



Eukanuba Canine Heroes Award

Category: Pet

Dog's name: Misty

Breed or crossbreed: Pomeranian

Dog's age and sex: 5 years old, bitch

Five year old Misty won the 2014 Eukanuba Canine Heroes Award for the Pet Category, and was presented with her certificate at the Eukanuba National Dog Show in October last year. This is Misty's story, as told by herself and by her Aunty Rach.

I was bred by my owner Bronwynne Excell (daughter of the late Grace Dunamuir). Bronwynne has never liked showing much, so I chose my Aunty Rach to take me to shows. Rach usually picks me up the night before a show weekend and much to my disgust poofs me up. When her back is turned I always race upstairs to hide by Rach's parents or as I know them Gran and Granddad. I like spending time with them. Recently Rach was getting ready for a show and I was upstairs grovelling to Granddad. I think he got a bit tired of me and put me out by the stairs. Rach was outside packing the car. I was sitting at the top of the stairs, Granddad was getting sorted to have his shower and Gran was watching TV with her eyes shut. As I was sitting there, Granddad started to yell for help. I barked and howled as loud as I could. Rach came in to grab some more gear and yelled at me to be quiet. Granddad was yelling more and more so I continued to bark and howl as loud as I could.

Being outside at my car I didn't hear Misty barking. When I came in the second time her barking was more panicky. It wasn't until I called to her that she stopped. That was when I heard my father's muffled cries for help. I dropped everything and raced up stairs. If it hadn't been for Misty's persistent barking I wouldn't have heard him. My father had collapsed in the shower, with an extreme spasm of pain; by the time Mum and I got to him he was near passing out and as white as a ghost. We called an ambulance who took him to the hospital where he underwent a series of tests and xrays for a couple of weeks before being discharged. I'm pleased to say that Dad is now doing okay and has recovered well. I believe Misty saved my father's life. The amazing thing is that we don't own her, yet Misty took it upon herself to look out and protect her Granddad. She is indeed a wonderful little guest to have! Granddad is ever so grateful.



Eukanuba Canine Hero Misty and her grateful Granddad Jack Warburton