

PIPPIN

by Diane McMorris



Pippin turned 2 in Nov. 2008, but he has been part of the McMorris family since he was 23 hours old. That's when I met him. At the time I already had 2 dogs, an older Schnauzer and a Schnauzer/Shih-tzu mix, but the "tiny" black and white baby had laid claim to me and I was taken. Pippin is Magick's littermate and Wicca's full brother and we (Joyce and I) visited the puppies every week on the way to Wicca's agility class.

Pippin is a great dog with a wonderful personality. He loves everyone whether they have two or four legs and thinks everyone should love him. Although he is the biggest of the dogs, he doesn't care about being the alpha as he would rather be a lover than a fighter. He really believes that his mission in life is to prove that Shih-tzus were and always will be bred to be lap dogs.

About a year ago I decided that since I watched Wicca and Joyce every week I might as well get involved and what better dog than the brother of the "Agility Diva". Besides, it looked so easy!



After several months of doing agility the "Pippin Way"-run all over at full speed everywhere but on course - recently the team of "Mom and Mr. P" is starting to "get it". Pippin is sometimes better than mom. We even received our first Q ever at Jazz-For-Fun the day before my 74th birthday. I guess Pippin was giving me a present. We are now having fun together and look forward to improving and participating for a long time or until the ravages of age take over! If not, Pippin already has a backup plan, or as we like to call it, Plan B- become a certified therapy dog. That way he can visit me in the nursing home when I get there, maybe sooner rather than later!