



## Heelersridge Riverina TD HIT TT

19/03/2005–17/01/2020

River was the girl I kept from the very first Heelersridge litter. Small in stature, big in heart and mother of some exceptional pups that have taken our kennel name into showrings all around the world.

She is the reason we had electric fences installed around the dog yards at our farm in Kangaroo Creek. River originally jumped over the fences and when we extended them . . . she dug under. And not wanting to go down the creek on her own she could always talk her brother Bart into being her partner in crime. Bart of course with his gentle nature would blindly follow River anywhere, and if he refused her - she would give him what for (lol).

She was shown as a baby and won several Baby in Groups but when I made a decision to concentrate on only one dog at shows I chose Bart as River was at the very bottom of standard height for the breed, and so River settled into home life on the farm.

After producing some very special progeny, we de-sexed River and brought her up to the house to live out her later years in comfort. She was such a good dog, never a problem - always reliable. Most of our puppies born in Tenterfield were lucky enough to have been mentored at one time or another by River who's extremely regal presence never failed to instil respect in their young minds.

When I lost Gary, River was my rock and she continued to keep me safe until her body just wore out.

In her lifetime she brought joy to everyone that met her. A good example of the breed, her contribution to our kennels is unsurpassed.

Thank you sweet River for all you gave me.

Run free now, but wait at the gate ...