

My On Target Experience

My On Target puppy was seven years in the making. It all started when Vixen had her first litter of Border Staffy puppies in 2005. I talked with Lisa about the breeding and what the Border Staffy would be like because I had always had Border Collies. She was wonderful to talk to and answered all my questions enthusiastically. I didn't know anything about the Border Staffy, so I had a lot of questions. I fell in love with them though, you couldn't resist The Seal and to this day you still can't!! Then a month later Jedi had her first litter of Border Collie puppies. In pictures they were amazing, beautiful and I knew I had a decision to make. Did I want a Border Staffy or a Border Collie? Decisions, Decisions! About a year later my mom and I went to visit Lisa to have some health testing done on my mom's dog. Lisa was kind enough to let us stay at her home and introduce us to Jedi's second litter of Border Collie puppies. I had the pleasure of meeting 7 week old Lust, Potion, and Greed. When I meet the puppies I knew then and there ***I HAD TO HAVE*** a Jedi puppy. It is an understatement to say they captured my heart, especially Lust. I talked with Lisa about future breedings and the possibility of getting on the list for a Jedi puppy. I knew there were going to be more puppies, but it wasn't in the cards for me. Life happens. I knew maybe one day if I was patient, and I was patient.

Fast Forward to 2010 Lisa and I were talking about one of my dogs and his lines and I told her what I give to have another dog from his line, but sadly they have ended. That got us on the conversation of me wanting another dog, and the process started. I was on the 2011 Lust X Edge list and I was ecstatic. I LOVE Lust!! This was as close to a Jedi puppy as I was going to get and I was thrilled. Then I got the news... Jedi was bred to Chex for her last litter. Did I want to switch lists? Yes, Yes, Yes!!! I was so honored. Then the wait began. On May 16, 2011 Tilt was born as a singleton. However, I don't have any doubt in my mind if he was part of a six pack or an eight pack he would have been the one Lisa would have chosen for me. He is wonderful beyond all measure. He is everything I could have hoped for and more. Will I get another OT puppy? Oh most definitely. I am thinking I might try my hand at a Border Staffy, I think it is time. Don't you think so too Seal? Will I have Lisa choose my puppy for me? ABSOLUTELY!! I wouldn't have it any other way.

I mentioned earlier that my mom and I have stayed with Lisa, this was in Dallas. Since then I have stayed with Lisa and Mary several times in Dallas and in Las Vegas spending several days, up to a week with them. This is how I would describe Lisa and Mary's home: Amazing, Loving, Clean, Organized Chaos, Fun, and most of all Home. Their home is always clean and so are the dogs. The dogs are all in good shape and well socialized. When I would visit in Dallas we would go running in the preserve and swimming in the pool depending on the weather. Everyone knew their job and happy to have me, a stranger to some of the dogs, tell them what to do and direct them to the proper place to be and most of all throw the Kong in the pool!!! In Las Vegas they have a huge yard to run in and everyone gets exercise. In both Dallas and Las Vegas the potty yard is separate and is kept spotless, cleaned up every time. As for Lisa and Mary's dogs you couldn't ask for sweeter, kinder dogs! Some of Lisa's dogs already know me from flyball, so they greet me like a dog who knows someone. However, Lisa and Mary's dogs that don't know me greet me the exact same way, like I am their best friend and we are about to go out and do something fun. When I stay with Lisa and Mary they make me feel at home.

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Proud Owner of On Target's Full Speed Ahead "Tilt" (Jedi x Chex)