kept things moving without incident. She was assisted by Mike O'Shea as Gate Steward who handled multiple roles including setting up jumps and handling articles. Judge Sandi Atkinson, Maribeth Keitz, Cynthia and Robert Reddersen split the weekend working as Ring Stewards.

Rally Table Steward Fran Beacham worked non-stop and kept things "calm" and did an amazing job. She was assisted by Gate Steward Ken Schwartz and Ring Steward Dayna Dreger

Nancy D'Souza must have cloned herself because she was everywhere! She helped in obedience, timing rally runs and pitching "in" when something needed to be done.

Ginny O'Shea was the "go to person" who also pitched "in" when assistance was needed in either of the rings, serving as "back up" so folks could take breaks and trial.

The Boy Scouts helped with set up, parking, loading and unloading vehicles; walking dogs; ring work; timers for rally; prepared and served breakfast, lunch and snacks; and helped with clean-up. We appreciate all of their efforts.

Trial Secretary Jack Gurney, as always, did a remarkable job in pre-trial work and during the trial. Jack and his assistant Mike Skoog were able to enter scores "into the system" generating and post reports quickly.

Mike was a valuable asset in helping in ALL areas, including heavy lifting before, during and after the trials.

The EXHIBITORS were awesome, despite the horrible weather and parking situation, they were in good spirits.



Scout helping with clean-up after the trials and Scout Master, Tom



Dayna with Ms Bennett



Mike



Fran, Jack & Ken



Nancy & Judge Laurie Williams

PVSSC Obedience – Rally Trials: PHOTOGRAPHER

Thank you, Carl Gernazio

Carl Gernazio, the trial photographer captured ring candids and took posed photos. Trial photographs can be viewed and purchased as prints, downloads and merchandise by going to: www.cgernazio.smugmug.com



Mark your calendars! Save the dates!

2016 Spring Herding Trials Keepstone Farm, Berryville, VA June 4 & 5

PVSSC and the Greater Washington Bouvier des Flandres Club (GWBdFC) will host a weekend of four trials and tests

Judges

Barbara Lockard and Sherry Lee, D.V.M.

Premiums will be posted mid-March

PVSSC 2016 Fall Herding Trials November 5, 2016

2017 Obedience Rally Trials February 4 & 5, 2017

2017 PVSSC & SSCGB Specialties March 16, 17 & 18, 2017

FUN FACTS ABOUT AKC AGILITY

2002 – there were 1,140 licensed AKC agility trials with 106,661 entries recorded.

2014 – 20th anniversary of AKC agility – 3,533 licensed trials with 1,235,953 entries records and 51,043 new agility titles.

Each year the AKC honors the Top Dogs of each breed at a banquet held at the AKC Agility Invitational (AGI), with a Special Award of Merit based on the end-of-year ranking. These dogs may, or may not be the dogs invited to compete at the AGI because dogs invited to the AGI are ranked with statistics from mid-year to mid-year.

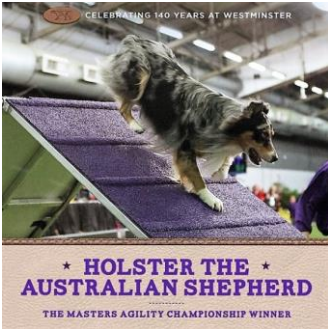
If you are interested in learning more about agility contact Mike O'Shea or Karen Schwartz.

2016: THE 140th WESTMINSTER DOG SHOW

Submitted by Cathie Skoog

Masters Agility Championship

The **herding breeds** dominated the winners' circle at the 3rd Annual Westminster Masters Agility Championship held on Saturday night, February 13. Entered were 330 agility teams, represented by 76 breeds and 26 mixed-breeds competed at the Masters Agility level. The top ten scoring dogs competed for the Master Agility Championship.



WINNER

6-year old Australian Shepherd, Holster, won the Championship by running in the 20-inch division with a time to beat of 42.45 in 35.10 seconds.

Other height division winners:

8-inch division winner was Papillon, Wren. Running course time was 33.37 seconds.

12-inch division winner was Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Keebler with a time of 34.37 seconds.

Shetland Sheepdog, Cruzler won the 16-inch division with a time of 36.26 seconds; Shetland Sheepdog Bolt placed 2nd in the class with a time of 42.00 seconds.

The 24-inch division was won by Smartie, a Belgian Tervuren, a time of 35.24.



The 1st Westminster Masters Agility Championship Trials were held in 2014. 7-year old Border Collie Kelso won the title.

The 2nd Westminster Masters Agility Championship was won By Border Collie, Tex.

The trial this year had nearly twice as many agility teams competing as in the 2015 Masters Agility Championship trials.

As in previous years, the trials were open to purebred dogs and mixed breeds registered in the AKC's Canine Partners program. In addition to the Champion purebred winner, there is a mixed-breed winner.

Entry to compete in the Westminster Agility Championship Trials is limited to dogs that have attained Masters titles (MX and MXJ or MXP and MJP) at the time of entry.

The number of entries was limited to 330 entries, or 660 runs. The entry fee for the competition was \$80 per dog.

The period to enter opened on December 2, 2015 and closed on January 6, 2016. The trials were held at Pier 94 at 711 12 Avenue, New York, NY.

