



## Sprite Neilson

April 15, 2002 - January 13, 2015

Sprite Neilson, born April, 2002 and came to live with us June, 2002 till her departing on January 13, 2015. Husband received her FREE from a litter of pups belonging to a coworker at the time. She sat way to the back of their pen by herself and, as it turned out, she was indeed a timid breed but so loving. She was half Australian Shepherd and half Cocker Spaniel. Sprite was so named as this was the favorite beverage of Kobe Bryant, my son's all time favorite athlete since he was a third grader now in his 20's. Her favorite toy was a yellow tennis ball, which she would run/chase and get till her death. She LOVED going for walks and would insist on turning corners on the streets she wanted to go down: She loved to bark and 'chase critters' like chipmunks and squirrels off our property, which she felt was her duty. She loved to sit by the front door for hours and bark at people going/driving by which we let her enjoy alot. She was thrilled to welcome home 'daddy' Roy Neilson and 'Trent' son after work. She also loved going into son Trent's room and waking him up each morning. She absolutely loved sitting in the kitchen and watching 'mommy' Deb Neilson cook and usually get a treat of 'people food'. She also liked getting a piece of bacon on Sun. morning when Roy prepared breakfast/brunch. She would bark to get our usual Sun. night snack of popcorn and really loved that. When we were gone somewhere and she was put in her cage, she got so excited when we returned and let her out. She would run and jump like a small child getting candy. She would even 'howl' to express her excitement. She loved eating snow in winter and sitting on the

patio with Roy in summer. Her least favorite things would be vet checkups and getting boarded when we went on vacation. She loved wet chicken dog food but ate very little when boarded. She was ecstatic when we returned to pick her up to go home. Sprite was an overcomer....just last year she healed from a case of heartworm the first time she ever had it! and also from a nose/eye infection...in fact, she rebounded so wonderfully she acted like a pup again. We remember Sprite for her loving personality, her joy to just be with us whether sitting in favorite spots in the house or outside watching us do yard work. If we were sad or angry, she would come lift her paw to shake hands. She was always obedient and came when called. Her fur was beautifully colored black, white and tan. She loved life to the fullest and her presence made each day sunnier. Now, the lack of her being here, brings tears of sorrow and sadness to our hearts. Sprite we miss you SO MUCH XOXO.

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ So sorry for the loss of your dear companion Sprite. He sounds like a wonderful pet. If you get a chance, please do a Google Search and read *The Legend of the Rainbow Bridge*, it is very comforting.

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**Judy Doucette** - June 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM