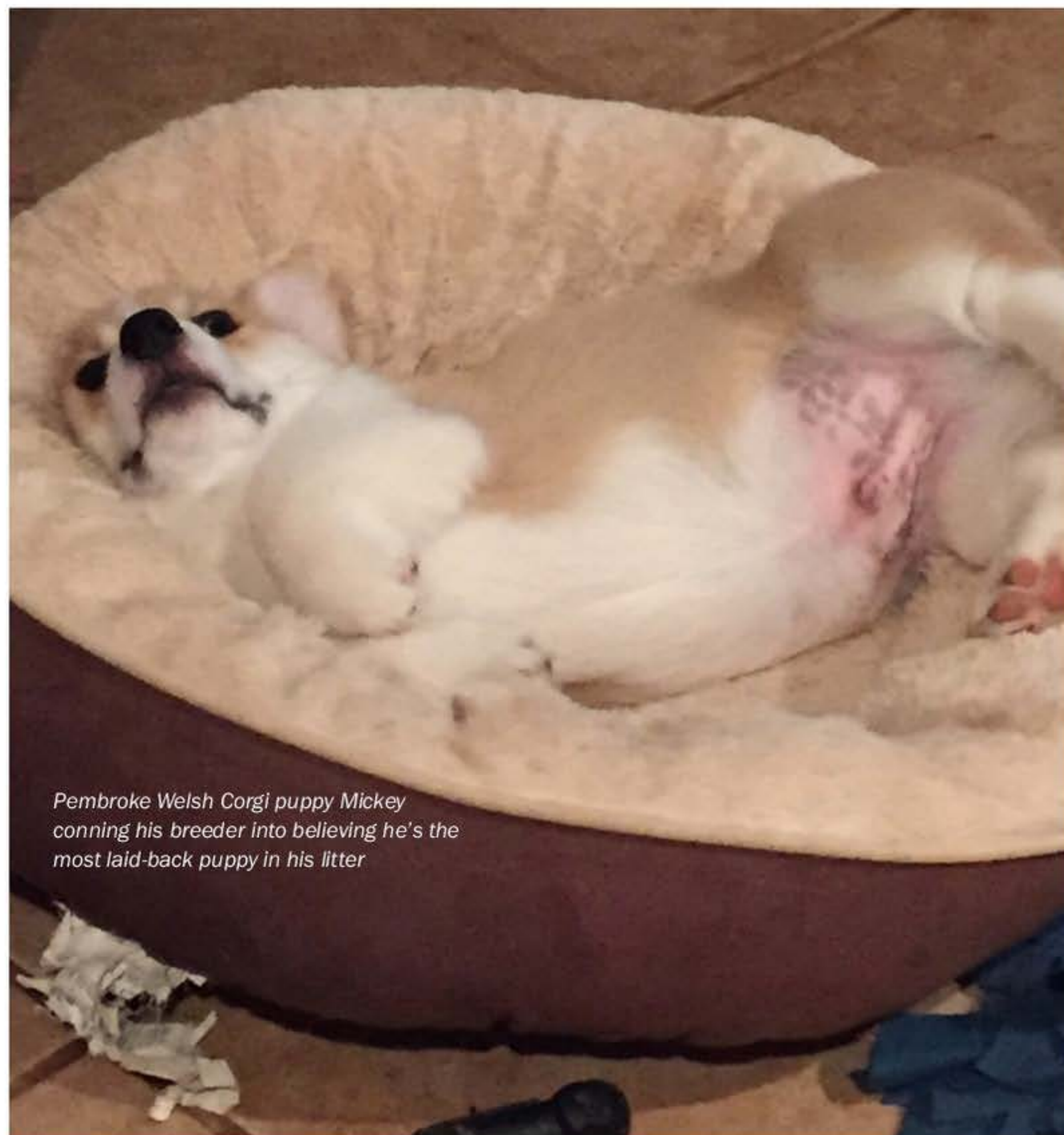


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Pembroke Welsh Corgi puppy Mickey conning his breeder into believing he's the most laid-back puppy in his litter

Some people successfully train their puppies to ring a bell as a signal the puppy needs to go out. The clever ones quickly figure out that they can con their owners into letting the puppy out whenever the puppy would like. Crying in the middle of the night to go out and then being rewarded with a cookie can lead the puppy to develop a new con.

Owners who treat their Pembrokes for everything will become a victim of the “No Cookie, No Workie” con. The Pembroke must hear/see/smell the cookie before it will do the desired behavior. Obedience exhibitors will use cookies as lures to help establish a behavior, then use cookies (and praise and physical contact and toys) as rewards, but finally fade the cookies as the desired behavior becomes solidified. Random rewards work best.

