



FLAT -COAT TIMES

SUMMER 2012

Flat-coat Summer Fun Edition

Important Dates:

- July 26, 27, 28, 29 Annual All-Breed Agility Trial. Contact: jbrackney@snowcrest.net
- Aug. 16. Supported Entry at Rainier Sporting Dogs, Enumclaw. Contact Mary Aykens at maryd333@aol.com
- Oct. 6 WC/WCX at Greenleaf Farm in Monroe. Contact Jennifer Stanley at fowlplayfcr@gmail.com
- Sat. Oct. 27. Supported Entry at Vancouver Kennel Club in Ridgefield.. Contact Jeanne Allen at whaz-thatfcr@earthlink.net



(Seattle) Dalton leads Lura Dunn to a triumphant 2nd place finish in the Furry 5K. Tough competitors, they opted to run in Lura's age group, not Dalton's!

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While many of our dogs are enjoying picnics, fun runs and splashdowns in lakes and rivers, others are hard at work. The dogs of the northwest are also very busy in field events, agility, and the breed ring. A few have proven very helpful in the garden. This edition is full of action photos and brags that highlight our versatile, intelligent, fun-loving flat-coated retrievers.

Whose head is in the sand? Why? Only a flat-coat knows for sure!

President's Message



Jeanne's champion and best friend, "Jedi."

Hello everyone, First , I would like to send out a big congratulations to Joyce Brackney, breeder/owner and her dog "Stoney" also know as GCH, MACH, Shasta's Brownstone, CD, JH, RA ,HOF,BIS for his JAM at this year's national. This is Stoney's 3rd JAM at a national and he was the only liver to JAM.

It looks as if we finally have summer in the Great NW. At least we haven't had to suffer with the high heat that the rest of the country has had to endure. Here's to a pleasant summer with temps warm enough to let us enjoy the outdoors with our fur friends , but not so hot that it takes the fun out of summer.

Our annual agility trial is July 25th-28 in Medford, OR. Hopefully we will have a nice turnout and the proceeds will be going towards the June 2014 specialty to be held in Albany ,OR . Preliminary numbers were more then 350 runs per day. Hope to see some of you there.Thanks to all that have send donations or raffle items to help support this event.

We still need a volunteer for the funday. Any one willing to step up and chair this please let me know.

Just a reminder about the Rainier Sporting Dog Club show on Thurs Aug . 16th .Held at Enumclaw, WA. Judge for sweeps & field dog sweeps is Kay Reamensnyder and regular judge is Jeffrey Pepper. Entries close Wed Aug 1st. Patricia Shaw show secretary e-mail secretary@patriciashawsss.com or 360- 876-9446 for a premium list. There will be a special class for dogs with hunting/field titles/WC/WCX. There is also competition for best veteran. The NW club is sponsoring the trophies for this show. Hope we see a nice turn out .

Plans are underway for the WC/WCX test to be held Oct 6th at Greenleaf's Farms in Monroe , WA. Jennifer Stanley is the test secretary. There should be a flyer out soon with more details. So get out there and keep working with your dogs . There aren't many chances to run a WC/WCX test this way and it would be nice to see a new title added to your dogs name.

Good luck to those that will be attending the Canadian national this year. Hopefully we will see some nice brags from the members that were able to make it .

Speaking of brags , I hope that there are quite a few from those who made the American national back in WI in June. Specialties are always fun to attend and I really hated to miss it again this year . To all who did well , congratulations. Even making the cut at a national is some thing to be proud of.

The next supported entry will be Sat Oct 27th at Ridgefield , WA. Sweeps judge is Faye Strauss. regular class judge is Larry Sinclair. We will have the annual dinner at Jollie's restaurant across the freeway from the fairgrounds. You will be able to order off the menu and this time we will have the upstairs

President's Message, continued

we'll have a little more privacy. We should be able to have a raffle there also.

We still need a volunteer for the funday. Any one willing to step up and chair this please let me know. We could do something in late Aug or early Sept. and still have nice weather. If this is something you think you'd be willing to chair , but unsure of what it entails , I would be more than happy to give you the info you need. Look forward to hearing from someone to step up and help out on this.

