

Kristi Oikawa

Long-time member and contributor to the BC Stock Dog Association passed away on July 29th due to complications with Lupus.

Kristi found her passion for herding with her first dog, Bear, an Australian Shepherd. She popped by Dave Murdock's place, then went to watch a trial at Wendy LeGare and Brian Nelson's farm in Langley. There she met Rose McLeod, and the rest they say, is history.

Once the herding bug hit, Lou, the great Lou, entered her life, then Rex, Bar and finally USBCHA 2012 Champion Gail. As they say, each dog comes into your life for a reason, and each of Kristi's dogs certainly did!

In 2018, she started to realize her herding dreams. Through hard work and determination Kristi and Bar won their first Open trial at Vashon, followed by first place at the Canadian National Championship on Sunday's open run with a 97!

As an expert in all things technical, Kristi was always on hand to assist the BCSDA with website development and design. She took many a call from members... "Kristi, I am having trouble with...", ... "do you know how to...?" Her response was always the same; "just send it to me, I'll fix it", or "no problem, I'll fix it", and she did.

Kristi's love for her dogs, her passion for this sport and her unrelenting wit will be missed under the handlers tent. Her generosity knew no limits when it came to sharing her photographs of our dogs, chronicling our adventures in the stock dog world. She found so much joy in capturing and sharing a special moment with you and your dog, a twinkle in her eye as she watched the smile cross your face as you recalled the moment of the photo.