



Celebrating the lives and  
accomplishments of our older  
partners and friends!

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### Norwood's Born to Sparkle "Shay"

Border Collie - Age 9  
Handled by: Gina Pizzo, Maplewood, MN



Photo by Gina Pizzo

It's hard to believe that Shay is already 9 years old! It seems like just yesterday she was a 9 week old puppy sitting in an x-pen at this very trial.

Don't tell Shay she is a veteran because she doesn't believe it either. She still chases the other dogs around the yard and is as naughty as ever with her sheep. Shay taught me how to work with a true thinking dog. Once I figured out how she processed information, training was easy. She has always been our "steady eddie" and reserves her energy for herding, agility and flyball. She is now on her last year of flyball so we might have to find some new activities to fill that void next year. She will continue to do agility as long as she wants to. I think we still have a lot of goals to achieve.

Because her litter was born on the 4th of July their litter names were all related to fireworks. Shay's litter name was Sparkle so I chose to use that in her registered name because there was no way I was going to call her Sparkle!

Enjoy each run with your canine companion no matter what because you never know when this fantastic ride will end.

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### Shilohs Keep on Truckin' "Tucker"

Coton de Tulear - Age 9.5  
Handled by: Sandi Schaible, Eagan, MN



Photo by Mark Herreid (Herreid Photography)

Tucker was born at the same breeder two days after MayZee! He was one of the more playful puppies who enjoyed our company when we visited to pick up MayZee. However, he was already spoken for by another family in Utah.

18 months later, the breeder messaged us to let us know that Tucker needed a new home. Lexy's mom flew to Salt Lake City to pick up a scared "Henry". Henry arrived at his new home late at night and was happily greeted by MayZee. They remembered each other instantly. With a new life comes a new name, and he became Tucker. He was reactive and had some socialization issues. Our home gave him safety and agility gave him structure and confidence.

When he is not doing agility, you can find him very close to his mommy. He enjoys watching TV, especially Gus on Maine Cabin Masters. He also likes to sleep in until 11, and does not like to be disturbed beforehand. His absolute favorite thing (besides his mommy) is Pup Cups. You can find him with his eyes coming out of his head like a cartoon when drive-thrus show their Pup Cups being made.

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### Mizz MayZee May of Shiloh Cotons "MayZee"

Coton de Tulear - Age 9.5  
Handled by: Lexy Schaible, Eagan, MN



Photo by Mark Herreid (Herreid Photography)

MayZee was born in Dallas, Texas. We wanted a Tri-Color Coton. You wouldn't believe it, but May came to us almost fully a black dog. When we went to pick her up, she was nowhere to be found. Meanwhile, the rest of the puppies were playing with us and having a grand time. The breeder had to fish our beloved MayZee out from under the couch! Over time, the color faded, but the sassy attitude has stayed.

In her Agility career, we have had a lot of big accomplishments. This includes placing 3rd\* at her debut in Elite at Champs (\*2nd, but we aren't talking about it). The Wednesday after getting back, she went up the A-frame and, on her descent, tore her CCL. The next year was spent as follows: physical therapy, surgery to fix her CCL and luxating patella, physical therapy, surgery to fix her other luxating patella, and more physical therapy. Now she's back to kick some agility butt. She is currently 4 chances Qs from her NATCH.

Not much has changed over the years. When not competing in agility, MayZee leads a busy lifestyle. She can be found during the workdays supervising from the comfort of her bed. She can even do it with her eyes closed! She can also be seen judging everyone who comes down the street. Yes, you are going too fast!

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### Koster's Barkin' At the Moon "Ozzie"

Mixed Breed - Age 10.5  
Handled by: Denise Koster, Rochester, MN

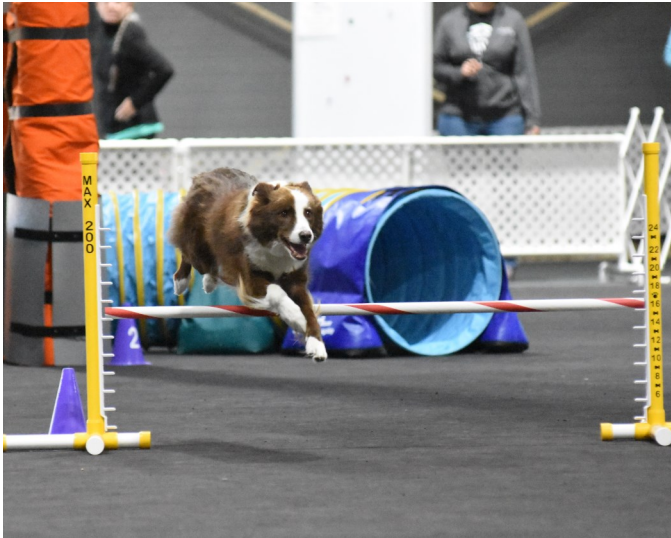


Photo by Mark Herreid (Herreid Photography)

Ozzie will turn 11 years old in September and most days I have a hard time remembering that! Where has the time gone?!

Ozzie has been retired from agility for almost a year now. I miss running him but I don't think he misses it. We still compete in disc dog and scent work. I had hopes of competing at NADAC Champs with him but now the torch has been passed to Lexi.

Thank you OzMan for playing agility with me.

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### Fairoaks Inferno "Blaze"

Australian Shepherd - Age 11.5  
Handled by: Niki Manning, South St. Paul, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Blaze is a happy and energetic dog whose motto in life is, "boys just want to have fun". His happy-go-lucky attitude earned him the nickname "George".

While missed contact zones and popped weave poles were a hallmark of his agility career, we did manage to earn championships in ASCA and CPE before a catastrophic A-frame accident at the 2021 ASCA National left him fighting to learn to stand and walk again. Thanks to a great care team and his inspiring spirit, Blaze is able to happily spend his time running around the backyard and lounging in the kiddie pool.

Thank you to MMBC and the Parade of Veterans for giving our retired friends a time to shine again.

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### Chaparral Double Doux Gabrielle “Doux”

Pyrenean Shepherd - Age 12  
Handled by: Leo Fuerst, Freedom, WI



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Doux is a 12 year old Pyrenean Shepherd. She is smart, playful, affectionate and seemingly always by my side.

Agility is her thing. Through the years Doux has earned four NADAC National Championship wins. I am proud to have her as my agility partner and I get a rush every time we step to the line.

We are blessed to keep enjoying our time together.

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### MM Kona's Ruff Diamond Triumph “Kona”

Mixed Breed - Age 12.5  
Handled by: Karen Magee, Rochester, MN



Photo by Karen Magee

Apparently we're doing our own bios this year. Something about "pulling my weight" Personally, I think Management is just lazy, and I don't do weight pulls.

I'm still rocking agility - and yes, I may accidentally mess with Management during the POV. Longevity? I've got more staying power than that showboat Ted "The Honey Badger." He talks a big game, but I'm the one bringing home the clean runs.

I'm focusing on keeping my strength up, sharpening my skills, and retraining Management to handle me properly. She claims my stubborn streak comes from the Spaniel in me... wrong. That's pure Border Collie attitude. In my spare time, I actually train the Border Collies in agility - no matter what Ted says. He's all talk, no paw.

Trainer's Report - Kona, 2025

Trainees: 3 Border Collies (slow progress... brains on back-order)

Specialties: Agility finesse, silent judgment, withering side-eye  
Current challenges: Management's inability to keep up

Success rate: 100% (according to me)

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### Ted's Excellent Adventure “Ted”

Mixed Breed - Age 13  
Handled by: Karen Magee, Rochester, MN



Photo by Karen Magee

Hi all - Management decided I should write my own bio this year. No pay. No treats. This is abuse. Call the ASPCA. These days, I'm enjoying semi-retirement - hiking, studying, and prepping for my pilot's exam. Agility was my passion for years, but it's time for new adventures. Still banned from fire and capes - Management's a killjoy.

Flight Log - Captain Ted, 2025  
Special maneuvers: Agility jumps, snack dives  
Current restrictions: Fire + cape ban (still outrageous)

I'm also looking forward to long walks and mentoring the "house terrors" (the border collies) in agility... when their brains arrive.

See you next year! - Ted, a.k.a. The Honey Badger (and don't tell Management... but I still don't give a <BEEEEEEEEEP>)

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### RJs Pandemonium “Pan”

Pembroke Welsh Corgi - Age 13  
Handled by: Lacey Kobriger, Apple Valley, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Pan was my first dog sport partner and taught me so many things along the way. Competing with him wasn't always easy, but he loved training, and together we found joy in the journey. Over the years, we tried so many sports together: agility, obedience, tracking, herding, and so much more.

Even at 13, Pan hasn't lost his spark. He still insists on proving he can outshine everyone, especially his housemate Java, and never misses a chance to butt into training sessions to show off his favorite tricks. He spent most of his years being an office dog, and continues to be my underfoot companion while I work from home. Though retired from competition, Pan still enjoys hiking, nosework games, and being the boss of everything.