Each dog entered competes in two qualifying rounds: Standard Agility (STD) and Jumpers with Weaves (JWW) courses. Scoring for eligibility to the Championship round combines the running time of both courses, plus any faults. The top ten dogs from each of the jump heights (8", 12", 16", 20" and 24") moves to the finals to compete for the Masters Agility Championship.

The course for the championship is a modified Time to Beat style course, where the first dog sets the baseline time for the competitors at that jump height. The scoring also utilized modified course rules:

- No Refusals or Runouts called
- Each Wrong Course was assessed a 5 point fault
- Each Failure to Perform (F) was assessed a 10 point fault
- Course Time Faults were 3 points for every full second over Standard Course Time (SCT).
- There was NOT a 26" class in the championship round.

Each dog's Championship Round Score was calculated using the dog's running time plus any course or time faults. Winning scores were determined by the Round Score and Course Yardage for the best time per yard.

Masters Obedience Championship

The 140th Westminster dog show hosted its first Obedience Championship trial. The top 150 obedience dogs in the country, determined by an AKC ranking of dogs at obedience trials from Jan. 1 2015 to Oct. 31 2015, were invited to compete. The final ten exhibitors competed for the championship status on Monday, February 15.

The finals were "streamed" via the Internet. It was the first obedience event of any kind at the dog show since a noncompetitive demonstration in 1956.

Labrador Retriever OTCH Rhumblin's Once In A Blue Moon UDX OM2 BN GN RE ("Heart") and her owner/handler, Linda Brennan, of Columbia, N.J. were awarded the Championship following a run-off.

Competing in the trial and one of the top ten finalists was Kim Kaufman and Golden Retriever Golly G's Check Me Out UDX OM4 VER RA who received the PVSSC Obedience HIT on Saturday.

Also competing was Pamela Blackstone and her Belgian Tervuren GCH Chantryle Gossip Girl UDX OM2 RAE who earned the PVSSC Obedience High Combined on Sunday.

Happy Tax Season

Form

W-K9

Department of the Treasury Chest—Irritating Revenue Service

Individual Pet Tax Return 2010

IRS Use Only—Do not write grocery lists or doodle emotions in this space.

Label

Use this form if there are any pets in your household.

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Your first name and initial

Last name

Pet's first name and initial

Pet's pet name

Home address

City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code

Pet Election Campaign ▶ Check here if you want \$1 to go to a fund to elect a dog or cat president. ▶ ☐

Income

Your Pet's Contribution to Your Household

- 1 How cute is your pet, on a scale of 1 to 10? ▶ ☐ Multiply by 100 and enter here
- 2 Number of times a day you pet, play with, or talk to your pet
- 3 Number of times a child has claimed your pet ate his/her homework
- 4 Number of times your pet has protected you or your home (from a real or imagined threat)
- 5 Number of times your pet has eaten food someone didn't want
- 6 Snookums Tax: Total number of nicknames for your pet
- 7 Add up the numbers in lines 1–6 and multiply by \$10,000. **This is your total Pet Tax** ▶

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Adjustments

Expenses You Can Deduct

- 8 Food: Estimated yearly cost of meals, snacks, and scraps eaten by your pet
- 9 Grooming: Number of hours you spend grooming or thinking about grooming your pet, or cleaning its cage or tank. Multiply by \$10
- 10 Number of squeaky toys, scratching posts, and hamster wheels in your home. Multiply by \$5.
- 11 Hours a week spent exercising the animal. Multiply by \$10 (or \$20 for walks when the temperature is 32°F or below)
- 12 Total amount spent on obedience training, veterinarians, therapists, and gifts for angry neighbors
- 13 Add up the numbers in lines 8–12. **These are your total Pet Expenses** ▶

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Damages Incurred by Pet

- 14 How many times did your pet throw up or have an "accident" in your house?
- 15 How many pieces of furniture or clothing has your pet destroyed?
- 16 Piranha Credit: Number of other household pets destroyed by this pet
- 17 Add up the numbers in lines 14–16 and multiply by \$100. **This is your total Damages Credit** ▶

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Calculate Your Pet Tax

- 18 Add up the numbers in lines 13 and 17
- 19 If line 18 is more than line 7, subtract line 7 from line 18. **This is the amount of your refund** ▶
- Choose form of payment: ☐ cash ☐ equivalent in pet food ☐ a new pet
- 20 If line 18 is less than line 7, subtract line 18 from line 7. **This is the amount you owe** ▶

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Sign Here

For details on how to pay, see publication K9-433228873VZ9998TP.

Your signature

Date

Your pet's signature (or paw print, nose print, or piece of dander, feather, or scale)

Date

WARNING: The penalty for falsifying information is cleaning up poop at the local pound for 300 hours a week.

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.



April Events

- Lyme disease prevention month
- Heartworm awareness month
- National Pet Day April 11
- PVSSC Meeting April 18

Meeting Refreshments

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

2016

April meeting – the Greens
May meeting – Cathie Skoog
June meeting – Debbie Lauritzen
August meeting – the Reddersens
September meeting – Marilyn Manser
October meeting – the O'Sheas
November meeting – Donna Richards

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



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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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