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Reflections on a Collie

By: Denise Skladany

In July of 2010, George and I started looking for another collie, a few months earlier, we'd had to say goodbye to our boy Chipper, and were now ready to add another member to the family.

We found collies available for adoption at the rescue and put in an application. In August, we went to the foster home to meet the collies. It was George's turn to pick the collie, and as you well know, they pick us. Missy was named Lyric at the time and she came up to George then me. She let us know it was her turn.

So we brought this beautiful tri-coat girl home a few weeks before her 3rd birthday. She stepped right into our hearts and home as if she always belonged. Collies are known for their gentle disposition and she was the epitome of a collie. She'd approach children in an unhurried manner and gently nose them. She loved to be patted and would rub against you and vocalize that you were suppose to give her a bit of attention. Our daughter's boyfriend thought she was growling at him, and we laughed and told him, she just wants you to pet her. She did not like the vet's. She'd go in no problem, then look around and decide, "No, this is not where I want to be," and demand we leave. She was not shy about letting us know just what she wanted, and when we took a walk, if we stopped to talk, she'd give us a few minutes then say, "It's my walk, time to go." Once, we took her to the local emergency center on a weekend night when she got sick.



The doctor poked and prodded while she stood stoically and uncomplaining. When she was done examining her, Missy turned to face her then said, "Woof, woof, woof ...". She certainly gave her a piece of her mind. We all laughed and were pretty sure we knew what she was saying. One of my favorite memories is when we walked in Tyler State Park and were crossing the bridge while an elderly gentleman, walking with 2 canes, was slowly making his way toward us. Missy went over to him and just touched his thigh with her nose then looked up at him. He gave her a big smile. That really touched me just how gently she did it. She wasn't one to play with other dogs. She would rather try to get them to stay put. She'd slowly circle and bark at them. Never worked. As you can tell by this writing, we have lots of memories that could fill pages. She enriched our lives and we miss her terribly. I feel sorry for those who have never allowed an animal love them. It hurts to let them go, but they make us better humans.

She was the kindest, sweetest companion and a bit of a character. Missy passed away on January 7th. Missy we love you and will see you again one day.

Congratulations

To the Boyles on their adoption of

Belle



and

Meeko



The Levans on their
adoption of Harper



To the Johnsons on their
adoption of Snow



“I wonder if it is heretical to believe that when at last my tired feet shall tread the Other Shore, a madly welcoming swirl of exultant collies... will bound forward, circling and barking around me to lead me Home!

Heretical or otherwise, I want to believe it. And if I fail to find them there, I shall know I have taken the Wrong Turning and have reached a goal other than I hoped for.”

Albert Payson Torbune, Buff: A Collie, and other Dog Stories



Our Deepest Condolences

To Sue and Ed in their loss of
Darth Vader



To Karen and Barry in their loss of
Bailey



*To never know the love of a dog is to miss one of the
best things life has to give.*

Denise and George in their loss of
Missy



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June 8th: Roslyn Pet Fair, Church of the
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