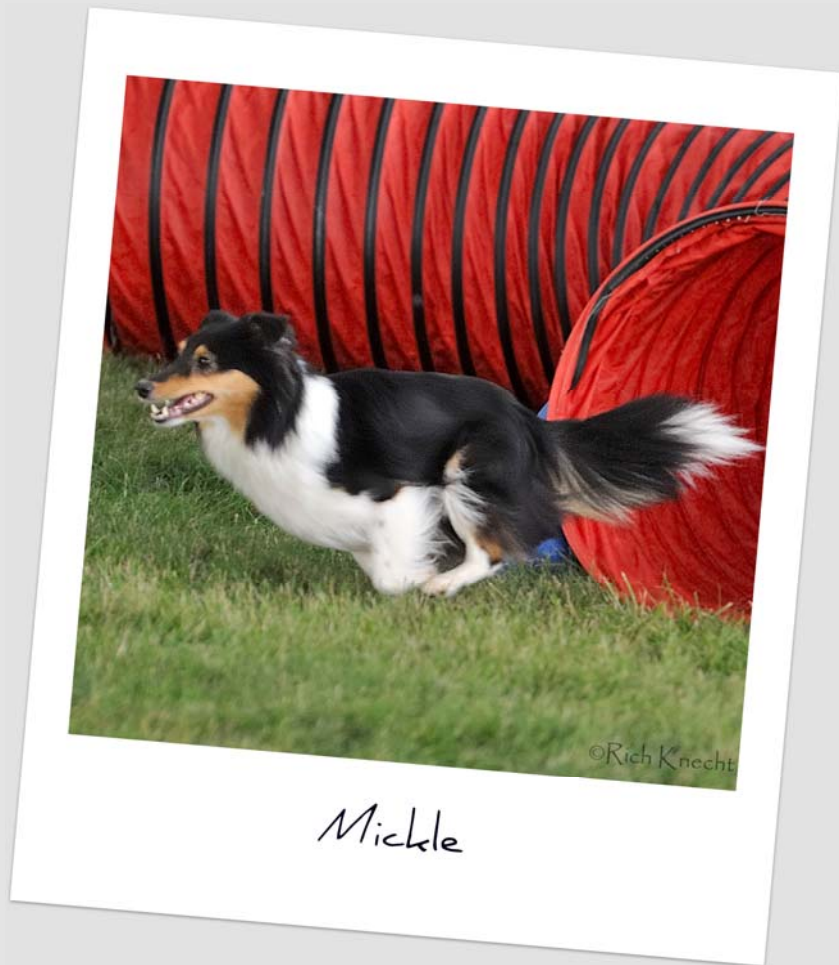




MACH2 Plails It's All About Me! MXF
Breed: Shetland Sheepdog
Sex: Female DOB: 7/30/06
Owner/Handler: Maureen Waldron

Mickle loves to play Frisbee with Maureen!!
She's often caught 'stealing' Frisbees wherever
she can find them.



As luck would have it, when **Maureen Waldron** went to a conformation show to find for her first dog, there was an agility demonstration taking place. It looked like a great way to spend time with a canine companion, so when she got her dog, a Keeshond, she took up the sport.

That was fourteen years ago. Since then, Maureen had put a combined 32 MACHs on four dogs. With Keeshond Molly, she earned MACH17, with Mike, a MACH4, and with Meg, a MACH9. She also placed second at the AKC Invitational with Meg in 2008. "Molly was the perfect dog for a beginning handler," says Maureen. "She taught me so much about training, handling and motivation." While she achieved incomparable success with what most would consider an atypical breed for agility, Waldron thought it was par for the course--until she ran a friend's sheltie and found out what fun a fast, naturally driven dog could be.

In 2006, Mickle joined the pack. At four years old, Mickle has already earned MACH2 and placed third in the AKC Agility Nationals in 2010. She has also compelled Maureen to become a better handler by sharpening the delivery of her cues. "Mickle is athletic, and serious about her job," says Maureen, "but when she's not at work, she is an attentive, affectionate companion who wants to be with me all the time."

When Maureen isn't playing with Mickle, she works as a Business Systems Analyst in Malvern, Pennsylvania.

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