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Sheepdog pup up for grabs at LambEx 2016

A LUCKY participant at this year's LambEx 2016 at Albury, New South Wales, will win a sheepdog dog pup from renowned working dog stud Waddy's Collies.

Angus and Sarah Waddell, Peakview, Young, NSW, will provide a started Border Collie pup, about 5.5 months old, to an attendee of the August 10-12 event.

"We wanted to create awareness of the value of a good, well-bred working dog," Angus said. "The pup will be started on sheep and I will also then have the opportunity to demonstrate it at the event."

The Waddells established the stud in 1993, with dogs selectively bred, and highly sought after for their genetics, temperament, strength, heading ability and versatility.

"We believe it is so important to get a dog from people who are doing the same work, or more, that you intend for your pup," Angus said.

"My love and affinity with working dogs originated while working full time with livestock during my jackaroo days, and then through contract mustering.

"The dogs can be mustering feral goats, sheep, cows and calves or 1000 head of weaners for up to eight hours a day, they have to be physically and mentally strong and versatile.

"I recognised Border Collies were a tough, talented working dog that had many applications."

The competition will again be run in conjunction with Fairfax Media.

LambEx chairman Rodney Watt says the Waddell's generous offer is a great opportunity for producers to secure a top working dog from one of the state's best breeders.

"Research has shown the work performed by a sheepdog during its life can be equivalent to \$40,000 in wages so the pup will most certainly be an asset to any operation," he said.

"The Waddells will work with the pup's new owners to ensure it is going to a good home and that they have the skills and knowledge to put it to work on their farm."

The pup will be fully vaccinated and wormed.

LambEx 2016 will be held at Albury from August 10-12, 2016, with early bird registrations to open next month.

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