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### Hangtimes Bandit Walking The Plank "Plank"

Australian Shepherd - Age 13  
Handled by: JoAnne Schwietz, Bloomington, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

13 years have gone by in a flash! Plank you were destined to be an agility dog and were my trusty partner for all those years. Even though you have slowed considerably and can't jump the way you used to, you are still a ROCKSTAR! BTW, I think I am now the faster member of the team... it only took 13 years, but I finally made it!

I cherish every time we step to a start line, whether in Agility or Nosework and wouldn't trade the time we have spent together all these years. Thanks, Plank, for being the best partner that anyone could want and for 13 years of fun. May our journey continue for many more years, if not in Agility then in Nosework!

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### Uproar Cody's Appaloosa Kid "Colt"

Australian Shepherd - Age 13  
Handled by: Jan Poole, Bloomington, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

What a gift the last year has been for me and Colt. Not predicted to be around past September of 2024, he defied the odds and made it to Aussie Nationals, through the New Year and celebrated his 13th birthday – milestones to measure our journey by.

Now retired from competitive Agility, he does Colt Agility. He schmoozes with people at trials, charming them for treats with his soft innocent face and hopeful eyes! He still practices on the warmup jump, with the bar on the ground, it lifts him up in spirit and mind. He fashions himself as an Agility ROCKSTAR! He also is a Nosework dog, or Sniffers as he likes to call it. What could be better for a senior dog that still wants to Play, than a sport where you find the "thing" and get fed lots of treats. Ah, what a Life!

Thanks Colt, for 13 years of fun and frolics! You make me smile at life every day. May we continue to enjoy the steps of our journey together for as long as possible.

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### Maple Grove Farm's Karma Sparkles "Karma"

English Shepherd - Age 13.5  
Handled by: Marie Webb, Roanoke, VA



Photo by Marie Webb

Karma is an English Shepherd who retired from agility this Spring. She'll be 14 years old on New Year's Day and now mostly enjoys taking walks, napping and just hanging out with her family and friends.

Karma was always enthusiastically vocal when running courses, right up until she decided that the Intro courses she mastered well the past few years were no longer of interest to her.

She had a wonderful agility career, competing in Champs in 2017 and 2019; and is recognized in the NADAC Hall of Fame for being part of the 10 NATCH club and achieving the Triple Superior Versatility and Elite All Around titles.

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### Kinnic Hypolyte "Hypolyte"

Border Collie - Age 14  
Handled by: Lisa Bisson-Schafer, Le Sueur, MN



Photo by Lisa Bisson-Schafer

All of our dogs are named after relatives from our Ancestry Family Tree. Hip was named after Hypolyte Bisson (who immigrated from France and resided in Henderson, MN). His name means "freer of horses". I can honestly say, please don't let our horses out, Hip!

With Hip now permanently retired, his days are filled up with long naps, special senior meals and lots of love. He's taken over the loveseat but still enjoys spending time socializing with our other dogs. Hip has been a treasure to train and trial with. He's honest, hard working and truly loved the agility game. Our goals for Hypolyte now are to enjoy his senior years and always treasure our memories of playing the agility game.

We love you Hip!

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### Mystic Cavalry to the Rescue “Scout”

Border Collie - Age 14  
Handled by: Shelly Russ, Hugo, MN



Photo by Shelly Russ

14 1/2 year old Scout is still sassy as ever and enjoys all the pleasures life has to offer. Scout officially retired from agility last year but still enjoys playing in the backyard with little brother Jax. She has a few things left to teach him and thinks boys are kind of dumb.

Scout spends every Thursday at St. John's hospital as a therapy dog, bringing love and puppy kisses to all she meets. Scout is quite popular and has a large following - her photo is posted on every unit at the hospital. She gets quite excited when I put on her Pet Partners bandana because that means we are on our way to work.

Scout would like to remind everyone that life is short - play hard and snack often.

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### Minikota's Sweet Music Man “Quincy”

Swedish Vallhund - Age 15  
Handled by: Renee Foster, Shorewood, MN



Photo by Renee Foster

At 15, senior Quincy is aging well and living comfortably.

He attacks life one day at a time and each day that passes without a problem is a great day. He still goes for daily walks, just slower and shorter ones. In spite of all his physical ailments and his medication regimen, Quincy maintains a positive attitude, enjoys a good appetite and still finds the energy to play with his cohorts Chesca and Roadie. Sleep, however, has become a more prominent behavior than ever before. Sleep, eat, and sometimes play, not such a bad life.

I feel blessed to have had this much quality time with my friend and companion. That day will come when I will wish for just one more opportunity to make a new memory, or to embark on just one more adventurous journey together or enjoy just one more hugging and petting session...

I hope to be able to live on borrowed time for a long time.

