

Hi Mary, Hi Lisa,

Hope that all is well with you. One of the On Target supporters asked if I would write a testimonial. I'm happy to do that. Here it is:

I was not looking for a puppy. I was not looking for a border collie. I met Reveal at a training session with friends. I took one look at Reveal and felt as if I had been struck by lightning. I believe the words that came out of my mouth were, "That little dog has a light in her." And she does. I went home and thought about Reveal some more. I had three dogs, but I decided to see if I could fit another kennel in my car. Just in case. I could. I sent a note to a trusted friend and mentor for a reality check and heard words of encouragement. I slept on it. I am not at all impulsive. The next day I asked my friend if Lisa and Mary might consider letting me have Reveal. Lisa's words were "No, and if anyone is buying Reveal, it will be me." But I didn't give up hope; I had such a strong feeling about Reveal. I began dog-sitting Reveal. She fit right in my home with my three, as if she had always been here. Six weeks after I met Reveal, my heart dog, Rafter, died suddenly. They say that things happen for a reason. I'm inclined (now) to believe that is true. Here is what I want to say. I've been really impressed by how Lisa chooses dogs that fit my friends like hand in glove. It's actually a little spooky. Although Mary and Lisa did not choose Reveal for me, they did choose to change their plans for her, and to my mind that is more impressive than choosing a puppy. Reveal is an important part of their breeding program: she comes from a breeding that will never happen again, and she reminds Mary of Trep, her heart dog, who is Reveal's daddy. He sure must have been awesome. And they did not know me, so they had to take a, true leap of faith. When Lisa visited, she saw that Reveal is happy. Mary did a great thing in letting Reveal stay here with me. Reveal is a sweet, salty, smart, biddable, soulful girl. A very bright little light. She makes me laugh and smile every single day. She is a delight to train. In fact, she's exciting to train. If you have ever been with someone who is having the time of his or her life, well, that is what it is like to work with Reveal. But it's day-to-day life that is made more sweet with Reveal in mine. We fit like hand in glove. I love this little dog.

My heartfelt thanks to Mary and Lisa.

Tara Goldak & Reveal (aka The Cutlet, Fish Cutlet, The Torpedo, Vealy. Best Border Collie Ever.)