

I first contacted Lisa in June of 2009. I had owned Border Collies all of my life but had been rescuing dogs for quite some time before contacting On Target. Being heavily involved in canine entertainment at the time, I needed variety in breeds and wanted to help promote the importance of animal rescue to audiences nationwide; however, I had kept a close eye on what was going on in the Border Collie world over the years, and On Target Border Collies was my clear choice. It was becoming more and more difficult to find a genetically sound Border Collie with a good temperament who had a body built well enough to endure years of competition.

We went back and forth about what cross would best for me, and then finally in March of 2011 my baby Synchronicity was born out of the Lust x Edge breeding. I had always had so much respect for how Lisa kept all future and current puppy owners up to date on new litters with photos and videos of the puppies growing up, but being able to watch *my* puppy grow over 8 weeks truly meant the world to me. When I went down to pick up my baby in Dallas, I had the pleasure of meeting mom and dad as well as the rest of the litter and their future owners. The entire process was exciting and well organized; it will always be a fond memory of mine.

My girlie is growing up into everything I ever wanted to find in my next competition dog and more. Her work ethic is outstanding. Then combine that with her sweet disposition around the house and her lighthearted mannerisms, and she becomes the entire package. She honestly wows everyone she meets. My boyfriend who has owned only Malinois for the past decade was so impressed by her drive, intelligence, and speed that he decided to inquire about getting an On Target Border Collie puppy of his own! And I was lucky enough to fly out to Vegas to pick up his puppy out of Style x Edge this past October.

As I was buying my tickets to Vegas, I had to remind myself that I hadn't met the majority of Lisa and Mary's dogs and only had met Lisa a handful of times and Mary once but yet felt so close to all of them. The first night I got in, each of the dogs whom I had read and heard so much about and had fallen in love with through countless pictures jumped on me like they had known me their entire lives. I even was "lucky" enough to visit during nail clipping week and helped Lisa cut the nails of 30+ dogs who were all willing to come over for nail time and happy to get their individual lovin' right afterward. Being an asthmatic severely allergic to dogs and dust mites, I was very surprised to have zero health problems during my three days visit. I wish I could say the same about my own house of five dogs! = )

Since the moment he arrived home, Jimmy Choo has been turning into everything we hoped he would. Two puppies from different litters born in different states could not both be so outgoing, healthy, talented, and loving without Lisa and Mary's heroic efforts. While I frequently tell myself I will not just become a collector of amazing On Target and OffOn dogs, I will undoubtedly get my next puppy from them. And I must say the thing that stands out to me most from my journey thus far is the continuous support provided. Your relationship with Lisa has just begun the day you exchange your contract for your fur ball. Whether discussing training or ears or simply swapping funny stories, the line of communication is always open. I truly value having such a knowledgeable, honest, and compassionate breeder.

Jess Ritchie, The Proud Mama of On Target's In Perfect Harmony "Synchronicity"