

# The Mystery of the Missing Remote!!!

*True tale told by Donna Sapp*

Saturday night, the tv remote went missing. There were two suspects, me and Fells, but I'm sure that neither of us meant to lose it.

Suspect 1: Me. I'm forgetful and tend to leave things in strange places when distracted. Due to Fells' tendencies, I'm likely to put up the remote and my phone when wandering the house. I also have been known to be clumsy and knock things off where they're perched at times. Just before the remote went missing, I was filling a trash bag with trash, which became unusually heavy due to it's contents. It was filled, put in an empty box for transport, in case it might break, and taken outside to the trashcan.

Suspect 2: Fells, a proud Border Terrier, who has developed the habit of bringing me things and charging me a treat to release those things to me. The tv remote, my phone, and any shoes are extremely common for him to take. Without those available, he could decide that almost anything is retrievable. Fells, however, is not known for hiding things. Things he picks up are either given to me or just dropped, if he can't get my attention.

The fear was either I dropped it in the trash bag or Fells dropped it outside, carrying it out then getting distracted and dropping it. I searched and I searched all Saturday night. I walked every path that i or Fells normally walk in the house. I checked below tables and other ledges where it might have fallen. I searched.

We slept. I searched all Sunday, including outside. I walked the yard, searching any place that Fells could have dropped it. I encouraged him to "find the remote". He knows "find", but doesn't recognize objects by name, so, since i wasn't throwing or pointing at something, he just looked at me blankly.

Monday came and i had a dead battery and a 2pm dentist appointment. I called AAA and a man came and started my car. After that I went inside and Fells handed me the remote. He got a treat.

We will never know where it was.

Donna and Fells, the clever one of the two of us.