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Emily H, SA, owner of Ruby

Ruby enjoys the company of people and she loves socialising, whether it is with adults or children. We spent a lot of time at the river last summer with some of my friends who have young children. The kids and Ruby would keep each other entertained for hours! And after every afternoon at the river the kids

always ask me if they can take Ruby home, of course the answer was always no! Ruby loves the water and one of her favourite things to do is play fetch into the water, Sarah (my other BC) also loves this game so the two of them will happily play for hours if they are allowed.

So Ruby is doing incredibly well! She and Sarah still spend their days at my parents place while I am at work and Ruby has more than made herself at home there. She spends a lot of time with my Dad while I'm at work. She loves going out the paddock with him (mainly because I think she know he spoils her!). While Dad still takes his work dogs with him Ruby happily tags along. She doesn't work the stock but my Dad swears if he was allowed to train her she would be a great worker because she listens and learns so well. I have to admit I sometimes worry that my Dad is starting to think Ruby is his dog and I just pay her food and vet bills!

I try to take Ruby and Sarah out with me as often as I can. Ruby quite enjoys attending the local football and netball on Saturday afternoons, I think this might have something to do with the fact there is always a lot of people who will give her lots of attention and lots of pats and cuddles.

I have had a lot of people ask me if I plan on breeding from Ruby and this is when I explain Ruby was de-sexed a few months ago and that I never intended to breed from her anyway. It's also when I mention where I purchased Ruby from and when I happily recommend people contact you if they would like more information.

I have continued to feed both Ruby and Sarah using the natural feeding principals, this is now something that I really believe in and I have no doubt it is the best thing for the girls, they seem to love it as well. I have also tried to continue the dog listening techniques I learnt from the DVD you supplied. I found to begin with it was probably more challenging for me to change my ways and adapt to this method but now it comes easily and I have no doubt this is a huge part of the reason Ruby is such a well-mannered and well behaved dog, I have even seen Sarah's behaviour change for the better. Sarah

was never a naughty or hard to handle dog but she does appear to be more relaxed in some situations now. I also continued to crate train Ruby. She has a crate that lives on the front veranda; she heads into it whenever she feels like it. I still have the blanket you supplied when Ruby was a puppy. When she is inside this is her favourite blanket to lay on so at night when we are relaxing and watching TV she likes me to lay it at my feet so she can lay next to me. I know I have said it before but I genuinely mean it when I say Ruby is a great dog! My parents have even commented that they think she is one of the best natured border collies we have ever owned, and I have to agree. Emily H from SA (contact details available on request)