I know the dogs will be having fun swimming and some will probably even get to go boating, hiking and just enjoying the great NW. Have a safe summer hope to see some of you at the events we have coming up later in the year.

Jeanne Allen, President NWFCRC



WC/WCX Test

Jennifer Stanley invites everyone to attend the WC/WCX Test on Saturday, October 6 at Greenleaf's property, in Monroe, Washington. Judges will be announced shortly.

This test is held annually. The NWFCRC shares responsibility for test with the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club, with the clubs alternating years of organizing and holding it.

In 1975, the FCRSA established the Working Certificate test (WC) primarily to encourage the use and maintenance of the natural working and retrieving abilities of the Flat-Coated Retriever and as a useful aid in the selection of breeding stock. The WC test is designed to test the natural abilities of the Flat-Coat including its memory, intelligence, attention, nose, marking ability, courage, perseverance, and style. Formroe information about the WC/WCX event, visit the Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America's website at <http://www.fcfsafield.com/wc.html>.

Jennifer promises a fun day of working dogs and friends! See you there!

Our Dogs



Amanda Harpell's "Cooper" relaxes after a run.

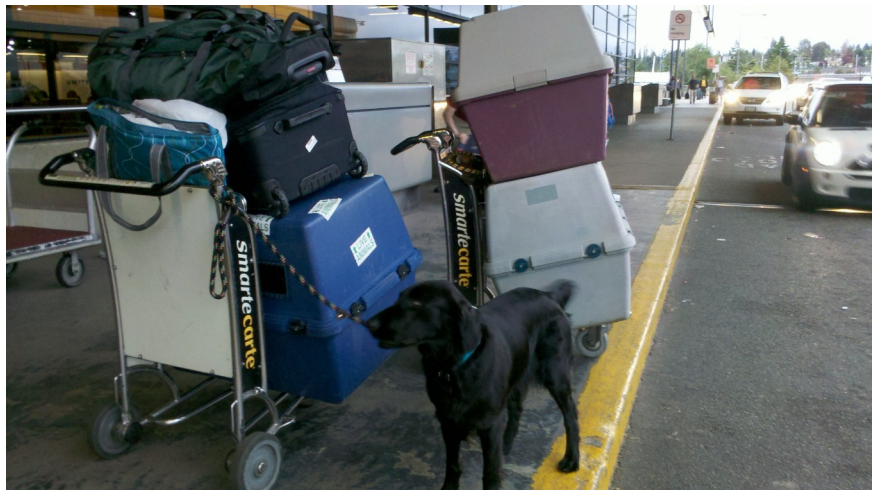
New Diet Craze!

While cruising to her RN title, CH Moonstone Black Dahlia has discovered a fantastic new way to eat. She's gone vegan! Salomeja Garolis reports that she daintily walks by strawberry and blueberry plants, reaches over to snip off the fruit and moves on looking innocent. Stealthy and healthy!

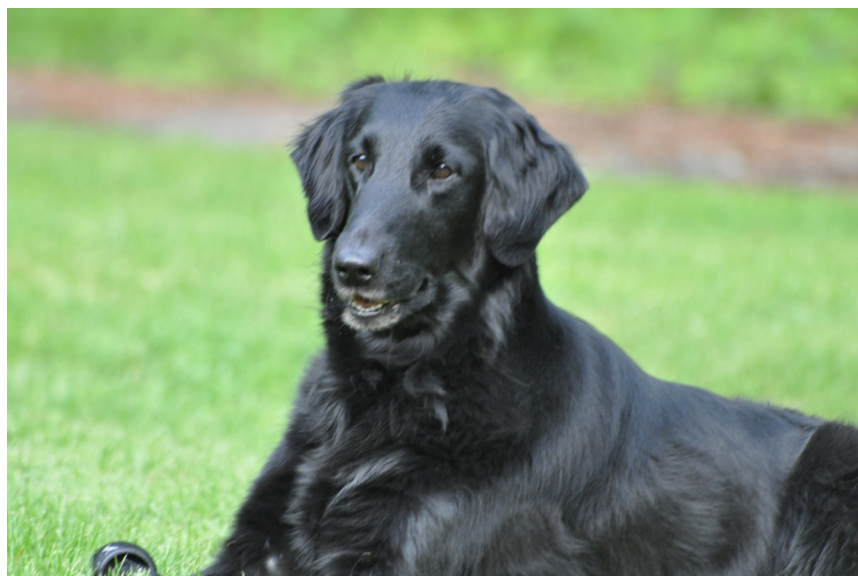
Victoria Peterson's Ch. Saudades' First Star IC Tonite RA TD MX MXJ OF CA "Twinkle" earned the second leg of Novice Obedience title at the Bandon, Oregon show.



