

## AJ



AJ is a 3 year old female border collie who has been taking agility lessons at **Jazz Agility** for approximately 2 years. She was rescued by another **Jazz Agility Club** member, Mary VanDeCarr. Even though Mary knew AJ belonged at Mari's house with her other Border Collie, Jumping Jack Flash, Mari was skeptical. AJ was named "Jill" at first to go along with "Jack". Agility Jill was nick named AJ. and her full name is changed at times to Adirondack Jill. Mari began her relationship with AJ by just handling her for Mary at Beginner Agility Class. A trial play date was arranged at **Jazz Agility** for AJ to meet Jumping Jack Flash and see if they got along. A trial weekend was then set up to see if Jack would tolerate AJ at his own home --and that is as they say "history". AJ has her forever home. Jack loves having another Border Collie in his home and someone to herd. AJ on the other hand does not mind being stared at and herded by Jack. AJ keeps life interesting for 11 year old veteran Jack. AJ is just figuring out what a jump is for. She thought those sticks were for crashing through, an agility course was for destroying and fences or gates were head gear. AJ just started competing in CPE level 2 and actually has gotten a couple of Q's, but no tittles yet. She has participated in Agility Demonstrations for " *Paws for a Cause*" and at the Adirondack Museum as part of their " *Dog Days of Summer*". Because "agility" may not be "Agility Jill's" strength she began taking Freestyle lessons with Caryn Tindal, another **Jazz Agility Club** member. AJ has displayed a talent for dancing to Frank Sinatra and looks forward to doing a demonstration of her talents in the near future. AJ has also become a talented swimmer and retriever and enjoys hiking, kayaking, snow shoeing, cross country skiing and long walks on the beaches of Maine. And to those who may ask "What happened to AJ's tail"? She was so happy to be rescued, she wagged her tail right off. That's AJ's story and I'm sticking with it.