



The Sheltie Seanachie

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The Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inc.
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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 **June (when we will 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.

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PVSSC WEBSITE

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

NEXT MEETING

January 20, 2020

Changes to the **THE SHELTYE SEANACHIE**

Beginning with this issue, *The Sheltie Seanachie* will be published bimonthly. The newsletter will continue to provide a forum for sharing information, discussing issues concerning the breed, AKC information and club activities.

Email brags and other items for the newsletter to Cathie at 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:

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2020 DUES

Reminder! If you haven't paid your 2020 dues, it is time. The dues are \$25 for an individual or family. If you joined the club after September 1, 2019 or are an honorary member, you do not owe anything for next year.

Please make your dues payable to PVSSC and send it to the PVSSC Treasurer, Jack Gurney at 245 Springvale Rd., Great Falls, VA 22066 or give it to him at the January meeting.

TO EMAIL ANY PVSSC OFFICER OR BOARD MEMBER

Send email to PVSSC.Shelties@gmail.com

OBEDIENCE AND RALLY TRIALS

PVSSC will hold its annual Obedience and Rally Trials, at the Catoctin Kennel Club in Point of Rocks, MD on Saturday, February 1 & Sunday, February 2, 2020.

If you can volunteer to assist, please contact trial chair Mike O'Shea.



REFRESHMENTS For Monthly Meetings

Below is the list of members who have volunteered to bring refreshments to the meetings. If you can fill-in the months that have no one listed, contact Fran Beacham, Refreshment Chair.

January - Fran	July - No Meeting
February - Nancy	Aug. -
March - Jeff	Sep - Rich
April - Ella	Oct - Mike O'Shea
May - Donna	Nov - Melinda
June -	Dec - Holiday Party

DOG CENTRIC DISNEY MOVIE

Disney released a new movie, "Togo" on December 20th starring William Dafoe.

The story takes place in the early 1900's and is based on the true story, known as the Great Race of Mercy, when a dog sled team has to travel over 700 miles to get a vaccine for diphtheria to save the town of Nome, Alaska. The trailers depict action and evoke emotions and suspense.



Follow this link for an article from the *Calgary Herald* about the filming of Togo.

<https://calgaryherald.com/entertainment/local-arts/mush-alberta-crew-battled-snow-and-lack-of-snow-to-shoot-true-life-1925-alaska-dog-sled-adventure-togo>

PROTECT YOUR DOG'S PAWS From Snow, Ice and Salt

By Dr. Jerry Klein, CVO

During the wintertime, your dog's paws can take a beating with all the snow, ice, salt on the sidewalk, and overall cold weather. It's important to protect their paw pads as they don't have protection like we do when we wear shoes. Fortunately, there are several ways to protect your dog's paws this winter. Make sure to prepare for the cold weather with the following options:

BOOTIES: Love them or hate them, booties are a good way to keep your pup's paws covered during the winter months. Not every breed is intended to withstand cold weather, therefore booties are an effective way to protect your canine's paws because they offer warmth, full coverage, and are durable. To find your dog's right size measure from the heel to the tip of the toenail. If you're uncertain on which styles to buy, try some of our favorite picks.



PAW BALM: Before walking on the snow or ice, rub some paw balm on your dog's palms. This will minimize the dry skin and damage salt can cause. Make sure to reapply the balm after returning from walks. Having paw balm on hand is a good way to keep their paws soft and supple during the cold months. You can find it at the pet store or you can make your own paw balm following our DIY recipe.



NOTE: I use Paw Shield on my dogs' paws. In addition to protecting against snow, ice and salt, this product is good to use if they walk in the summer on hot pavement.

KEEP A TOWEL ON HAND: When taking your dog out for a walk, make sure to wipe down their paws afterwards. This will minimize any damage salt, ice, or other residue he may have stepped on during his stroll. If you have concerns with salt, consider dipping each paw in a bucket of lukewarm water and then towel drying.

KEEP WALKS SHORT: During the extreme cold, it's best to keep walks short for your canine. Being out in the cold too long is dangerous and can lead to frostbite. Keep in mind, if it's too cold for you, chances are it's too cold for your dog too. If you do take your dog for a walk, you may want to consider putting them in a coat or jacket.

PVSSC HOLIDAY PARTY

Thank you to Marilyn Manser and Rich Gurney for hosting the PVSSC Holiday Party at your lovely home. Thirteen members attended the party on Sunday, December 14.



GALL BLADDER RESEARCH

Virginia Tech Veterinary School is conducting a research project about Shelties and Gall Bladder disease. If you would like to enroll your Sheltie in this study, you will get free blood work and an ultrasound report of before and after feeding.

There is no cost to participate and this is an opportunity to get this free testing and contribute to knowledge of this prevalent disease in Shelties.

The link which provides information and details is: <https://www.vetmed.vt.edu/clinical-trials/current-studies/gall-bladder.asp>

MOLLIE 12th BIRTHDAY

On December 22, Mollie celebrated her 12th birthday.

Mollie was bred by Linda McClure. Mollie continues to stay active through training and competing. Her favorite activity is agility.

Recently she has started training to ensure she does not lose muscle as she ages.



BRAGS

Congratulations Lilian Forsyth on such magnificent puppies/dogs.

Lilian's 8 month-old puppies from GCH Blue Heavens Dom Perignon x Blue Heavens I've Got Joy In My Heart (pointed) debuted in the show ring in October and November, owner-handled:

October 30: Fairbrook Don Bruno Paillard "Brody" got a Major Reserve Winners Dog on his third show (Middleburg KC) under judge Mr. David J. Kirkland.



Brody at 9 weeks old

November 16: Fairbrook Joyful Bliss "Blissey" got a 3rd place in 6-9 month Puppy (class of 8) at Triangle SSC on her first day out (2nd show). Judge Jennie Hynes.

November 22: "Blissey" got Reserve Winners Bitch on her third show (Catoclin KC) under Ms. Elizabeth Muthard.



Blissey at 7 months old

November 23: Dam "Joy" Blue Heavens I've Got Joy In My Heart was Winners Bitch/Best of Winners/Best of Opposite Sex for her first point (Catoclin KC) under Mr. Charles L. Olvis). Shown by Zana Friend and Lilian.



Joy at 16 1/2 months

New Puppy and 2020 Hopefuls

Lilian Forsyth's "Stella" delivered a singleton on November 27 – a Tri Female puppy by CH Blue Heavens Blackhawk x Blue Heavens Constellation (pointed). Stella and puppy, are co-owned with Linda Griffith (Belmar Shelties) and Pat Reed (Laurelwood Shelties) and Lilian Forsyth.



Unica means "one" in Portuguese, Lilian's mother language

Debuting in January is Desi, who poses like a German Shepherd Dog!

Blue Heavens Heart's Desire "Desi" (CH Blue Heavens Black Ops x CH Blue Heavens Heart of Dixie) is a tough cookie. Bred by Lisa and Lloyd Graser - Blue Heaven Sheltie.



Desi at 5 months old

CH Blue Heavens Daydreamer x Blue Heavens Call Me Maybe. She can't stop bouncing on leash and will jump into your arms!



Cora at 5 months old

M.J. is the daughter of Lilian's Kell Right Now "Jordan" x Foxbrook's Joy To The World. M.J. is as silly as her sire!



M.J. (short for Mini Jordan) at 3 months old

PVSSC BREED 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.



Jan Stanley: 703-281-2828
SheltiesReign@gmail.com

Doey Blount: 301-567-3933
jimjandoey@aol.com

MEET UP

See PVSSC events and join other Sheltie enthusiasts by logging on to our MeetUp page at

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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