

## Mary Sue Olcott

The CWCCWR Regional Specialty is a dog show I make every effort to attend. It is a long drive and yet win or lose; it is always worth my time to see all the beautiful Cardigans and their people.

I began my interest and study of structure and movement in the horse world. I met my first Cardigan at a horse show. I bought my first Cardigan in 1990. She did not turn out to be a show dog so instead we competed in obedience. Her breeder gave me her sister to show and in 1992 I attended the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Specialty where she received an Award of Merit. (I remember asking if an Award of Merit was photo worthy.) I bred my first litter in 1997. I have bred 18 litters and produced 21 champions. I am most proud of finishing 11 dogs from the Bred By Exhibitor class. I have judged 5 different regional sweepstakes and the Megan. About 5 years ago I began training and competing in herding. I now truly appreciate the importance of the Cardigan Standard and how that is expressed in the dogs' ability to work all day on the farm.

\*\*The Club has some great options to choose from for sweeps judges so if you can't make up your mind on one of the other three fabulous options, I would be honored to be your judge.