Trinket shows off her prize. Read about her on page 7.



A seasoned traveler, Dinah helps her mother, Hissy Fit, and her daughter, Flo navigate through the airport on their way to the National Specialty. These girls don't travel lightly!



Jennifer and Michael Stanley celebrate their new Veteran, SHR FowlPlay Just Here For The Party JH WC "Paris". Jennifer writes that they treasure her everyday!

Twinkle, Ch Saudades' First Star IC Tonite RA TD MX MXJ OF CA is only 3QQs away from her MACH. She is currently being run by Lynda Spangler, while Vicki is recovering from surgery from a torn meniscus in her left knee. Both Twinkle & Obi will be competing at the FCR agility trial held July 26 – 29, in Central Point, Oregon.

Our Dogs



New Champion! Pat Boydston's Pebbles earned her championship at the Klamath Falls show. Pat said it was meant to be: It happened on May 12th and Pebble's number was #12! She is now CH Coastalight Rippling Pebbles SH NAJ WC.

News from the National Specialty:

The weather was extremely hot in Oconomowoc, which caused some logistic problems for the organizers. Will we be inside or out? Shall we move chairs and crates?

Blackstone's Hissy Fit CD TD RE AXJP AXP endured 25 MPH winds and 95 degree temperatures to get a qualifying score on Excellent B Jumpers agility. Rainshadow's Rollin' on the River behaved herself in the puppy class to make the cut, and GCH Blackstone Someone's in the Kitchen with Dinah CD TD RE NAJ NA made the cut in Best of Breed. Dinah Baggenstos did a great job handling the dogs in the conformation ring.

Highlights for the dogs were swimming in three different lakes and staying in an air-conditioned hotel.

Our Dogs



Congratulations to Ch. Heronbeck Obsidian Stout RN TD AXP AJP NFP CA "Obi" who got a GROUP 4 at the Coos Kennel Club Dog Show in Bandon, Oregon. He is owned by Vicki Peterson and John Lovegrove, and handled by John. The picture below was taken Albany after he was awarded Best of Opposite Sex.

Congratulations to Jeanne and Tom Thompson and CH FowlPlay Life In The Fast Lane TD *JH* NA NAJ "Boomer" for earning his JH. Boo has three new titles since the beginning of the year. We are very proud of you! —Jennifer & Michael Stanley.



First Point!

Saudades' Daily News of Denmark (Dax) was awarded her first point in Klamath Falls, Oregon, as Best of Opposite Sex.



Lura Dunn and David Kerschner's Shasta's Western Samurai earned his championship at the Seattle show!

Welcome, Gracie!

In March, Susan and Kathryn Kravit-Smith brought home their new puppy, Blacfriar Grace of Swiftwater. Susan writes that "Gracie is a very sweet girl and we are looking forward to exploring her talents."



Our Dogs



Coastalight FowlPlay LoveCharm *JH* WC "Trinket" finished her JH title going 4 for 4 tests. She is owned and trained by Jennifer and Michael Stanley. They are working on Senior and Seasoned for next year.

Blackstone's Hissy Fit CD RE AXJP AXP earned her Excellent Standard Preferred agility title at the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club trial in Sequim on Memorial Day weekend. She is owned by Jo and Steve Chinn. At age 9 1/2, she loves agility more than ever!

In the photos to the left, Maggie Minetti's Jasper shows the focus and attitude that helped him earn a first and a second and his Excellent Standard title at the Samoyed Club Agility Trial in Monroe. He is now Valleycrest's Feudin' Fussin' and a Fightin' AE OAJ.

