



Inland Empire Collie Club

The TAILWAGGER

SUMMER 2022

EVENTS

September 9th – 10th

Collie Club of America – Herding Trials/Tests

Fido's Farms in Olympia, WA



September 17th – 18th

SDTC AKC Scentwork Trials

Lincoln County Fairgrounds, WA



September 23rd – 25th

Spokane Agility Club – Agility Trials

Twin Willows Farms, Deer Park, WA



September 29th – 30th, Oct 1st – 2nd

AKC Tri Cities Cluster – All Breed Shows

Columbia Park, Kennewick, WA



EVENTS

September 30th, October 1st – 2nd

Columbia Basin Dog Training Club – Obedience/Rally Trials

4 Paws, Richland, WA



September 30th – October 2nd

Herding Trials

Fido's Farms



October 8th – 9th

Spokane Dog Training Club – Obedience/Rally Trials

Spokane, WA



October 13th – 17th

Open Trial

Catbird Farm, Cheney, WA



October 14th – 15th

Wenatchee Kennel Club – Agility Trials

Columbia Park, Wenatchee, WA



October 21st – 23rd

Wenatchee Kennel Club – All-Breed Shows – Obedience/Rally

Clark County Fairgrounds, Cashmere, WA



October 22nd

Overlake Collie Club Specialty

Chelan County Fairgrounds, Cashmere, WA



October 28th – 29th

Greater Spokane Shetland Sheepdog – Agility Trials

Twin Willows Farms, Deer Park, WA

EVENTS

October 30th

SDTC AKC Tracking Tests

Miller Ranch, Sprague, WA



November 11th

Inland Empire Collie Club – 2 All-Breed Rally Trials

Spokane Dog Training Club, Spokane Valley, WA



November 12th – 13th

Inland Empire Collie Club – All-Breed Obedience Trials

Spokane Dog Training Club, Spokane Valley, WA



November 12th – 13th

Pacific Northwest Collie Club Specialties

Clark County Fairgrounds, Ridgefield, WA



Note from the Treasurer

The IECC Summer Picnic was held at Linda & Tanya's Ward house on August 6th in the afternoon. The weather was a bit cooler than the 100-degree weather we had been having. However, we all went into our air-conditioned building out of the sun and where we had more room. We had a small attendance but lots of food. Present were Dot & Jeff Newkirk from Pullman, Michael Meagher, Caroline Baines, Rusty & Bobbie Graves, Linda & Tanya. We had fun chatting about a variety of topics. Everyone enjoyed the get together and it was great to see Dot & Jeff as they haven't been able to be at any of our events for quite a while. Wished we could have had a bigger turn out - but summer and "life" gets in the way. Thanks to all that attended and helped with some of the things.



Training Sheepdogs (and Duckdogs) at Bob and Bonnie's

Suzanne Schwab

The sheep that lived at Bob and Bonnie Young's place in Mead are now somewhere in the Tri-Cities, still helping train young dogs to manage livestock. The fence is all taken down now. The gates and fence posts have been sold, along some of the wire. The cattle panels are stacked and waiting for pick up, and the rest of what was once the focal point for training our collies to work sheep and ducks has been taken away for scrap metal or to the dump. "The collie sheep group" at Bob and Bonnie's was never officially part of the Inland Empire Collie Club, but over the years at least 20 of our members introduce our collies to herding sheep or ducks there, and dozens of other folks with "uncollies" got their first taste of herding there as well. For some it was just a quick casual introduction to see if their collie or sheltie or GSD or terv or aussie or corgi or border collie or OES or cattle dog still had the instinct and desire to boss livestock around that had been bred into their ancestors. For some of us, working sheep at Mead was part of a decades-long interest/passion/obsession/neurosis centered on training herding dogs.

