TITIAN (AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD)

Titian joined his family 3 years ago after the passing of one of their dogs. He fit in well with the other two Aussies. In December 2008 Titian became a Delta Certified Therapy dog.

In December 2009, Titian developed neck pain and soon after neurological symptoms in his right front and back legs. As his symptoms worsened, the local veterinarians referred Titian for an MRI.

An MRI was preformed and changed the family's life in a moment. Titian had a large brain tumor called a meningioma in his left forebrain. He was given a guarded prognosis the week before Christmas and New Year Holiday 2009.

After much research about meningiomas and careful consideration of possible complications, Titian's family decided to take him to the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. There Titian met his neurosurgeon who worked with Titian's family on a two step plan -- surgery to remove the tumor followed by three weeks of radiation treatments at NEVOG in Waltham, Ma.

Titian has done great with both surgery and radiation. He had very few side effects and looking at him or interacting with him, no one would know what he has been through. He recently participated in an American Cancer Society Relay for Life walk with his family and staff at his veterinarian's office. Titian will continue to fight back against cancer. He had a MRI done recently that showed he was in remission.

He also passed his Delta Therapy dog re-certification with flying colors! Titian will continue to bring joy to all those that he comes in contact. He plans on visiting cancer patients soon of all ages. He truly is a canine hero. He brings a smile to the young and elderly alike.

He also enjoys walking the hills and shoreline of Connecticut and visiting local people and sites.