



The Sheltie Seanachie

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NEXT MEETINGS

March 15, 2021 and April 19
ON LINE



PVSSC Going Virtual for Meetings and Socials

Join us online for our Zoom Meeting on Monday, March 15 at 7:30pm, when we will begin our business meeting, followed by:

- Cathie Skoog will make a brief presentation on the Association of Working Shetland Sheepdogs (AWSS)
- Aimée Nantt will make a presentation with Q&A on "Service Dogs."

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

Topic: PVSSC General Membership Meeting

Time: Mar 15, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83400395115?pwd=TIhMRUxFaHVwck0rcVRnOXNaWTZqZz09>

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Pictured at the top of this page
Left to Right – “Blissey” and “Patches”, half-siblings. Both bred by Lilian Y.F. Blissey is owned by Lilian Y.F. and Patches is owned by Nancy H., PVSSC club members. Patches was on an extended playdate time with her half-sister!!!)

VIRTUAL MUSEUM TOUR



The AKC Museum of the Dog is offering a FREE Virtual Tour – “Hollywood Dogs”. Just reserve a free “ticket” through their website and you will be emailed a link to the tour (No donation is required, but always appreciated).

This exhibition examines Hollywood history from the perspective of its four-legged canine stars, and explores dogs in film from the very first piece of cinema up through the “Golden Age of Hollywood Dogs”.

<https://museumofthedog.org/>

PVSSC Events

PVSSC plans to offer group walks with our Shelties on the last Saturday of the month when possible. Our first walk will be on March 27 led by Donna Richards in Reston, VA.

This walk will use Reston’s paved trail system and is planned for 60-90 minutes. Please dress appropriately for the weather. We will meet at 10 am in the North Point Shopping Center parking lot near BB&T Bank. The address is 1452 North Point Village Center Reston, VA 20194 (intersection of Reston Parkway and Lake Newport Road). The center has a Giant grocery store, Starbucks, bagel shop, and other food stores, so it makes a good starting/ending location.

<https://northpointvillage.com/>

Jack Gurney has volunteered to lead the 2nd group walk (probably in April). If anyone has suggestions for a good location and would like to lead or co-lead a walk, please contact Donna Richards or Jack Gurney

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.



Contact

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

or

Doey Blount: 301-567-3933
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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:

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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

PVSSC WEBSITE

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Association of Working Shetland Sheepdogs (A.W.S.S.)



The AWSS is an organization of Sheltie owners, breeders, trainers and other enthusiasts to recognize and preserve those virtues necessary for the Shetland Sheepdog to be capable of performing at a high level in a variety of fields, in accordance with its heritage as a working dog.

The AWSS was founded in December 2006. In 2012 the AWSS made a bold step and was launched as a virtual club, preserving the Versatility Program and quarterly newsletter. In 2015 AWSS started a Members Only Facebook page and there are over 400 AWSS members of purebred Shelties sharing information.

The AWSS strives to:

- Promote excellence, responsibility and good sportsmanship in training, showing and ownership of the working Shetland Sheepdog
- Promote the breeding of temperamentally and physically sound Shetland Sheepdogs
- Encourage versatility of the Shetland Sheepdog through public education, breeder and exhibitor recognition programs and equal recognition of successes in working, show, therapy and service areas
- Educate, inform and support new and current Shetland Sheepdog owners in all areas in which they choose to responsibly participate.

The Shetland Sheepdog has long dominated the stage in sports that highlight athletic ability, intellectual fortitude and incomparable teamwork with their handlers. On March 1, 2021 the AWSS launched the revised Versatility Program expanding the activities and sports from 14 categories to 24 and include performance, therapy, temperament, health screening and special accomplishments.

The titles were expanded to four and are based on levels of training, skills and activities. Owners apply for the titles on line by submitting the title application with documentation to support the activities:

- Versatility Title (VT)
- Versatility Excellent Title (VTX)
- Versatility Champion (VTCH)
- Versatility Grand Champion (VTGCH)

There is NO cost to join the AWSS. For additional information, go to the following links:

- AWSS web page: <http://herdingontheweb.com/awss.html>
- To join, go to the AWSS Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/410734165792757>. Copies of the current and past quarterly newsletters are on the Facebook page under FILES.
- To receive a copy of the latest Quarterly Newsletter, or to be added to the quarterly distribution list, send an email to pacifica19@gmail.com
- Questions regarding the AWSS Versatility Title Program can be sent to AWSStitles@gmail.com

For Information on Upcoming PVSSC Events, go to the

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OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

PVSSC Members and Friends extend deepest sympathy to Marilyn Manser and Rich Gurney on the loss of their dear Corey. Everyone who knew Corey couldn't help but love this little guy, who was full of life and possessed a friendly nature.

Below is a celebration of their beloved dog, Springvale's Incurable Charmer (Corey), lost on Dec. 29, 2020, at the age of 12. Corey did great in training classes when he was young, but unfortunately at that time neither of them was in a position to do competitive obedience or agility. Corey was always a feisty guy enjoyed the PVSSC gatherings with other shelties.



