



J. M. Wilson's Cap



Gilchrist's Spot



Wiston Cap

The History of the Working Border Collie



The Romans brought pastoral dogs to Britain along with the sheep. Long before the industrial revolution Britain's wealth was built on wool. Domestic sheep were herded by sheepdogs. In Scotland after the sheep economy grew, a sheepdog was an absolute necessity. There were so many different types of working dogs, but in Britain, Australia, New Zealand and the United States, the Border Collie is the dominant herding dog.

J.M. Wilson's Cap was born in 1937. He was also known as "Wartime Cap". Due to living during World War II he never got to compete but he sired 188 registered Border Collies. His offspring were great trial dogs with one of his sons Don winning the International Championship in 1950.

Gilchrist's Spot is a great grandson of J.M. Wilson's Cap who won the won the Scottish Nationals in 1965 and in 1966. His descendants were trial champions in the 70's.

Wiston Cap was born in 1963, and was a descendant of J.M. Wilson's Cap. He won the 1965 International Championship. He was a prized stud dog that sired countless offspring. Most Border Collies today are related to him. He died in 1972.

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