Judy Teskey and her dogs experienced ultimate success at the Seattle and Portland tests they entered this spring, going 12 for 12! They had a great time and earned lots of lovely ribbons at Oregon Hunting Retriever Club's hunt tests at Sauvie Island this Memorial weekend! She is happy and proud to report two new titles for her crew!

Flint, Dutch D'Votion Art of Being an Angel, earned his Junior Hunter title with wonderful work and enthusiasm. He is fulfilling the promise Wendy and Judy hoped for when they brought him from Holland last summer. Working with and training Flint is a delight!

Arrow, NMH GMH Am/Can CH Coastalight Island Treasure Can CDX, Am SH CD Am/Can WCX, completed her Master Hunter title! Her work has been just awesome - excellent marking and awesome blinds..... and tons of style! Arrow loves retrieving!!

Never to be left in the dust, Scout, NMH GMH Can CH Coastalight Mistaya Scout Can CD Am JH Am/Can WCX, also earned two Master Hunter ribbons this weekend. She needs an extra Master pass as she didn't complete her AKC Senior Hunter title.

Judy says, "they've given me their best... I'm thrilled!"



Samoyed Club Agility Trial, 06/01/12
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VALLEYCREST FEUDIN' FUSSIN' and a FIGHTIN' AE OAJ JASPER

Our Dogs



Koby and trainer Chuck Hilton at Sauvie Island.

Can Koby top his stellar career in the breed ring? Owner Cathy Johnson sent in the news that Koby finished his JH title on back to back weekends at the age of just over 9 years.

Judy Teskey reports on the event at Sauvie Island in Portland, Oregon:

“I had the pleasure to watch and cheer for Koby and Chuck at the Sauvie Island hunt tests a week ago. Koby absolutely loves field work and exudes wonderful "joie de vivre!!" Awesome to see the "old guy" having such a great time!

The gallery was buzzing with comments about Koby's top show dog status, his age and his joyful style!! Several times I heard "Imagine what his field career could have been, had he started field training earlier!" Wonderful testament to our dual-purpose breed - good looking working dogs!

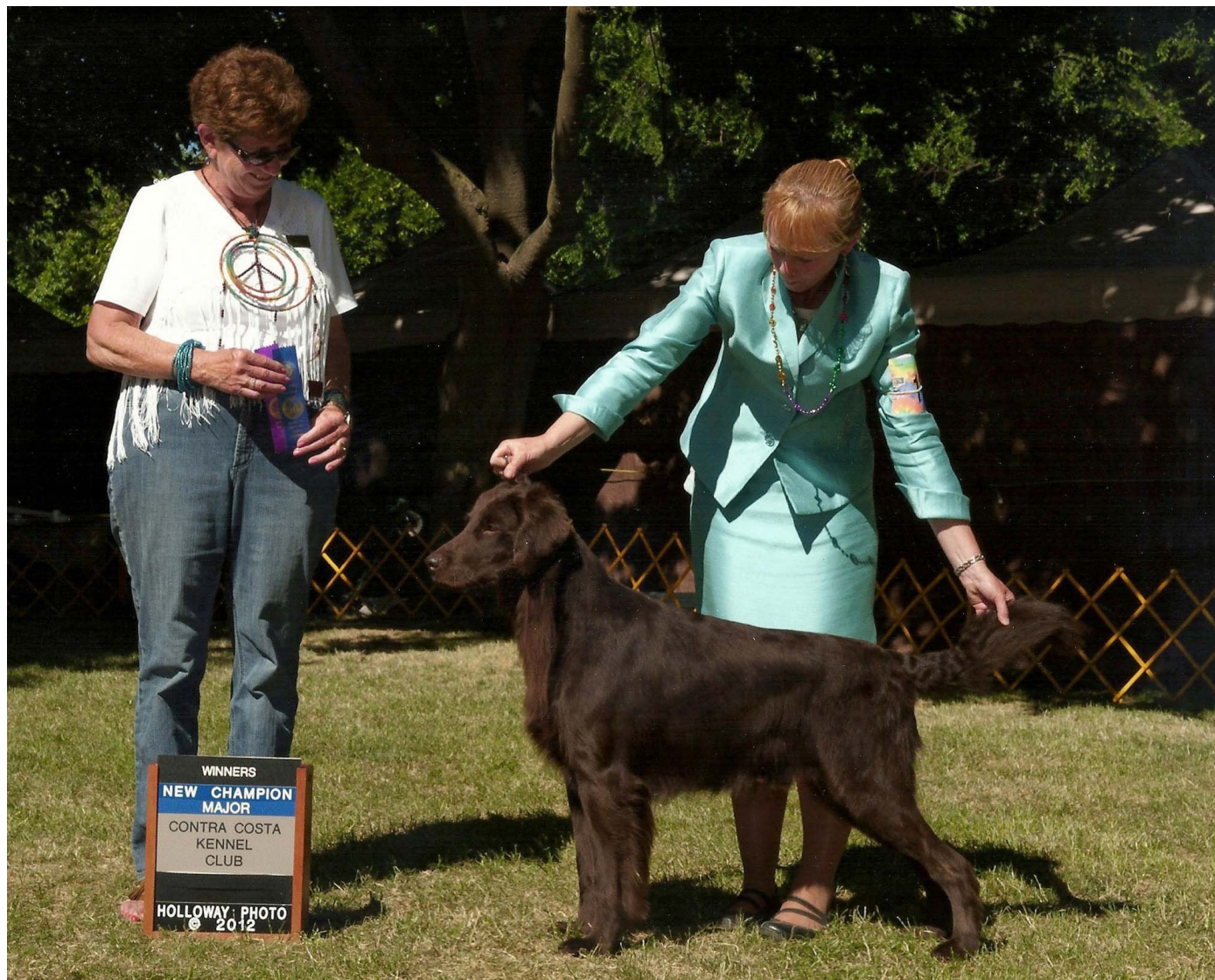
Kudus to Cathy and Ken for taking the plunge to have Chuck train Koby!

