

SAYING GOOD BYE TO ONE IN A MILLION

On May 22nd, it was time to say goodbye to a dog, that was for sure "one in a million". At the age of 15 1/2 years, Murphy's time for the trip over the rainbow had come. Over the last couple of months his health had been deteriorating, all test results came back fine, but his body and strength said it was time for final rest.

Murphy came home to us in February 1992 at the age of 15 months, as Fred's dog, right, that ended in about a weeks time since he preferred women and wanted nothing to do with Fred, Murphy then became my next challenge. His breeder (Patricia White) thought he had the drive and attitude to do many many things, and boy was she right. (thank you so much Pat, for giving us the chance to have this wonderful dog)

Learning to train a terrier was a feat that I was not really prepared for, not to mention the first of his breed trained in the sports field, but Murphy certainly made it look easy, made me look good, plus excelled at every sport. Murphy become the first Toy Manchester Terrier to obtain an Obedience Trial Championship, Flyball Master Excellent (final points 12,169), Agility Trial Champion (AAC) plus many other achievements. No doubt Murphy's sport of choice was agility. He ran his last agility course this year in February, earning a "Q" in Master Standard. Even with Murphy being 100% deaf we still managed to get around the course, but the greatest pleasure was still being able to be out there together, both of us enjoying every second of it, whether a clean run or not, it did not matter. Things in the house will certainly be different for sometime, Murphy was part of our family for over 14 years. Though a small dog, a big hole has been left. I am sure that he is now running is own agility course, which he did many, many times, he always felt that his course was better than the judge's, even if I disagreed.

Thank you Murph, for all that you gave us, your heart, drive, zest for life, loyalty and companionship certainly made you
"One in a Million"

"MURPHY"

Ryas Batteries Not Included
Obedience Trial Champion, Canadian Confirmation Champion, Novice Agility (CKC)
Companion Dog (AKC),
Agility Trial Champion of Canada, Silver Award of Merit (AAC)
Flyball Master Excellent (NAFA)
Agility Dog (USDAA)
November 19, 1990 - May 22, 2006
affectionately known as "Murph the Smurf"

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