



Heelersridge WillowBend

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On the arrival of our Australian Mountains litter I was so excited that there were 3 lovely females for me to chose from. Two stunning red girls, and one blue.

I decided to chose the pup that I thought most suited to the sport of Agility, and so after much deliberation ... I chose Willow with the intention to once again compete in the Agility ring.

Willow's sisters were both nicely put together and would have both been very promising in the show ring (and they were red) - but Willow's conformation was by far the better suited to performance sports as she was lighter in build and had longer legs. And we added a second blue to our family.

She was always eager to please. With the enthusiasm that she inherited from her mother Grace, and the easy going temperament from her father Bart - she was a pleasure to take anywhere.

Over the years Willow and I shared some great times and made some memories that will never leave me. She easily passed her TD1 at her first Tracking Trial, and although not the best tracking dog I have had the pleasure of handling - she was just a joy to have with me for the weekend trips away. And when in the round yard with a few sheep you could see the sparkle in her eye - she just loved every minute of it.

Unfortunately Willow never made it into the Agility ring - not her fault as she was stuck with an aging handler. I know in my heart she would have been a winner.

A wonderful mother to some excellent pups, a sweet natured girl that I will miss dreadfully.

Taken far too early by a brown snake.

Run free now, and wait at the gate for me ...