Awesome to see Koby in the field!!!”



Renaissance Dog!

Our Dogs



Another New Champion! Barb Fowler's Mole finished his championship with a major at the Contra Costa Kennel Club show in Vallejo on June 9th. Mole is now CH Shasta Cinco de Mayo RN AX OAJ OF WC {USDAA agility PI}

Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss some-one very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....

Author unknown...



In Loving Memory

Am/Can CH Blacklace California Moonshine

Luna was a beautiful girl who had just won the Veteran's class at the NWFCRC Supported Entry

She was Susan's co-therapist at work and is missed very much

Luna was owned and loved by Susan and Kathryn Kravit-Smith

Rainbow Bridge

The Gift

I'll lend you for a little while my grandest dog, he said.
 For you to love while he's alive
 And mourn for when he's dead.
 It may be one or many years,
 Or days, or months, you see.
 But will you, till I take him back
 Take care of him for me?

He'll bring his charm to gladden you,
 And should his stay be brief
 You will have treasured memories
 As solace for your grief.
 I cannot promise he will stay,
 Since all from earth return.
 But there are lessons taught on earth
 I want this dog to learn.

I've looked the wide world over
 In my search for teachers true.
 And from the throngs that crowd life's lanes
 With trust, I have selected you.
 Now will you give him your total love?
 Nor think the labor vain,
 Nor hate when I come
 To take him back again?

I know you'll give him tenderness
 And love will bloom each day.
 And for the happiness you've known
 Forever grateful stay.
 But should I come and call for him
 Sooner than you've planned
 You'll brave the bitter grief that comes
 And someday you'll understand.

Author Unknown

Submitted by Maggie Minetti

In Loving Memory

Valleycrest Repeat Offender, MX AXJ

"Felon"

Owned and loved by Maggie Minetti and Family

"I cherish every moment I had with you, though
 it could never have been enough. Felon, you
 were my true love and my best friend."



Summer Club Archive Trial: 06/01/17

Supported Entry Results

Our last supported entry was held at the Chintimini Kennel Club Show in Albany, Oregon on March 31, 2012. Results were:

Sweepstakes:

Puppy Dogs 9-12 months: WAUNARUN'S MARIO ANDRETTI. Bred and Owned by Mary & John Aykens.

Junior Dogs 15-18 months: CH SHASTA LEATHER. . Bred and Owned by Joyce Brackney.

