



ALL AMERICAN DOG

PARADE OF VETERANS 2023

Celebrating the lives and accomplishments of our older partners and friends!

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### Herdabout Take A Chance on Mee “Chance”

Shetland Sheepdog - Age 10  
Handled by: Karl Schulzki, Thunder Bay, ON

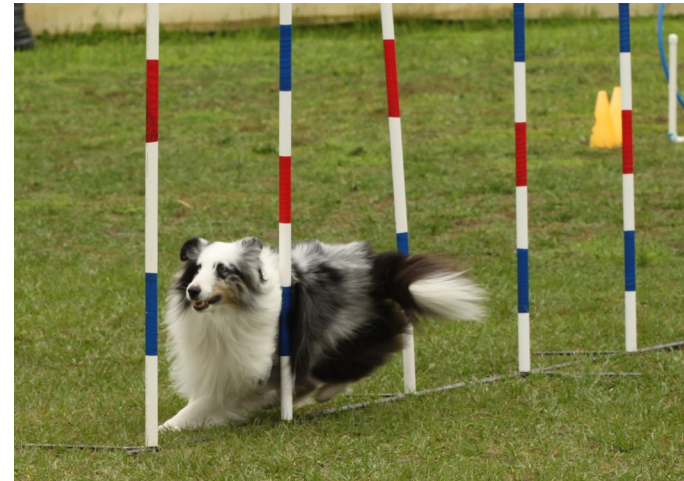


Photo by Michelle Schulzki

At the age of 10, Chance has as much enthusiasm as when she started her agility journey. In 2015, she began the journey with more speed than discipline. She has taught me more about agility than I’ve taught her. Her willingness to play has made our journey a fun, and sometimes challenging, one.

In recent years she has given up jumping due to needing bifocals to focus on the jump bar as she races towards it. She still revels in charging through hoops, tunnels and weaves. She reached NATCH status this year with a non-jumping class NATCH.

At home, she took over the “Queen Bee” status at the passing of her mentor, Halo. She rules her younger brothers with an iron paw. Her yard is her domain and if you’re lucky enough to be allowed in, she will share her 2nd favorite pastime, playing fetch with her bright orange ball. Her brothers are not allowed to touch it.

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### Hamelot's Odin the White Knight "Odin"

Bichon Frise - Age 10  
Handled by: Wendi Holz, Mandan, ND



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Odin captured my heart from the moment we brought him home. His sweet and loving personality has enriched our lives and our home. He shares his joy for life and shares a smile with everyone he meets.

Odin truly loves the agility game and will often 'pout' while waiting his turn on the course while his brothers are working. You don't dare load what we lovingly call "Odin's" camper without him because he knows this means another agility trial somewhere! You can really tell he is enjoying himself by his huge smile while running the course in front of him.

I am forever grateful for this amazing little boy and love every moment we get to share together. Every walk to the line is special and I could not be prouder of him.

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### Chaparral Double Doux Gabrielle "Doux"

Pyrenean Shepherd - Age 10  
Handled by: Leo Fuerst, Freedom, WI



Photo by Leo Fuerst

As a youngster she took to me and to agility right away. In 2015 at the age of 2, she took first place in the 12" pre-elite division at the NADAC Championships. In 2017 Doux took first in the Elite Division at the NADAC Championships. A few months after Champs she had a bad accident (slipped on the ice) and both shoulders were badly injured. She spent the next 1.5 years in rehab. Fortunately, Dr. Julia diagnosed and treated the injury so that Doux could return to the ring.

Competing with Doux has brought so much joy to me. Seeing her speed, sleek running style along with her happy grin, keeps me coming back for more. She is currently dealing with another health setback, but has returned to play again.

We are very blessed to have this wonderful dog in our lives.

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## Tuscan, The Deceptive Coonhound "Tuscan"

Mixed Breed - Age 10  
Handled by: Kelly Hilzendager, Grand Forks, ND



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Tuscan was a stray in Bismarck, ND who was estimated to be about 6 months old. I saw his adoption photos on social media and I knew I had to meet him. When we went to meet him at the rescue, he was the only dog of many who didn't come to greet us. He sat on the couch and just ignored us. I instantly fell in love with his attitude - he has a lot of it. We describe him as "extra."

Tuscan is my heart. His personality isn't for everyone, but I would spend every minute of every day with him (and most of the time, I do). We own a pet supply store so the dogs go to work with me every day. When he's not at work with me, he is at home playing with his extensive dinosaur toy collection, lounging in the sun, or chewing. Tuscan has never met a camera that he didn't like, he loves to turn on "the smolder."

He is my first competitive agility dog. Our very first trial together was the Minot NADAC trial in 2015. He took home several ribbons that weekend and hasn't stopped since. Tuscan has earned two AKC championships, attended two AKC Nationals and just qualified for his third. He is nearing a NATCH (although distance is a challenge for us). At 10, he shows no signs of slowing down. I hope that we still have a lot of agility ahead of us because he loves the game and I love running with him! I am thankful every day for the great team member that he is.

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## MM Kona's Ruff Diamond Triumph "Kona"

Mixed Breed - Age 10.5  
Handled by: Karen Magee, Rochester, MN



Photo by Karen Magee

Kona came into our home as a bit of a last chance rescue. She started as a diamond in the ruff and has blossomed into a great friend and agility competitor.

Being part border collie, she has a rule book, but doesn't let her handler see it very often. Additionally, being a spaniel of unknown origin, she's also been known to yell "hold by beer" on a challenging agility course.

