

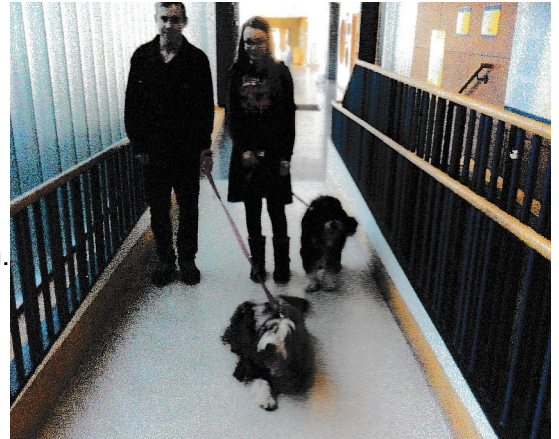
Tessa and Kitty May

By Susan Farrington

I have previously written about Tessa, she had her most successful year in 2018 winning the Southern counties Bearded Collie Club agility trophy and the Touchango Award both for getting the most agility points. This year she won the SCBBC trophy again and has been selected for the Agility Club Veterans Final. Tessa continues to come to work with me every day at my special school for children with profound, severe and complex needs.

A year ago Kitty May joined us at 8 weeks old 3 days later she came to school having spent her first weeks on a farm. The pupils loved her and she quickly settled in, my pupils had more than a slight variation from their usual music lessons!

Kitty may adores the pupils, having her favourites. Every day she works with the children, having timetabled sessions first thing each morning where she supports children who are reluctant to come into school and at other times when they find transitioning difficult. Then she is taken for walks or sits with pupils, adjusting to the individual child's needs. I used both Beardies to show pupils how to do basic training, as a number of children now have dogs at home.



I am extremely fortunate to have a Principal and Deputy who fully support and appreciate what we do.

