



## In Memory of Josie Cowan

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I first met Percy and Josie in 1998, when we purchased littermates, Tess & Tristan from Del'Mar Border Collies (Dave Ellison). At that time, we also lived on Vancouver Island and so we had lovely visits with our common love being our talented littermates. Josie was always a gentle soul with a fiery sense of

humour expressed through her lovely English accent.

Once we moved off the island, we still kept in touch and I later bought from them a beautiful tri-coloured pup named Spot who was a son of Tristan. Spot came with a handmade pedigree book which included sweet puppy pictures and descriptions of his ancestors all beautifully organized in a little binder. Josie said that this was Spot's baby book.

In 2011, Spot made the World Team and Percy & Josie were thrilled to see their names as the breeder in the 2011 World Program. I didn't end up running Spot at the World Trial, but Percy & Josie were there to watch Kinloch Bee and I compete. I will never forget the beautiful morning I was to run. My husband, David and I had been away for six weeks and we were starting to really miss home. Percy & Josie found came and found me before my run, and I was overcome with tears at seeing my Canadian friends. We had a wonderful time in Cumbria. Josie and I traipsed through the extreme mud, laughing at the hurricane-like weather. Josie had bags tied around her shoes to try and stay dry and we had a lovely time shopping through the venues.

This is how I will remember Josie. Laughing and full of life, ready for the next adventure. I am sure she is now painting beautiful images and walking in a grassy field with Tristan at her side. Farewell, my friend.