



Delphi

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Our Public Relations Director, Delphi T. Doolittle, made her transition back into spirit world yesterday February 25, 2016. She would have been 14 years old June 24th. I chose to use Delphi's beautiful face as part of my business logo because she was a strikingly beautiful dog, and Delphi had a passion for her work. She knew what her path was from a tiny pup. I remember her eyes glowing with joy and intensity at 7 weeks old when she saw our goats.

Although I first introduced Delphi to agility in which we became a pretty good team, her heart was with her sheep. I remember during a workshop having a participant ask Delphi if she was ready for her first agility trial. Her reply was classic, "I know what to do, good girl, good girl, I know what she wants, good girl, good girl." Then the person told me she saw her flash a smile and say, "But I'm a sheepdog!" And so it was that I couldn't and wouldn't stand in the way of her passion so we ended up getting some sheep and Delphi launched me into the world of sheep herding.

Delphi was a game changer, and someone who brought me full circle in several ways. My Mom and Dad grew up on farms and I recall reading a story my Mother wrote about her Collie helping to bring in the cows. I had to laugh because I resisted not only getting a Border Collie, but even having any kind of life that was similar to a farmer's. I think when you are younger you sometimes resist following in your parents' shoes. Anyway because of Delphi, here I am with a my little farm of sorts and more Border Collies to boot.

I will always remember the gleam in Delphi's eyes when she saw sheep or when she was working them. She embodied "do what you love, love what you do." Which is why she represents my business so well.

Her split face, black on one side, white on the other, perfectly reflected her personality. She could be incredibly sweet, but she had little tolerance for other dogs and ruled her boy dogs at home with an iron paw. Always doing things her way.

She left on a windy blustery day, kind of fits. Delphi now joins the wind, the sun, the rain, and All That Is. Forever her beautiful face will shine in my heart.



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