It all started in 1994. Sandy Kirsch and Missy, Linda Ward and Daquiri, Bonnie Young and Katie, and myself and Reilly packed ourselves and a weekend's worth of stuff into two Subaru's and headed to a herding trial in Hillsboro, OR. Up to that time almost all of our training of our dogs on livestock had been done on ducks, but we were optimistic that duck herding and an occasional turn at working goats would transfer to herding sheep. And it pretty much did. That weekend, youngsters Missy and Daquiri earned Pretrial herding titles signifying that they had the basic skills and drive to work livestock, and Reilly and Katie completed

intermediate trial level titles signifying that they could work as a teammate with their handler to move sheep through some obstacles in a typical livestock arena. As she exited the arena after her second successful run of the weekend with Katie, Bonnie remarked that working sheep was way more fun than working ducks and we needed to get some sheep somewhere. As luck would have it the owner of the farm where the trial was being held overheard Bonnie's comment, and wouldn't you know it, she just happened to have a few lambs she was looking to sell! So, to make room for some new little woolie friends the collies were evicted from their crates and onto owner's laps and each of two Subaru's transported two people, two collies, stuff, and three crated sheep for the 6-hour trip back to Spokane.



The birth of a sheep group - 1994

Bonnie took lambs directly to her home and turned them loose in what had once been a paddock for her daughters' horses. I arrived home around midnight, somehow managed to direct 3 lambs into my fenced dog pen for the evening, apologized to Reilly for the cramped ride home and went to bed. Next morning, I went out to ponder how I was going to single-handedly convince three lambs to jump back into a crate in the back of my Subaru to deliver them to Bonnie's and cautiously opened the gate to the pen. Not cautiously enough as it turned out. The three lambs saw their chance and bolted for freedom. "No problem," I thought. "I own a prize-winning

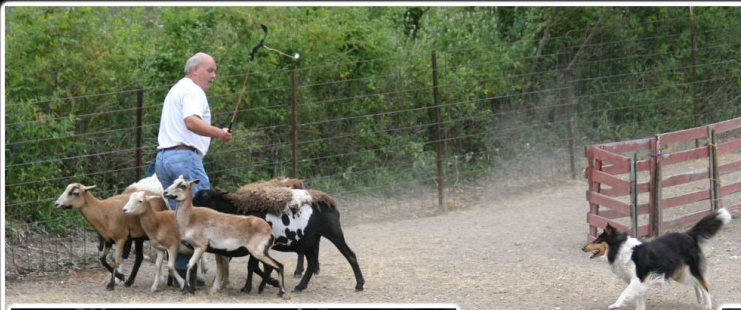
sheepdog, and we'll just gather these little delinquents up pronto," I thought. Turns out working mature dog-broke sheep in a small arena isn't the same as gathering up skittish unconfined lambs. Reilly and I came close to getting them back in the pen a couple times but eventually the little brown darlings disappeared over the hill and into the woods, headed in the general direction of Hillsboro. Oh, did I mention this was the second morning of deer hunting season? Fortunately, sheep are flock animals, and before they had a chance to star in a sheep version of *The Incredible Journey*, the lambs spied a flock of sheep owned by a neighbor and invited themselves to stay. My neighbor, with a bit of eye-rolling at my naivete, helped me corner lambs and wrangle them into crates, I delivered them to Bonnie's, and that's how the "collie sheep group" was born.

Over the years, the paddock was expanded. Lambs grew up, were bred, and produced more lambs. The paddock was expanded some more. About 3 or 4 years later, the well-behaved babbling brook behind Bonnie and Bob's house was blocked by ice, rose up and flooded the sheep shed and most of the field and the house. The sheep found high ground and survived. A couple years later it happened again, and the sheep survived again. The house did not. Bob and Bonnie abandoned the still standing, but seriously compromised house, and rebuilt a couple hundred yards away, on higher ground. The original pony shed that had been taken over by sheep was taken down, a lean-to and sheep manger was added to the abandoned house, and the living room became the barn where we stored hay for the

winter. The paddock was expanded again, more fencing was added, individual pens for sorting our flock that had expanded to 16 sheep into smaller groups were added, a smaller arena for beginners was separated off from the main arena, a duck pen was added. Or, to put it another way, Bob Young was, and still is, an unsung hero of sheep dog training in Spokane.