Adult Pembrokes will try to con their owners as well. It might be a look of bewilderment when given a command the dog knows well. Or conning the owner into a second breakfast. Pembrokes are very good at shaping the behaviors of their owners!

The simplest way to avoid falling victim to the Con Game is to be *consistent* in all of your expectations and commands. Set rules and boundaries, and consistently follow them. Your Pembroke will appreciate your consistent leadership, but don't fall victim to the Con Game!

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### Pulik

#### 2020 AND 2021 PULI NATIONAL SPECIALTIES WEEK

Due to the pandemic, the 2020 Puli Club of America (PCA) national specialty was cancelled. A wonderful opportunity arose when the AKC determined the 2020 national specialties could be held in 2021 along with that year's national. The Puli Club of America chose to hold the 2020 and 2021 PCA national specialties at the Bluegrass Cluster in Lexington, Kentucky, during September 2–6, 2021. As you can imagine, there were quite a number of show opportunities for Pulik during the course of the event.

During the PCA-supported entry on September 2, judged by Dr. Vicki Sandage, DVM, Best of Breed was awarded to Ch. Moonshadow Grand Slam, BN, RA, CGC, TKA, and Best of Breed Owner-Handled was awarded to Ch. Moonshadow Glitter in the Air.

The 2020 PCA national specialty, which was held on September 3, was judged by Mr. Michael Canalizo. Mrs. Jeanine Dell'Orfano judged sweepstakes for the designated specialty that day. With an entry of 41 Pulik (12

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class dogs, 11 class bitches, 2 Veteran dogs, and 16 Best of Breed competitors—13 dogs, 3 bitches), Mr. Canalizo awarded the following:

**Best of Breed:** Ch. Cordmaker Punchinello

**Best of Opposite Sex, Best of Breed Owner Handled, Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best Puppy:** Loakespark Gardenia

**Winners Dog:** Bubbleton Levitating Bubble, HT, CAX, FCAT2, ATT

**Select Dog:** GCh.S Moonshadow Mind Games

**Select Bitch:** Ch. Moonshadow Glitter in the Air

**Best Bred-by-Exhibitor:** Lambak The Trouble With Tribbles

**Awards of Merit:** Ch. Moonshadow Grand Slam, BN, RA, CGC, TKA; Ch. Vadrozsa Stonybeck Meet Joe Black, CGC, TKN, TKI, CGCU

The 2021 PCA National Specialty on September 4 was judged by Mrs. Linda Robey. Sweepstakes for the national specialty was judged by Mr. Channing Sheets. With an entry of 40 Pulik (12 class dogs/11 class bitches, 1 Veteran dog, and 16 Best of Breed competitors—3 dogs, 3 bitches), Mrs. Robey awarded the following:

**Best of Breed:** GCh.B Szentmihalyi-

Szabo Trefa, BCAT, CGC, TKN

**Best of Opposite Sex:** GCh. Noe Barkaja Ragyogo Lelek

**Best of Winners, Winners Dog, Best Puppy in Puppy Classes:** Spindrift Devil Dodger at Pajkos

**Best Bred-by-Exhibitor, Winners Bitch:** Lambak The Trouble With Tribbles  
**Best of Breed Owner-Handled and NOHS Herding Group 1:** GCh. Weatherby Jack Flash

**Select Dog:** Ch. Cordmaker Punchinello

**Select Bitch:** Ch. Applegate's No Doubt About Her

**Best Veteran:** GCh.B Szentmihalyi Szabo Miksa, RN, CGC

**Awards of Merit:** Ch. Moonshadow Grand Slam, BN, RA, CGC, TKA; Ch. Vadrozsa Stonybeck Meet Joe Black, CGC, TKN, TKI, CGC

The 2021 Regional Specialty took place on September 5, judged by Ms. Anna M. Quigley, with an entry of 29 Pulik.

**Best of Breed:** Ch. Cordmaker Punchinello

**Best of Opposite Sex, Best BBE, Best BBE Group 1:** Lambak The Trouble With Tribbles

**BOW, WB, Best Puppy:** Loakespark Gardenia



(Clockwise from top left:) Best of Breed at the 2020 Puli national specialty, Ch. Cordmaker Punchinello; Best of Breed at the 2021 Puli national specialty, GCh.B Szentmihalyi-Szabo Trefa, BCAT, CGC, TKN; and High in Trial in Obedience for the 2020 and 2021 PCA national specialties, Wyldmor the Wooden Prince at Bartok

**Winners Dog:** Spindrift Devil Dodger at Pajkos

**Select Dog:** GCh.B Szentmihalyi-Szabo Trefa, BCAT, CGC, TKN

**Select Bitch, Best of Breed Owner-Handled:** Ch. Moonshadow Glitter in the Air  
Awards of Merit not recorded.

On September 6, a supported entry was judged by Mr. Larry C. Abbott. Best of Breed was awarded to Ch. Cordmaker Punchinello. Best Owner-Handled was awarded to GCh.B Szentmihalyi Szabo Miksa, who went on to



win the Owner-Handled Herding Group.