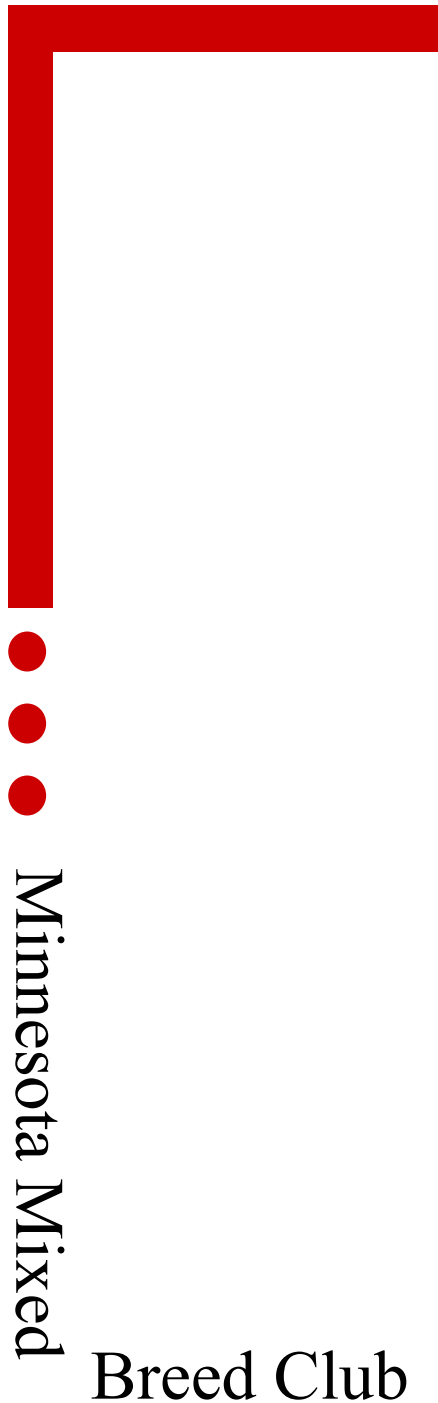
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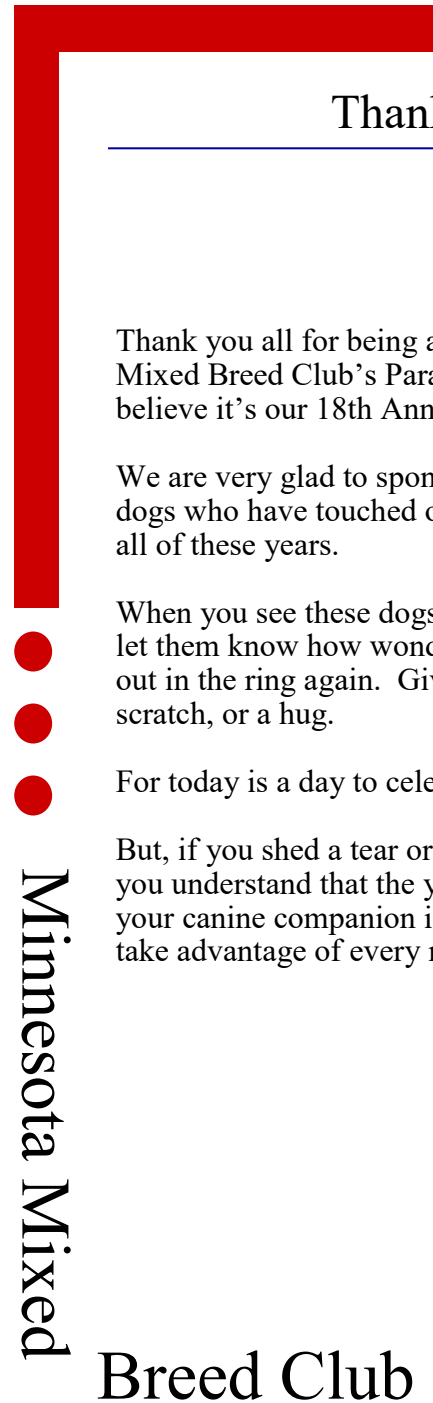
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## Thank You!

Thank you all for being a part of the Minnesota Mixed Breed Club's Parade of Veterans! Can you believe it's our 18th Annual!?

We are very glad to sponsor this event to honor the dogs who have touched our hearts and our lives for all of these years.

When you see these dogs and their handlers today, let them know how wonderful it was to see them out in the ring again. Give those dogs a pat, scratch, or a hug.

For today is a day to celebrate.

But, if you shed a tear or two, it only means that you understand that the your time in the ring with your canine companion is limited. Make sure you take advantage of every moment!