Puppy Bitches 6-9 months: SHASTA WILD SQUIRREL GIRL. BREEDER: Joyce Brackney. OWNER: Danielle N.M. Huff.

Puppy Bitches 9-12months: MOONSTONE BRIGHT LIGHT IN THE IDAHO NIGHT. Bred and Owned by David Wells.

Best Puppy in Sweeps: MOONSTONE BRIGHT LIGHT IN THE IDAHO NIGHT. Bred and Owned by David Wells.

Veteran Dogs 7-9 yrs: CH MACH SHASTA BROWNSTONE CD JH RA. Bred and Owned by Joyce Brackney.

Veteran Dogs 9-11 yrs: GCH CH BLACKLACE MAGIC MOCHA SAPPHIRE. BREEDER: Kathy Kondrat. OWNER: Ken & Cathy Johnson.

Veteran Bitches 7-9 yrs: CH VALLEY CREST MONA LISA'S ANGEL. BREEDER: Stacy Coleman & Ronald Guthrie. OWNER: Linda Monroe.

Veteran Bitches 9-11 yrs: CH MACH SHASTA TERRACOTTA CDX JH. Bred and Owned by Joyce Brackney.

Best Veteran in Sweeps: GCH CH BLACKLACE MAGIC MOCHA SAPPHIRE. BREEDER: Kathy Kondrat. OWNER: Ken & Cathy Johnson.

Regular Classes:

Puppy Dogs 9-12: WAUNARUN'S MARIO ANDRETTI. Bred and Owned by Mary & John Aykens.

Bred-by-Exhibitor Dogs: VALLEY CREST SWORD IN THE STONE. Bred and Owned by Stacy Ronan.

Open Dogs: SHAMROCK A BLACK AS COAL. . BREEDER: Danielle Huff. OWNER: Sandra Lance.

Puppy Bitches 6-9 months: SHASTA AUTUMN WATERS. Bred and Owned by Joyce Brackney.

Puppy Bitches 9-12 months: MOONSTONE BRIGHT LIGHT IN THE IDAHO NIGHT. Bred and Owned by David Wells.

Bitches 15-18 months: SHASTA P BEEZLEY. SR657144/04. BREEDER: Joyce Brackney. OWNER: Lynda Spangler.

Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitches: BRISTOLS BRIGHTLY SHINING RN. BREEDER: Christina L. Karnes & Nanci Hanover. OWNER: Christina L. Karnes.

Open Bitches: VALLEY CREST CAT BALLOU. BREEDER: Stacy Ronan & Joseph Gonyeau. OWNER: Stacy & Russell Ronan & Donna Keeter.

Veteran Dogs: CH MACH SHASTA BROWNSTONE CD JH RA. Bred and Owned by Joyce Brackney.

Veteran Bitches: CH MACH SHASTA TERRACOTTA CDX JH. Bred and Owned by Joyce Brackney.

Working Dogs: GCH WHATZTHAT'S HEADLINER CD RN SH. BREEDER: J Allen. OWNER: Salomeja Garolis & Jeanne K Allen.

Best of Breed: CH MACH SHASTA BROWNSTONE CD JH RA. Bred and Owned by Joyce Brackney.

Best of Opposite Sex: GCH FEATHURQUEST MOONLIGHT SONATA. BREEDER: Masaki Shimizu. OWNER: Paul and Robin Briganti; Rici and Stephanie Morril.

Select Dog: CH SHASTA'S WESTERN SAMURAI. BREEDER: Joyce Brackney & Dinah Baggenstos. OWNER: Lura Dunn & David Kerschner.

Select Bitch: CH GONDOLIN MISTY MOUNTAIN RIVER KANYON. BREEDER: Colleen Chapman/Sandee Cassidy/Christopher Butler. OWNER: Kathy Adams.

Best of Winners: : VALLEY CREST CAT BALLOU. BREEDER: Stacy Ronan & Joseph Gonyeau. OWNER: Stacy & Russell Ronan & Donna Keeter.



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Oh, No, Mr. Bill: My Brief Career As a Handler

By Jo Chinn

Joyce Brackney apparently thought she owed me a big favor when she offered my handling services to David and Marina Wells at the National Specialty. David and Marina had three boy puppies to show in the Sweepstakes 9-12 month class; David and Marina would each handle one, but who could take the third? “No problem,” says Joyce, “Jo Chinn will do it!”