Along with the all-breed cluster, there were all-breed obedience trials offered all five days. While the flooring in the obedience area was



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dirt, it was in an area separated from the conformation rings and activity. Unfortunately, there were not many Pulik that entered obedience/rally at the national this year. The competition with all breeds was quite stiff. Most of the Pulik competing in obedience and rally were also competing in conformation events. There was a total of seven Puli entries (of three Pulik) in obedience for judges Mr. Fred Buroff, Mrs. Nancy Cheski, and Ms. Karen J. Anderson during the show cluster. High in Trial in obedience for the 2020 and 2021 PCA specialties, as well as the all-breed shows, was won by a young Puli on both of the PCA specialty days (September 3–4)—Wyldmor the Wooden Prince at Bartok (Béla). His score both days was 199 out 200 in the Novice B class to complete his CD (Companion Dog) title. Ch./OTCH/MACH Bartok's Harvest Song, UDX4, OM6, PT, MXJ, MX, MXB (Shaker) was entered in the Open B class on September 3 (2020 PCA National Specialty) and was awarded first place in the class. Both "Béla" and "Shaker" are owned and shown by Nancy Kelly. Kalacsos Elsie, RN, CGC, owned and shown by Adrienne Hajdu, qualified in Beginner Novice on September 5.

There were three Puli entries (of two Pulik) during the week in Rally for judges Ms. Katie E. Maess and Ms. Karen J. Anderson. Kalacsos Elsie, RN, CGC, placed third in

Rally Intermediate on September 3. White Porgeloci Perrier, CGCA, qualified in Rally Novice B on both September 2 and 4. Both Pulik shown in rally were owned and shown by Adrienne Hajdu.

The Puli Club of America wishes to congratulate all the winners and to send a special thank you to all who participated in the week of Puli events. Two Pulik finished their conformation champion titles during this week, Lambak The Trouble With Tribbles and Spindriff Devil Dodger at Pajkos—the latter making an impressive debut, finishing his champion title with three five-point majors at the age of 6 months in three days during this show cluster.

Other activities associated with the PCA's multi-day event included ringside mentoring and the annual board meeting on September 3. The annual meeting included having committee chairs submit their annual reports, recording of ballots, and the introduction of new officers and board members.

The social aspect of the specialty weekend began with a welcome party (bourbon tasting!) on September 2 and the annual banquet held on September 4, which included a lively live auction and silent auction.

Opportunities were available to Pulik during the week to participate in Fast CAT, Trick Dog, CGC, and obedience. Unfortunately, neither herding instinct testing nor agility were

part of the Puli event or the show cluster. No Pulik participated in Trick Dog or CGC. Only one Puli participated in Fast CAT—Angyal Haz Honey Honey How You Thrill Me, DCAT, CGCA, CGCU, TKN, VHMP.

A very special acknowledgement must be made to 2020 specialty chair Patty Anspach and 2021 specialty chair Anne Kemp and their respective committees and other volunteers for making the events successful. Special appreciation is given to the Bluegrass Classic Cluster for hosting the national specialties and making it effortless.

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## Shetland Sheepdogs

### LOSING HISTORY

It can be devastating when a breed continues to or begins to lose several generations of founders of the breed in our country. The knowledge that has been available with a phone call, or lately a text, diminishes with each loss. Each post that says another icon of the breed has passed affects everyone that counted them as friends, mentors, and/

or teachers. From the early importers of the breed in the early 1900s, to the latest losses we endured since late 2020, I have been pondering the vast amount of experience that has been lost.

Fortunately our national breed club, the American Shetland Sheepdog Association, started many years ago developing programs, seminars, and an archive of historical records to save much of the knowledge that was apparent in these people. I think the ASSA has done a commendable job of trying to preserve the thoughts and history of our early breeders. For many years, at the national specialty, seminars and panel discussions, and articles in the handbook have featured these giants of our breed and allowed many students of our breed access to these people.

Lately even social-media groups have provided platforms where any member of the group can pose questions about the breed or the standard and even ask for photos of examples of virtues mentioned in the standard. It can be an educational tool if you join a group where longstanding breeders participate and offer answers and further the discussion in positive ways. This can be very valuable for those currently trying to absorb as much as possible from those who have been in the breed for a long time. Take care to be sure the advice you get is based on the person's duration in the