Over 28 years, members of the Mead sheep group came and went. Roughly sixty collies who went on to earn AKC herding titles honed their skills at Bob's and Bonnie's. Three of them went on to earn herding championships through AKC or the American Herding Breeds Association. Representatives from almost all of the other recognized herding breeds were there as well, including two border collies and a tervuren who went on to earn herding championships. New friends were made. Lambs were born. We learned how to trim hooves and band baby rams and stack hay. Old sheep who had trained countless dogs lived out their days in retirement. And we all got older and heavier and less nimble. As Bonnie's health declined over the last decade, Bob took on the duties of daily watering and feeding. In December of 2021 Bonnie passed away, and Bob continued to care for the sheep and welcome the small band of sheepdog trainers who continued to bring their dogs out. But, by summer caring for a dozen pushy sheep became more than Bob could handle, and so the sheep are now in the Tri-Cities helping train a different group of dogs. The fences and pens are gone. The memories and the friendships that sprang from there persist.





Herding at Bonnie's

Cortisol: A new facet of MDR1?

By Roxane Jourdain, PhD

As collie owners, breeders, and enthusiasts, we should be intimately aware of the *MDR1* mutation in our breed.: *MDR1* stands for *Multidrug Resistance 1* as affected dogs commonly show increased sensitivity to therapeutical drugs, most notably Nobel Prize winning ivermectin (HeartGard). This mutation is incompletely dominant: dogs with only one mutant gene are less severely affected than dogs with two mutant genes. Interestingly, this type of mutation also exists in humans!

But why does the *MDR1* mutation have this effect?

The gene codes for a molecular pump that sits on important barriers in the body. One such barrier protects the brain from potential toxins in blood. The pump acts as a sort of bouncer, or bilge pump: if compounds start making their way through the blood-brain barrier, the pump will throw them out. In short, normal *MDR1* protects vital organs, especially the brain, from outside molecules.

But in affected dogs, this bouncer or bilge pump is completely inactivated. Molecules can diffuse into the brain unhindered and have potentially dangerous effects. Most symptoms seen in: *MDR1*-related toxicity are thus neurological: loss of vision, loss of coordination, tremors, seizures.

A more subtle effect of: *MDR1* was discovered in 2007 by Katrina L. Mealey DVM, PhD, DACVIM, DACVCP and her team at Washington State University. It was found that the: *MDR1* mutation not only affects outside toxins and molecules, but also hormones produced by the body, notably cortisol.

Cortisol is an important hormone for all mammals: it facilitates the ability to adapt and recover from stress and can also help fight infection. While it is produced in the adrenal glands, the regulation of its production happens in the brain through a negative feedback loop. When, for example, a stressful event occurs, the brain sends signals to the adrenals to produce cortisol. This high level of cortisol, over time, diffuses into the brain and sends a signal to reduce the amount of cortisol produced. This helps terminate the production of cortisol once a stressful event has passed.

In *MDR1* normal dogs, only a very small amount of cortisol can penetrate through the blood brain barrier. However, in dogs affected by the mutation, the door is always wide open. Large amounts of cortisol can enter the brain, even without a stressful event. This leads, due to the feedback loop, to inactivation of cortisol production in the adrenal gland and low baseline cortisol. Dr Mealey observed that blood cortisol in *MDR1* dogs was significantly lower than their unaffected counterparts, even when stress was induced. Recently in 2022, Prof. Dr. Joachim Geyer and his collaborators in Germany found similar findings in urine cortisol levels. This seems to point to the *MDR1* mutation predisposing dogs to adrenal insufficiency, which can eventually lead to Addison's disease.

Why do I bring this up? In my time in collies, I have heard *MDR1* described as "not that bad" as it just required avoiding certain drugs and making sure your veterinarian was aware of them. However, these studies shine a new light on the mutation: it's not just about choosing your heartworm control medication. *MDR1* can affect things that are beyond our control, such as hormones that are vital to stress response and fighting infection. We have countless stories over

the years of dogs going through severe side effects, disabilities and sometimes passing due to MDRI toxicity. The list of drugs affected by this mutation is getting longer, and with new drugs being developed every day, MDRI will become increasingly significant.