Joyce kind of ignored the fact that I had shown dogs in the conformation ring exactly two times. Each time, professional handlers Rick and Dinah Baggenstos handed me a dog and said, “This dog finished a championship yesterday. All you need to do is get around the ring with her.”

Fearing something like this might happen at the Specialty, I had packed a skirt and bought a new pair of shoes I could wear in the ring. The shoes were exorbitantly expensive, double the price of any shoes I had ever bought, but they were really comfy, and somewhat stylish. Why not get some use out of these shoes? I agreed to show the dog.

Marina introduced to me to a shy, gentle boy who didn’t exactly bond with me. He had eyes only for Marina, wouldn’t respond to my tender urging for him to stand nice and tall, and wouldn’t accept the tasty liver treat I offered. “It looks like you’ll have to take Mr. Bill instead,” said Marina.

Mr. Bill. Oh, no.

He was not a shy boy. He was not gentle. Mr. Bill and I spent an hour “bonding,” during which I exhausted myself trying to keep him calm. He stressed every time Marina got out of his sight. If he caught a whiff of her, he surged in her direction. I knew I was in for a lot of fun in the ring.

When our class was called, Mr. Bill and I entered the ring at a brisk pace; his choice, not mine. He lined me up and danced anxiously while the steward checked numbers. With eighteen entrants, our class was too large. Marina and David with their boys were sent out to wait for the second group. Mr. Bill and I were in the first group.

This was to become the longest 25 minutes of my life.

Bill danced, tried to jump over the gates to exit the ring, and searched frantically for Marina while we were lined up waiting our turn for the judge’s examination. I kept an eye on the professional handler in front of me who was soothing her puppy and using all of her tricks to make sure he had a wonderful experience in the ring. I was trying to make sure I survived my experience in the ring, but I emulated some of her tricks anyway. Fat chance; Mr. Bill was not going to settle down, although there were some moments where I had him stacked for maybe 20 seconds before he broke.

We survived the judge’s examination and when I asked Bill if he was ready for the down and back, he grinned at me. Off we went, him setting the pace, and it was fun! This boy loved to move. Back to stack for the judge, and then all the way around. I prayed my fancy shoes would keep me in pace with Mr. Bill; they did, and we breezed around the ring!

Judge’s cut was next...we made it! My arms aching, sweat dripping, but with my feet cozy in my new shoes, Bill and I exited the ring to wait for the second group. David and Marina had both made the cut also. When we reentered we were placed ahead of them. Not good. Mr. Bill saw Marina as we entered, so he craned his neck and turned his body into a “U” in order to see Marina. One again we ached our “go all away around”, with my shoes earning their high price tag. Unfortunately, we didn’t place, and leaving the ring, Mr. Bill was joyously reunited with Marina.

Mr. Bill and I had attracted some attention. As I was standing outside the ring, a lady came up and said,

“I’ve been admiring your shoes. Those are really nice; they’re very stylish!”

“Oh, thank-you,” I said, “They’re perfect for the breed ring.” Little did she know.

And a well-known breeder came up to me to say, “That was a really nice dog you were showing; I thought you deserved a ribbon.” (A purple heart for me, I thought!)

But I replied, “Thank-you, I think when he has a professional handler in the regular class tomorrow, he’ll get a placement.”

“Oh, definitely,” replied the breeder.

The next day I chuckled as I watched Marina hand Mr. Bill’s lead to professional handler Luke Baggenstos. Bill responded by rearing up on his hind legs. He and Luke spent some time getting to know each other, but Bill was lovesick for Marina and continually searched for her. As the class went around, Mr. Bill gave a few bucks and jumps, before settling into his signature smooth movement. With Luke’s skillful handling, Mr. Bill made the cut. But once again, no ribbon for Mr. Bill.

I was hoping that Luke and Bill would get a placement. He is a really good-looking dog, and I liked him very much. At least I hadn’t done him a disservice with my rookie handling, and I have to say, I had nicer shoes than Luke.



EEK! OOF! Empty space! Next time fill this space with an anecdote about your dog!