He loved playing with neighbor's and relative's young children when he was young. He always enjoyed beaches near Ft. Myers, FL, as well as the Outer Banks. He closely bonded with their first sheltie, Tavis, and recently tolerated their playful young puppy, Callum.



In September he started to show a little unsteadiness. After travelling to Florida in October he began to stumble occasionally. The local vet first thought all this might be due to major age-related muscle loss, but soon suspected a neurological cause as his walking gradually worsened. A MRI found a spinal meningioma tumor between the neck vertebrae C1 and C2 that was compressing the spinal cord

Surgery can't totally remove such a tumor, with only modest chance of significant recovery. In December 2019 Corey had had surgery, with follow-up oral chemo, to successfully remove a tiny bladder cancer growth. Spinal surgery was ruled out completely when a new bladder BRAF test still found residual cancerous cells.



Although he remained interested in the world and ate well, his mobility deteriorated extremely rapidly near the end. Mini hiking boots helped protect his paws from scraping. May he join Tavis over the rainbow bridge.



NEW PUPPY!

Cathie and Mike Skoog moved to a new house in Punta Gorda, FL on January 15, 2021. And on February 24, Cathie flew to Asheville, NC to bring home their new puppy, Ashley.

Ashley was born on December 15, 2021. She was part of a litter consisting of two tri females and two blue merle males. Her breeder is Debbi Kaplan of Piedmont, SC, Shadow Hill South.

Unable to get a same-day direct flight to and from the Piedmont area, Debbi suggested the Asheville, NC airport. Debbi offered to drive to the Asheville Airport to hand over the little puppy. Riding with Cathie and picking up the other tri female (Gemme) was Debra from Naples, FL.

Cathie and Mike decided to name the puppy Ashley, since she was handed over to their care at the Asheville Airport.

Linda McClure named several of her pups after songs, which became part of Cathie and Mike's family. So in that tradition, Ashley was named Shadow Hill South Ashley, Our Fantasy Girl.

Cathie and Mike were pleased to learn that Patty Page and Debbi Kaplan were friends and helped each other out with litters, as their first Sheltie, Cassie was bred by Patty.



Ashley in the Airplane



Ashley's First Van Ride, which she Didn't Enjoy



Ashley Enjoying Her New Backyard

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NEW TITLES

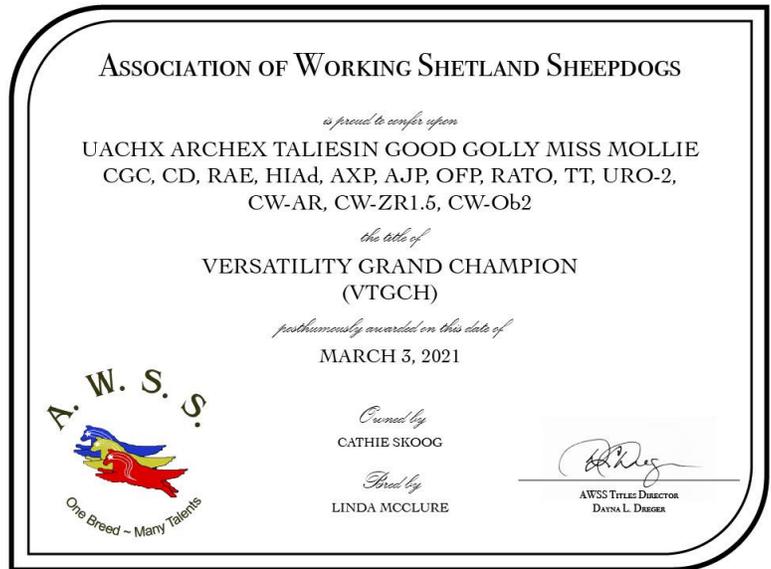
Cathie and Mike Skoog are pleased to announce the following Titles awarded to Mollie and Annie

MOLLIE

Mollie died on June 15, 2020. On March 3, 2021 she was awarded her Versatility Grand Champion Title (VTGCH) posthumously from the Association of Working Shetland Sheepdogs (AWSS). Mollie was born to breeder and PVSSC member Linda McClure on December 22, 2007. The AWSS permits granting titles posthumously for up to one year after a dog passes over the Rainbow Bridge.



VTGCH UACHX ARCHEX Taliesin Good Golly Miss Mollie CGC CD RAE HIAd AXP AJP OFP RATO TT URO-2 CW-AR CW-ZR1.5 CW-Ob2



ANNIE

Annie earned her Versatility Champion Title (VTCH) from the Association of Working Shetland Sheepdogs (AWSS). Annie is 4 years old. She was bred by Deborah E. Hull and Marilyn Cromer in Pittsburgh, PA.



VTCH Merlyn Hullston The Stratovarius Black Diamond CGC BN FDC PT AXP AJP CAA FCAT RATN AG1 RL1