For more information:

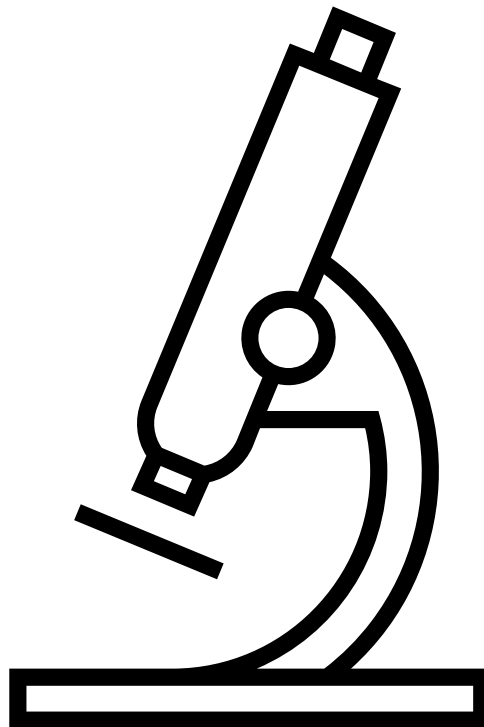
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Spokane Dog Training Club: Agility- May 13 – 15

May 14

- Bree:
Master Preferred Standard/1st place/**MXP4 Title**
- Isis:
Master Preferred Jumpers/3rd place

Great Falls Dog Training Club: Agility- May 21-22

May 21:

- Bree:
Master Preferred Jumpers/1st place
- Isis:
Master Preferred Standard/3rd place
- Elsa:
Master Preferred Standard/2nd place
Master Preferred Jumpers/**MJP5 & MJPS Titles**

May 22:

- Bree:
Master Preferred Standard/1st place
Master Preferred Jumpers/1st place/**MJP4 Title**
- Isis:
Master Preferred Standard/2nd place
Master Preferred Jumpers/4th place
- Elsa:
Master Preferred Standard/1st place
Master Preferred Jumpers/1st place

Inland Gazehound Fanciers Club: Fast Cat- May 28

- Isis- Qualified to finish **BCAT Title**

Spokane Kennel Club: Rally- May 28 – 29

May 28:

- Bree:
Master Q
Excellent B Q
Advanced B Q/4th place
- Isis:
Excellent B Q
Advanced B Q

May 29:

- Bree:
Master Q/4th place
Excellent B Q/4th place
Advanced B Q/4th place
- Isis:
Excellent B Q
Advanced B Q

Coeur d'Alene Dog Fanciers: Rally- May 30

- Bree:
Master Q/3rd place
Excellent B Q/2nd place
Advanced B Q/3rd place
- Isis:
Excellent B Q
Advanced B Q

Greater Spokane Shetland Sheepdog Club: Agility- June 3-5

June 3:

- Elsa:
Master Preferred Standard/2nd place

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June 4:

- Bree:
Master Preferred Standard/1st place
Master Preferred Jumpers/1st place
- Isis:
Master Preferred Standard

June 5:

- Bree:
Master Preferred Standard/1st place
- Isis:
Master Preferred Standard/4th place
- Elsa:
Master Preferred Standard/2nd place
Master Preferred Jumpers/4th place

Lilac City Dog Training Club: UKC Obedience- June 10 - 12

June 10: Elsa: Open B/1st place

June 11: Elsa: Open B/3rd place

June 12: Elsa: Open B/4th place/**UCDX Title**

Palouse Dog Hills Fanciers: Agility- June 18 - 19

June 18:

- Bree:
Master Preferred Standard/2nd place
- Isis:
Master Preferred Jumpers/1st place/**High in Class**
- Elsa:
Master Preferred Standard/1st place/**MXPS 5 & MXPS Titles**

June 19:

- Bree:
Master Preferred Jumpers/1st place
- Elsa:
Master Preferred Jumpers/2nd place

Mt. Bachelor Kennel Club: Obedience/Rally- July 1 - 3

July 1:

- Bree:
Master Q
Excellent B Q/4th place
Advanced B Q/3rd place

July 2:

- Bree:
Master Q/**RM Title**
Excellent B Q/3rd place
Advanced B Q/4th place
- Elsa: Graduate Open Q/2nd place

July 3:

- Bree:
Master Q
Excellent B Q/3rd place
Advanced B Q/4th place
- Elsa: Graduate Open Q/1st place

Spokane Dog Training Club: Agility- July 9 - 10

July 9:

- Bree:
Master Preferred Jumpers/1st place

July 10:

- Bree:
Master Preferred Standard/1st place
Master Preferred Jumpers/1st place
- Isis:
Master Preferred Jumpers/2nd place
- Elsa:
Master Preferred Standard/4th place
Master Preferred Jumpers/3rd place

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Spokane Dog Training Club: Agility- August 13 - 14

Aug 13:

- Bree:
Master Preferred Standard/1st place
Master Preferred Jumpers/1st place
- Isis:
Master Preferred Standard/4th place
- Elsa:
Master Preferred Standard

Aug 14:

- Bree:
Master Preferred Jumpers/1st place
- Isis:
Master Preferred Standard/3rd place
Master Preferred Jumpers/**MJP2 Title**
- Elsa:
Master Preferred Jumpers

Spokane Agility Club: Agility- August 26 - 28

Aug 26:

- Bree:
Master Preferred Jumpers/1st place
- Isis:
Master Preferred Standard/1st place
Master Preferred Jumpers/ 4th place
- Elsa:
Master Preferred Jumpers

Aug 27:

- Isis:
Master Preferred Standard/3rd place
- Elsa:
Master Preferred Jumpers/2nd place

Aug 28:

- Bree:
Master Preferred Jumpers/1st place
- Isis:
Master Preferred Jumpers/ 4th place
- Elsa:
Master Preferred Jumpers



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Sandy Kirsch

SAN-DEE'S N' SINKONA'S SHES A PISTOL

Bred and Owned by: Sandra Kirsch, Linda & Tanya Ward

May 29, 2022 Spokane Kennel Club – Winner's Bitch, Best Opposite Sex – 4 pt. Major

May 31, 2022 Coeur d'Alene Dog Fanciers – Reserve Winner's Bitch (3 pt. Major)



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Linda & Tanya Ward

SINKONA'S HIGHLANDER SOJOURNER - "Strider"

Bred by: Linda & Tanya Ward – Owned by: Leslie & Steven Brost, Linda & Tanya Ward

May 30, 2022 Coeur D'Alene Dog Fanciers – Reserve Winner's Dog (3 pt. Major) Also
Best Bred By Exhibitor

May 31, 2022 Coeur d'Alene Dog Fanciers – Reserve Winner's Dog, Best of Winners - 3
Point Major



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Barb Flaherty

BEARPAW'S ODE TO JOY CD BN ATT CGC – "Joy" Golden Retriever

Bred by: Micki Lague – Owned by: Barb Flaherty, Micki Lague

May 28, 2022 Spokane Kennel Club – Rally Intermediate – 2nd Place – RI Title

May 29, 2022 Spokane Kennel Club – Open A – 1st Place – CDX TITLE.



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Linda & Tanya Ward

CAIRDEAN'S TSESIT STONE SINKONA CGC – “Petra”

Bred by: Shannen Fogarty & Ralph Larson – Owned by: Tanya & Linda Ward, Shannen Fogarty

May 28, 2022 Spokane Kennel Club – Winner’s Bitch, Best of Breed

May 29, 2022 Spokane Kennel Club – Winner’s Bitch, Best of Breed

May 30, 2022 Coeur D’Alene Dog Fanciers – Winner’s Bitch, Best of Breed

May 31, 2022 Coeur d’Alene Dog Fanciers – Reserve Winner’s Bitch

July 1, 2022 Mt. Bachelor Kennel Club – Winner’s Bitch 3 point Major

July 2, 2022 Mt. Bachelor Kennel Club/Belgian Malinois Regional Specialty – Winner’s Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex over Specials – 5 point Major

July 3, 2022 Mt. Bachelor Kennel Club – Reserve Winner’s Bitch (4 point Major)



