

# Four and Rocky

## 2011 Litter



### Bling (formerly Miss Kitty)

When I bred Four to Rocky I hoped she would produce me a blue merle female, preferably tri color too.. as the puppies arrived, I became more nervous when no blue merle girls had arrived, then at 2:40 am on April 30, Four gave me exactly what I was hoping for. Bling was destined to stay here from the day she arrived in this world, and as Mandy has said to me, Bling is just "perfect" for me. I am hoping Bling will learn to love dogsports, as much as her mother does, and the rest of the Grand Oakes BC's who all love agility. Bling has behind her a great pedigree, structure, health, temperament, and great beauty all in one package. I am sure when Bling is out on the agility course, you won't miss her "Bling." Thank you "Four."



**Mandy Moller and Yates (Drover), Chelsea MI**

Yates is Mandy's second G.O. puppy out of Four. Everyone has enjoyed watching Rita and Mandy, run the amazing "Dru", from Four's first litter. They have been burning up the times in AKC and USDAA and are well on their way to Mach. Mandy is an AKC and CPE judge. She owns and operates Canine Sports Recreation Center <http://www.caninesportsrec.com/> where she teaches agility. She has been involved in dog shows since 1991, and excelling in both the breed ring with her Siberians, as well in agility with Dru and Ripley the BC's. Mandy is a very special friend, and she has already assured me that Yates is just "Perfect."



**Lynaia Bermann and Cowboy, Farmington Hills MI**

Lynaia has 2 German Shepherds, Sunny and Lexi, and is very involved in dog activities. She is a member AADTC, and Wolverine DTC, and always hard at work, at the AA agility trials. Her dogs have titles in agility, obedience, tracking and therapy dog, and is working toward her TDX with Sunny. She competes in both AKC and UKC. Lynaia, has been admiring the work ethic of the border collies, and decided she was ready to switch breeds and get one for herself. She wanted a BC that was easy to live with and unique, and she sure wont find one any more unique than Cowboy. This team will be competing in agility, obedience, and therapy dog work.



### **Jodie Adams and Tex, Boyne City MI**

Jodie fell in love with little Tex from day one. He was the smallest pup, at only 6.5 oz at birth, and needed to be tube fed. He may be a small pup, but he has a big heart, and has always been a little pistol. Tex was the star of the TT test, when he not only approached the umbrella but grabbed it and dragged it across the room! no fear issues here! Jodie has been training dogs for 25 yrs, and has earned over 30 titles with 5 different dogs. She has been excelling in agility with her current border collie Kiya. Jodie is very active in dog activities and loves studying dog behavior. She will be competing in Agility with Tex. She trains using motivational methods and her love of dogs shines through. Tex already enjoys living on their 70 acres, with her new family including B.C. Kiya and 2 corgis (and of course Bruce too).



### **Ashley McCauley Lapeer, MI and Bullet (formerly Gambler)**

Ashley is 18 yrs old, currently has 3 dogs, and has been competing in agility for 3 yrs. She has earned her UKC U-ACHX but wanted to get a puppy and train from scratch, and she chose to get a border collie. She wanted a dog that would be a good worker, but yet be her constant companion, and Bullet if a perfect choice for her. Ashley is a member of DogSports UKC agility club and will be training with Daphne Stover of Hadley Acres Dog Training. Ashley has a long career in agility ahead of her, and her parents are in total support of her endeavors. We will look forward to seeing Ashley and Bullet at agility trials in the future.

### **Jodi and Daniel Conley, North Branch MI and Belle**

Jodi came from a family that had always had Border Collies to work family farm. Jodi competed in agility with her dog Chloe (now 15), but said Chloe never really loved it. She wanted a dog that had Heart, brains and was willing to work. She also wants something with a good temperament that eventually the kids (Ian 10, Isaac 8 and Rowan i4) could show in 4 H agility. The kids all fell in love with Belle from the start. The Conleys live out in the country and have chickens, pigs and cows all of which will keep Belle busy. They have already enrolled Belle in puppy class, and ready to start their agility training.





**Jim Laube, Waterford MI and Leica (formerly Rio)**

Jim says he is a competitor at heart and decided he wanted a border collie and compete in agility. He has had Aussies in the past, and currently has a Samoyed that he shows in the breed ring. Jim convinced me that even though he has never competed in agility, he felt he could handle a high drive, confident dog. Be careful what you wish for, since I think Leica will learn agility faster than Jim, keeping him on his toes every second of the way. Jim plans to train and Highest Hope Dog Sports and he is going to enjoy his journey with Lecia

**Laura Grant and Barbara Fields, Louisville, KY and Aoife (formerly Annie-Oakley)**

Laura and Barbara were looking for a Border Collie after having their last BC Harley, for almost 18 yrs. They had been searching different breeders and were looking for the total package in a puppy, temperament, health, structure, and proper socialization. They wanted a puppy that wasn't over the top, but energetic and sweet. Their main interest will be to compete in obedience, and therapy dog work. Laura says she is fascinated with agility, but afraid she wouldn't be able to remember the courses (haven't we all been there!), but she said she may give it a try. Aoife is super sweet, eager to learn, and I have no doubt they will excel in obedience together.



**Karen and Tom Franz, Madison OH and Bran (formerly Outlaw)**

Karen already owns a G.O. pup from Fours last litter, and we have enjoyed seeing him grow up through the Smileboxes she sends. She was so happy with Corks temperament, that when she heard four had another litter, she was worried if she passed this litter by, that she may not have an opportunity to get another pup with such a great off switch. Karen told me if I thought there was a puppy that was just perfect for her, she would take it. I told her Bran was going to be just what she wanted. Drive and personality, but not reactive or dominant. So off Bran went to live with his brother Cork, along with Fionn and Gizmo. Karen belongs to the Heel N Time Drill team, so Bran will eventually perform there. Karen's first love is obedience, but said she will wait and see what Bran likes to do. Tom loves to compete in Distance/accuracy Frisbee, so maybe Bran will become a Frisbee dog. Karen also has done some herding with Cork, and wants to pursue herding with Bran as well. I couldn't choose a better family for Bran, and look forward to seeing his life in pictures that Karen shares with us all.

