



Belgian Shepherd Dog Club
of QLD

A Belgian Shepherd Groenendael called “Ditch”

This story is to remember a legendary Belgian Shepherd Groenendael owned by Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of Qld club member, Michael Bratchell, residing in the Northern Territory.

Born on 20th October 2003 in Queensland, this Groenendael dog's official name on his Australian National Kennel Council pedigree papers was Mirribandi Illawarra. He was known to Michael's family and to those that knew and loved him as "Ditch".

Michael's youngest son Cain was involved in a car accident on 18th January 2003, and Ditch was Cain's rehabilitation dog after his car accident.

Ditch provided companionship to Cain during his rehab: -

- assisted with his physical rehab, stability, coordination, balance, walking;
- assisted his cognitive development in problem solving, taking responsibilities, making routines, caring and thinking of others; but
- most of all having a mate around him that didn't worry what physical or mental state he was in at the time.

Lets all remember and celebrate the wonderful dogs like Ditch!

Ditch was a good soul.

Be like Ditch.

