

IN MEMORIAM 2014

(Remembering those special dogs that left us in 2014)

"It came to me that every time I lose a dog they take a piece of my heart with them. And every dog who comes into my life gifts me with a piece of their heart. If I live long enough, all the components of my heart will be dog, and I will become as generous and loving as they are" - Unknown

"Benny"

Bandersnatch Emperor CDX, RE, AX, AXJ, ME

Border Terrier

2000-2014

Owned and loved by Katie Barnaby

Benny was my first dog as an adult and the first dog I ever trained. Boy, did I ever get lucky! He had the lovely temperament that is characteristic of Border Terriers and then some. (Okay, maybe the UPS man wouldn't agree.) He surprised me by showing me that dogs actually enjoy learning and training. He did remarkably well in competition, especially since he had a very inexperienced handler to bring up to speed. We had Benny for a little over fourteen years, and it seems as if our time with him went by in the blink of an eye. Every day he was with us was better because he was there.

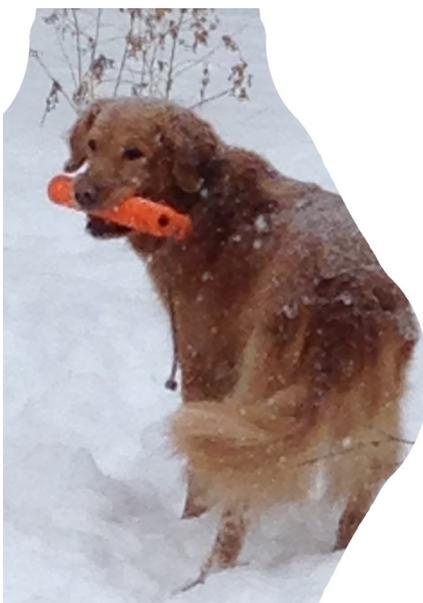
"Brinker"

Witrin's Brink of Knighthood UD, RE, MX, MXJ

Golden Retriever

6/21/01 - 7/1/14

Owned and loved by Lisa Mitchell (and Rue Chagoll)



Brinker came into my household as my 9th rescue dog from GRRCCNY. He never left. What a trip we had; what a great dog to train. Thanks Brinker Dog!

"Lady Blue"

MACH6, PACH, Bronze ADCH, PADCH Lady Blue CD, Bronze FAST, T2B, T2BP

Border Collie

7/28/00 - 2014

Owned and loved by Pepi Leids



She was a sweet dog and a good friend. She was an amazing agility dog and taught many beginners the "art" of handling, both at IDTC and elsewhere. She would run with anybody and loved the sport. I imagine she is jumping with her friends somewhere over the rainbow bridge.

"Peter"

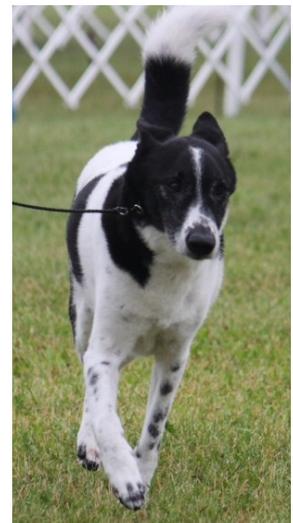
Practically Perfect In Every Way

CDCA Co-DOTY, CH Rosendog's Lt Columbo RN, CGC

Canaan Dog

3/26/03 - 11/13/14

Owned and loved by Amanda Pough



"Seeker"

*De-Li's Seeker of Isle Witrin CDX, RAE, AX, AXJ
Bernese Mountain Dog
7/18/06-11/19/14
Owned and loved by Lisa Mitchell (and Rue Chagoll)*



Seeker had some demons, but he never quit trying for me. Look at all he accomplished. He also had 5 legs towards his MXP and MJP. His career was cut short by a terrible cancer. Love & miss you "My Seek-Seek".

"Odie", "Olivia", "Reo"

*Pitbull, Daschund, Border Collie
Owned and loved by Sharon Garland*

When you have as any dogs as I do- losses seem to come in clusters. This past year I said farewell to 3 - to be seen again at the bridge with the others.



