

Caika

Caika was born Feb. 3, 2009. My friend Ilona purchased Caika from a breeder near Seattle. She was out of Champion German working lines. When Caika was 3 Ilona developed brain cancer. She asked me to take Caika. I already had 3 goldens, but I had to do what my friend asked. Caika came to live with me in Dec. 2012. The night I brought her home, I pulled into my driveway and opened the car door. She then leaped over me from the back seat. Thank goodness I was able to grab her lead. She pulled me out of the car onto the snow-covered ground; but I held on. That was the beginning. She was a handful. She was smart, had a lot of energy, and was totally out of control. I put her in obedience and agility to try and get control over her. It was a year before I ever brought her to the dog park.



It was a long road, but with all the training she became a very good dog. But, the first agility trial I put her in, she went nuts with excitement. She got to the top of the A-frame looked at me and leaped right on top of me. I am glad I braced myself. Yes, she failed. She eventually received her Open, Agility, Agility Jumpers, Obedience Excellent, Rally and GGC Titles. She received a Good Dog Award from the German Shepherd Club of St Louis. Ilona was an honorary member of the club.



In 2016, Caika developed a spur on her spine. That put an end to her competition career. But she continued to live a happy life. She loved the dog park and loved to play with her sister Casey. They had a tight bond. When I had to put Casey down, Caika took it hard. She grieved for about 3 months. She eventually bounced back; at least for awhile.

In Oct 2021 I took her to the vet for her 6-month checkup. Her urine tests showed her kidney levels were not good. She started getting shots and meds. By Dec 23 she was in total kidney failure. I had to put my super girl down. She had a happy life and that was what my friend wanted. Will miss you forever, super girl. Love Mom.

