



The Sheltie Seanachie

January - February 2021

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The Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inc.
Serving the Greater Washington Metropolitan Region (DC-MD-VA) since 1972

PVSSC 2021 OFFICERS

Cathie Skoog - President
Jack Gurney - Vice President
Fran Beacham - Recording Secretary
Nancy Penn - Corresponding Secretary
Donna Richards - Treasurer

Members of the Board
Patrick Keough Sandra Green

(An election was held for the 2021 Officers and Board slate on November 16, 2020 and the members voted unanimously to approve the slate.)

NEXT MEETING
January 18, 2021 – ONLINE



PVSSC Going Virtual for Meetings and Socials

2021: The January (18th) and February (15th) meetings will be conducted via Zoom.

To connect: Several days prior to each meeting members and guests will be sent an email with the log-on link and passcode. If you need assistance accessing Zoom from your computer, please contact Jack Gurney PRIOR to the meeting.

PVSSC Events

Due to Covid, there are no events scheduled.

Happy 2021!!!



(above – Lilian's first Sable x Sable litter at 3 weeks – after drinking milk and getting their faces all wet!)

Please, feel free to send items of interest, brags and photos to Lilian at: theleafstudio@gmail.com

2021 ASSA National Specialty Show

The 2020 American Shetland Sheepdog Association annual Specialty show was cancelled last year, due to Covid. For the 2021 event, the venue was moved to Georgia.

April 30th - May 8th
Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter
Perry, Georgia

Judges:

Patricia Skinner - Best of Breed
Jo Ann Pavey - Dogs
Susan Christie - Bitches
Mark Hersman – Futurity

Visit the National Website:
<http://www.assanational.com/>

2021 Dues

The board has reconsidered the upcoming 2021 dues amount because of the pandemic's effects on our normal membership activities such as picnic and holiday party. However the club still has ongoing expenses such as insurance and fees to other organizations such as AKC. Therefore the normal \$25 annual membership fee is being reduced to \$5 for 2021.

Because we must track and report membership to the AKC annually and for purposes of voting, we need an accurate member count yearly. Your \$5 payment will affirm your desire to continue membership for 2021.

Those who already sent their \$25 payments to Jack Gurney will receive a \$20 refund check by mail. If you have not already paid your 2021 dues, please send \$5 to:

Jack Gurney
245 Springvale Road
Great Falls, VA 22066

Brag

Deborah (Debbie) Lauritzen was PVSSC Specialty Shows Chairman and a member, before her move. She recently purchased a 2 year-old Sable male "Jedi" – Milestone Winslow Skywalker – from Rose Chandless. He earned 12 points (majors) in 3 Specialty shows last year. She plans to show Jedi this year, once shows resume.



A Note from Delphine

"Hello, my name is Delphine.

I am a Bi-Blue Sheltie and one of my humans said I'd stay here - where I was born - and be her next show hopeful!

I'm not sure what that means, so I decided to be helpful...

I decided to jump over a 3 feet tall exercise pen when they were not looking...mom was in the kitchen right next to me! I was going to jump out and say 'hello, here I am...your show hopeful!'

Well, I don't know what happened...all I know is I felt a terrible pain, and fell down screaming my head off...I sat down and couldn't stand up...

Mom came running and picked me up. She knew something was wrong and took me to the vet for some X-rays.

From what I understood, I fractured my leg...my metatarsal bones...

It hurt...but I was proud of myself!

Delphine"



Delphine pictured with her cast and matching "cone of shame" (around 4 months-old, end of December)...

She is currently in a light splint and walking like nothing happened...

She will spend weeks doing exercises recommended by the Orthopedic Vet and should recover well.

Delphine is by CH GCH Kell Right Now x Blue Heavens Constellation (pointed). She is co-bred/co-owned by Lilian Yeh Forsyth and Linda Griffith.

See her picture on Page 4 – before the accident (with her half-siblings).

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Janet (Doey) Blount was a long time Sheltie breeder in PVSSC and her dogs held Ch titles. She is now an Honorary Member. Her Havanese "Tallie" crossed over the Rainbow Bridge, recently.



This is what Doey wrote on FB:

On Thursday 12/10 our beloved Havanese "TALLIE" crossed over to the Rainbow Bridge. She was 13 1/2. It's so sad They don't live long enough. The cause was cancerous tumors on the abdomen, liver and chest. We were getting ready to take her to the Vet to put her down. I took her out in the front yard to do her business when she just collapsed and died on her own. She is no longer in pain. Please pray for us as we mourn her passing.

PVSSC did send her and her husband a sympathy card.

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

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

PVSSC WEBSITE

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

TO EMAIL ANY PVSSC OFFICER OR BOARD MEMBER

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THE SHELTYE SEANACHIE

The Sheltie Seanachie will be published bimonthly. Email brags and other items for the newsletter to Lilian Yeh Forsyth 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:

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University of Missouri/OFA Hip Dysplasia Biomarker Study

(From the OFA Website link:
<https://www.ofa.org/biomarker>)

In partnership with the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA), the University of Missouri's Thompson Laboratory for Regenerative Orthopedics is researching a new way to predict Canine Hip Dysplasia (CHD) by looking at blood and urine samples in puppies between 4 and 6 months old. Participants are currently being recruited for this study.

Study Goal

Validate the Mizzou Canine Hip Dysplasia Biomarker Panel as a predictor of Canine Hip Dysplasia in client-owned dogs.

Purpose

While the traditional pelvic X-ray screening method is very accurate for diagnosing and grading CHD in mature dogs, an accurate predictive tool of CHD in puppies would be beneficial for owners to make earlier and more informed decisions regarding the future health, care, performance, and breeding decisions of their dogs.

At the University of Missouri's Thompson Lab, a team of veterinarians and researchers have developed a method using blood and urine proteins such as those associated with joint inflammation and cartilage deterioration to predict if young puppies would develop hip dysplasia or not.

The panel, named the *Mizzou Canine Hip Dysplasia Biomarker Panel*, proved successful in a small cohort of puppies when they were only 5 months old. Now, the research team is partnering with the OFA to continue to research to fully validate this biomarker panel by testing fluid samples from up to 500 puppies between the ages of 4 and 6 months. Later, the dogs will be radiographed at 1 and 2 years of age through the standard OFA hip dysplasia screen process, and the team will see if the biomarker panel accurately predicted the presence or absence of CHD.

NEW All-Breed BIS RECORD

Most probably remember when "Conrad" –MBIS MBISS Am GCHP2 Syringa-Akadia The Corsair CC AOM – won Group 1st at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show last February, in 2020.

Last December, Conrad broke the All-Breed Best In Show record and officially becomes the Top BIS Winning Sheltie in the history of the breed! The record was held for over 30 years by "Acey" - Ch Karelane Royal Flush o'Kismet ROM. Acey was bred by D. Rockwell and Guy Mauldin. He was handled by Guy and Thelma Mauldin and Lloyd Graser Jr.

Conrad is:

#5 in amongst All Breeds

#1 Herding Dog

#1 Sheltie All-Systems

Top BIS (Best in Show) winning Sheltie of all time

Top BISS (Best in Specialty Show) winning sheltie of all time

Conrad currently has over 43 All-Breed BIS wins.

Conrad's Page:

<https://syringashelties.com/boys/conrad/>

You can check statistics here:

<http://caninechronicle.com/new-statistics/>

Read more about "Acey" here:

<https://bowlingsite.mcf.com/ROM/Acey.html>

See you next time!



Left to Right: Eevee, Delphine, Fanta and (formerly) Formoza.