

US Lancashire Heeler Club Newsletter

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Ryslip Hesta

by Bonnie Smith with Ruth Lebet and Liz Cartledge

What a lucky little Lancashire Heeler! She had the best home life could offer. She came from an outstanding breeder and international dog judge, Liz Cartledge of Ryslip Kennels, and she was headed to a beautiful home in Greenwood, Delaware, to live with Mrs. Anne Rogers-Clark, world-renowned handler, breeder, and international judge. What dog could ask for a better life! Both women were good friends and shared a love of dogs. Both were involved in national canine organizations, The Kennel Club and The American Kennel Club. And according to Ruth Lebet, long-time family friend of Annie's, "Annie was also very involved in the Poodle Club of America and the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America." Both women loved the Lancashire Heeler breed.



Hesta as a puppy



Hilda's and her litter

Ryslip Hesta, a lovely black and tan girl, was born March 11, 1996, in Berkshire, UK, just west of London, one of six in her litter. Her dam was Doddslane Hilda, and when Annie met Hilda at Liz's, she fell in love and "booked a puppy out of Hilda." Hesta's sire was Foxthyme Tomsk. Hesta flew to the United States with Annie in early 1997, and it was thought she was the first Lancashire Heeler in the country. She lived peacefully with Annie's beloved poodles and Norfolk terriers. There appears that no attempt was made to register Hesta with Foundation Stock Services (FSS) through the AKC; no recordings have been found. Ruth Lebet shared that she believes "Mrs. Clark loved the breed and wanted a Heeler as a

house dog, with no plan to breed Hesta, so she was not registered with the AKC."



Hesta's Litter

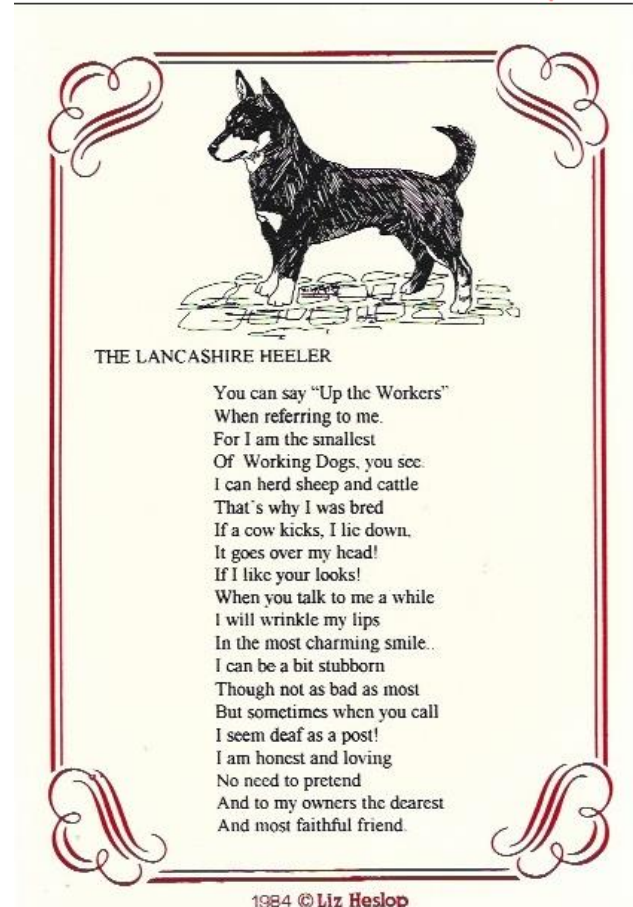
Ruth wrote that "Annie's first love was poodles, but Norfolk terriers came a very close second. She had a pack of five house dogs, including a standard poodle, three Norfolks (Bell, Scuttlebutt, and her beloved and aged Bridget), and Hesta the Heeler. One day, Bell, Scuttlebutt, and Hesta ganged up and attacked frail Bridget, and although Bridget was not injured, the culprits were sent packing." Hesta, lucky girl that she was, found a loving home in the arms of Mary P. Lebet, Ruth Lebet's mother, who shared Annie's love of poodles. "Bell and Scuttlebutt went to live with Ruth, who had spent summers and school vacations with the Clarks." And so little Hesta lived out her life with Mrs. Lebet and her standard poodle in Ipswich, Massachusetts. Ruth said that while Hesta loved Mary, she, for reasons known but to Hesta, hated Mary's husband, David. Hesta was never bred---who would have



Hesta with Mary Lebet

been the Lancashire Heeler to sire her puppies as the first and perhaps only Heeler to the US?

"Hesta died on [June 13, 2014](#), living to the ripe old age of 18. She was very healthy until the last few months. She had a stroke a few months before she died and deteriorated fairly quickly after the stroke." And so ended the story of Ryslip Hesta's lucky life in the United States as the country's first Lancashire Heeler. Or was she the first?



Hesta at 12 years of age

THE KENNEL CLUB OWNER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE			
Registration Certificate for: RYSLIP HESTA X01		Registration No. X112B806X01	
Breed	LANCASHIRE HEELER	Sex	BITCH
		Born	03/11/96
		Registered	22/03/97
Colour	BLACK & TAN	Breeder	MRS C E CARTLEDGE
Sire	FOXTHYME TOMSK	S04	S4035102504
Dam	DODOSLINE HILDA	S03	S3828701503
TRANSFERRED ON 13/01/97 FROM MRS C E CARTLEDGE			
Owned by	MRS J EDWARD-CLARK 720 CATTAIL BRANCH ROAD GREENWOOD DELAWARE 19950 U S A		
		23/04/97 28/04/97	
<small>Please print name and address in full and sign in full and date of transfer of the dog to the new owner. The code which follows the name of the dog is the code of the dog's breed and the code of the dog's sex.</small>			
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