RIPLEY

CONGRATULATIONS TO CINDY MURDOCH, OWNER
TIMBERVIEW FARM, LANE COUNTY

Ripley is a 3-year old Lapponian Herder, a Nordic heritage breed that is relatively new to the U.S. As a working dog, Ripley’s instincts for herding match his responsibilities guarding reindeer at Timberview Farm. He works nonstop to deter cougars, black bears, and wolves. Owner Cindy Murdoch says “it’s like having another set of eyes on the herd.” This is critical because Timberview Farm is located in one of the highest cougar load areas in the state. Ripley works without whistles or calls. He’s developed different barks that let Cindy know what’s going on and guards the pasture perimeter barking his instructions to the reindeer. Ripley is a popular farm ambassador traveling to displays and enjoying attention from people who come to see his reindeer.

Learn more about Ripley at Oregonfb.org/oaef.