

MISTY (Fairways of Mist)



JULIE (Deep River's Cache of Jewels)



Owning two collies is a new and fun adventure...and yes, at times stressful. But if you love dogs like I do, it's a world full of laughter, mischief, play, teaching, rewards, love, and lots of hugs and licks. My rough sable Misty is now 7 and knows me better than I do! She likes to think of herself as The Queen, which she is. That leaves the title of Princess to my 17-month old blue merle rough collie Julie who relishes the title. Queen Misty is more into royalty....soft cushions to lie on and not wanting to be disturbed...while Princess Julie is constantly in motion and finding trouble whenever possible.

I have owned many collies and have always competed in obedience. Misty is my first agility dog, and it's been a wonderful journey for us both. I love the excited look on her face when she realizes we're at an agility site, and her face is pure joy following a run. We run as a team for sure. I'm enjoying my time training Julie and am trying to avoid the rookie mistakes I made with Misty. But something is very different with Julie....I'm 7 years older than I was starting out with Misty, and my legs really need to travel faster to keep up with the youngster!

Misty is now retired from AKC competition after achieving her titles for Excellent Standard and Excellent Jumps with Weaves. She achieved her CPE C-ATCH in 2007, and we're working on a C-ATE if good health works in our favor. Julie made her obedience and rally debut in October, and while not achieving a qualifying obedience score (decided to lay down on her long sit) she showed great promise and should do better next time out. We're looking forward to Julie's agility debut on January 1-3 at the Agile Dog's CPE Trial. Julie will be the collie knocking down jump bars (hasn't quite got the message that she's really supposed to keep the bars up) and I'll be the one gasping for oxygen at the end of our run!

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