Odie: Odie was a marvelous dog. He was destined to be euthanized because he had a liver shunt and he was a Pittey. It did not matter that he had a really excellent temperament, so, rather than let him become a shelter statistic, he came to live with me. He was only a bit over 6 months old and not expected to live a long life. He lived for 9 years- and most of the time I had a hard time remembering how sick he really was. He played well with others, loved to run and swim and learned agility. He was good with Timmy and Zip the littlest dogs and taught Huck how to play as a pup. He never got to do fancy things - the cost of his food and drugs took up his "allowance", so he was JUST a great companion. The last 6 months were hard - the liver that really never worked started to fail and this past March I said goodbye to him.

Olivia: a very old Dachshund that spent the last 7 years of her life in the dachshund pile at my house. She had started life in a puppy mill then was adopted by an older woman who loved her for many years. When the woman's health failed her family could not keep her, and I could provide her safe haven. She returned to her former owner for a brief time when her health was better, but after a short time she returned to me. She learned how to play with the other doxies and even wanted to sit with me - for a dog that was afraid of everything this was huge! Her years with me were made happy by the presence of other doxies - and warm bed to sleep in. As she neared the end of her life, it was all about the food and the dachshund pile. Very few folks knew her and she was grateful to have a safe haven for her final years.



Reo: I was her 4th or 5th home - and she was a great companion. I was asked to take her by BC rescue as she was hard to place. As a Border Collie she helped me with my sheep. It took us 2-3 years but she was my partner at herding for another 7 years. She helped me start the Herding group that meets every Sunday, and even after she retired she loved to just hang out with us. She competed in AKC and AHBA events and did very well. When she came to live here she always slept on the floor. When I consulted a "communicator" for my dogs (a long story) the communicator said that Reo didn't know she was in her forever home. That very night she started sleeping on my bed and did until the end of her life. So many times she watched out for me when herding - making sure she did her job. As she was nearing the end of her life, it was my turn to watch out for her - keep her safe and let her know how much she was loved. My farm and my herding group are thanks to the partnership we had - a trust and caring that was mutual. That's what made it so hard to let her go in July. As her world got smaller, she still loved just being with me and touching me. Her last 2 days were excellent; when she went out of this world it was in the arms of her partner and companion. I miss her every day and cherish every moment we had together.

"Thunder"

*Ch. Benden's Yuri CD, RE, NA, NJP, CL1-R
Siberian Husky
15 Years
Marián (and Tom and Gordon) Szebenyi*



Thunder was a great guy, and I miss his distinctive approach to getting a head rub by burying his muzzle between my arm and my side and pushing hard while making little noises of enjoyment. I guess he tended towards an itchy muzzle, since he also used to slide the side of his head (sometimes followed by the rest of his body) along the ground when it was snow covered. Our other dogs like to roll in the snow, but that technique was unique to Thunder.

Thunder and Lightning made up the last litter of Blaze, a red Siberian that, like Thunder, spent pretty much her whole life with us. Should have been a 5-puppy litter, but only two survived. Lightning tended to beat up on Thunder, and I'm sure that shaped how he felt about other dogs in the future. Like most Siberians, he got along with most dogs, but he did tend to worry about other males of about his size - were they going to beat up on him too? Should he go after them first? He mellowed with age, and of course was fine with all sorts of people, so he got to do a lot of demos. Always had to be careful around small dogs, though - wiggly, fuzzy ones, especially Shih Tzus, could be considered prey! He was a special favorite of our son Gordon, who insisted for some reason that his name should be Bubba. As a result, in everyday life, we tended to call him "Bubba" or "Bub"; "Thunder" was for when he should really pay attention and do something.

Like all our dogs, Thunder got obedience training and got a CD without too much trouble. He could do all the Open exercises, but unfortunately at trials there was always some little thing... When Rally came in we did that, and he zipped through to an RE. He had a great time in the Agility ring, but not necessarily running the course; it was often more fun to follow his nose than to listen to me. He achieved novice level AKC titles and did a little CPE, and participated in several rounds of Agility League. Where he stands out from our other dogs is in the breed ring, where he became our one and only Champion. That took a while, since there aren't too many judges who favor his rather "old-fashioned" type. Having him shown by his sire's breeder - he stayed with her for several months - was helpful, although he got his first and last points with me holding the lead.

As he aged, Thunder became less able to do jumps and so forth and mostly stayed home; his last outing before he fully retired was to the Sciencenter, where he was part of a Showtime! dog training demo. He died in August a couple of months shy of his 15th birthday.

For the love of dogs we grieve, for the love of dogs we go on.....

JANUARY 2015

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25	26	27—Meeting	28—Classes	29	30—Classes	31

FEBRUARY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10—Classes	11—Classes	12	13—Classes	14 
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