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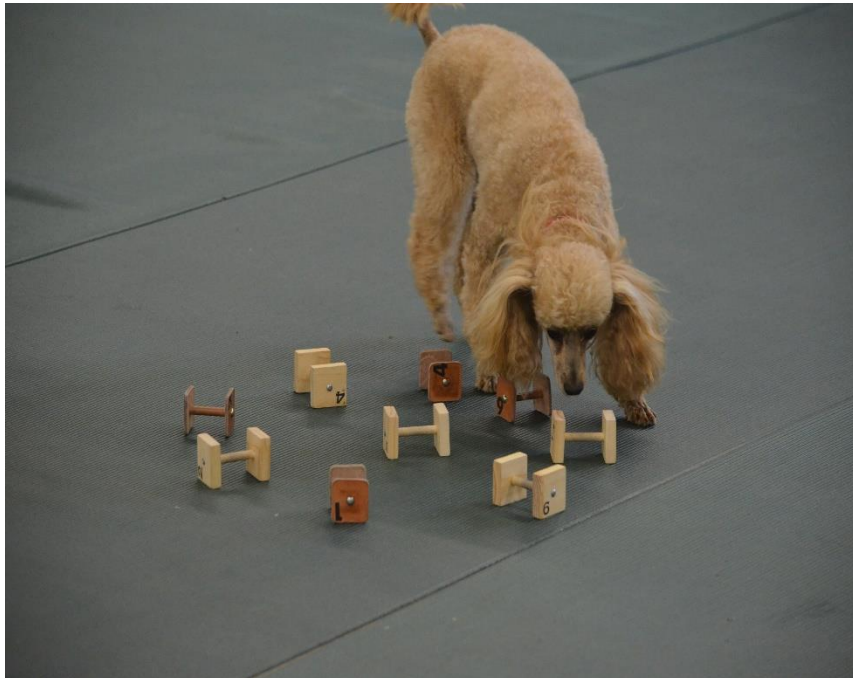
*Celebrating Elsa's Grand
Versatility at the National*

GCH CH PACH Sinkona's Dream Catcher
CDX BN GN RE HSA_d HSA_{sM} MXP₄ MXPB MJP₄ MJPB PAX MFP T₂BP CA BCAT CGC GV
Elsa is bred and owned by Linda and Tanya Ward sinkonacollies@gmail.com

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HSA_d HSA_{sM} MXP₅ MXPS MJP₅ MJPS PAX MFP T₂BP CA BCAT
CGC GV GCH**

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Sweet Bree has received a Certificate of Eligibility; it will be the last time as Bree is retired from Obedience. Congratulations!!



Shawn Clark
February 9, 1957 - July 1, 2022



It is with great sadness that I must report to our members that Shawn Clark passed away peacefully on July 1, 2022, after battling ovarian cancer for over 2-1/2 years. She was 65 years old. She was diagnosed just a few months after she and her husband, Roger, moved to Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.

Shawn was an associate member of our club that lived in Colville prior to moving to Tennessee to be closer to family. She had two collies and many farm animals in Colville. Even though she could not make it to meetings, she was active in our club. She always helped with the raffle at our specialty, came to our Christmas Party and Summer Potluck. She was a wonderful seamstress and made a beautiful quilt for our raffle at our April shows.

Shawn always had a smile on her face and fought her disease until the very end. She was very well liked and would help anybody. I kept in contact with her and Roger until the end and she always was in good spirits and trying to get things done before she couldn't. She had a garden and some chickens that she took care of. She had her sewing room where she kept making quilts and other things for people.

Heaven has a wonderful helper now.

Sandy Kirsch



I first meet Shawn when she contacted me because she had a rough collie puppy, Apollo, and was referred to me by his breeder to help tape his ears and training for breed ring. Shawn was new to a purebred dog world of shows and events. She was willing to jump right in and learn as much as she could. She learned to groom and show her own dogs. She bred one collie litter before they moved and loved her adults and the puppies. It was hard for her to part with those puppies. She dabbled some in performance. She was always very pleasant to be around and extremely resourceful. Always had a smile on her face! She and Roger came to my house several times through the years before they moved to Lawrenceburg.

I believe that Shawn loved all her animals on the farm and had a special connection with each. When she fell ill, she still worked with Apollo and Jiggs. They went to a few breed shows. Jiggs earned points in the breed ring and both earned higher CGC titles and Jiggs earned "Trick Dog". She would ask me training questions, what to do when training a skill wasn't working and what other ways could it be trained so they could move forward.

Shawn was missed when she and Roger moved so far away but always close to the hearts of the people who shared some of their lives with her.

Rest well Shawn. You deserve it.

Linda



Live life like someone
left the gate open