She is Ted's side kick in all things - meaning she cleans up his messes and brings bail money when necessary. She also thinks Ted is nuts.

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### Ted's Excellent Adventure "Ted"

Mixed Breed - Age 11  
Handled by: Karen Magee, Rochester, MN



Photo by Karen Magee

Ted is a legend in his own mind :-).

He came into our family from a WI Humane Society. He likes long walks in the field, any type of food, agility, and reads historical texts (IE Snoopy Cartoons). Those historical texts have taken him on many adventures. Most of them actually true and documented by his valet (IE his mom).

His official theme song is "Between the Raindrops" by LifeHouse. He actually believes he can run between raindrops. He lives in a fantasy world.

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### Hangtimes Bandit Walking The Plank "Plank"

Australian Shepherd - Age 11  
Handled by: JoAnne Schwietz, Bloomington, MN



Photo by Mark Herreid (Herreid Photography)

11 years have gone by in the blink of an eye. How can that be?? Plank you are still the fastest member of our team and are willing to try anything I ask of you.

We have a few more Agility goals left, then we will switch gears and do other stuff, i.e. Nosework, that won't be so hard on your body.

Though we will still run non-contact classes, you can play your ODP card and do what you want. Who am I kidding, you do that NOW!!

Thanks, Plank, for 11 years of fun and keeping me on my toes!

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### Uproar Cody's Appaloosa Kid "Colt"

Australian Shepherd - Age 11  
Handled by: Jan Poole, Bloomington, MN



Photo by Mark Herreid (Herreid Photography)

Colt has been my constant companion on and off the Agility field for the past 11 years. He is my most thoughtful Aussie, seeming to analyze his moves before he makes them.

Because of this, he hasn't always been the fastest, but probably the most consistent dog I have ever run. He runs with joy and is always so proud of himself.

During the pandemic, he was reintroduced to Nosework and according to him, he is playing the best game EVER when doing "Sniffers". He lives for food and so what's not to love about a game that pays you in food for ever hide found!

Colt makes me smile at life everyday and reminds me to not take life so seriously. Thanks Colt, for 11 years of fun and frolics!

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### Eyjahunda Orri Bragason "Sol"

Icelandic Sheepdog - Age 11.5  
Handled by: Kathryn Ananda-Owens, Northfield, MN



Photo by Kathryn Ananda-Owens

Sol is a born sidekick, whether for dogs Viva and Lina, for me, or for Hector. He introduced us to the world of "pretty-dog dog shows," as we refer to conformation in our house, and did a good bit of agility and herding with me before my hips were replaced in 2018. (Look up the term "handler-focused" and you will find a photo of Sol.)

These days, our partnership involves more nature walks than it does agility. As always, though, he's game for anything as long as I'm along for the ride. He still finds crates and sneezes appalling, but has turned his sound sensitivity into an asset. His top alert tunes are "Yellow Submarine" and the opening of the overture to Mozart's opera, The Magic Flute, his favorite tracking object continues to be the deli pickle he found years ago in the Carleton College arboretum, and his favorite place to nap is under a rebuilt 1927 Steinway. Sol, you are truly one of a kind, and we love you to infinity and beyond.

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## Wish

Border Collie - Age 11.5  
Handled by: Jess Thell, New Richmond, WI



Photo by Jess Thell

You've Got a Friend in Me  
by Randy Newman

You've got a friend in me; You've got a friend in me  
When the road looks rough ahead; And you're miles and miles  
From your nice warm bed;  
You just remember what your old pal said  
Boy, you've got a friend in me; Yeah, you've got a friend in me

You've got a friend in me; You've got a friend in me  
You got troubles, I've got 'em too  
There isn't anything I wouldn't do for you  
We stick together and see it through  
'Cause you've got a friend in me; You've got a friend in me

Some other folks might be; A little bit smarter than I am  
Bigger and stronger too; Maybe  
But none of them will ever love you; The way I do  
It's me and you, boy

And as the years go by; Our friendship will never die  
You're gonna see it's our destiny; You've got a friend in me  
You've got a friend in me; You've got a friend in me

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## Piper

Mixed Breed - Age 12  
Handled by: Natalie Stanton, Bloomington, MN



Photo by Natalie Stanton

The day I met Piper was to adopt her. Prior to that I had seen one pic, she was in a liter of 8 and all I was told was that I would get one.

She is 12 years old now. She's a great team player, and luckily for me, my learning hiccups never seemed to get her down.

Stoic and sweet, the last few years have not been kind to her yet she gives her all when she gets to play! We will be keeping on the ground with tunnelers and grounders when we play at trials for as long as we can! She has my heart.

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## Princess Liliuo Kalani "Lili"

Mixed Breed - Age 12  
Handled by: Lou Ann Honek, Fargo, ND



Photo by Lou Ann Honek

Lili... short for Princess Liliuokalani, a Hawaiian princess, came into my world when she was 2 1/2, from 2 abusive homes. It took us a while to bond as I am sure she wondered when she would have to go again.

But she is sweetest girl who loves cuddles and giving kisses to everyone. She is a Registered Therapy dog now as well we compete in Agility and Rally; have titles in CGC advanced Community + Urban.

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## Kinnic Hypolyte "Hip"

Border Collie - Age 12  
Handled by: Lisa Bisson-Schafer, LeSuer, MN



Photo by Mark Herreid (Herreid Photography)

Hypolyte is my agility partner, friend and loyal companion.

We've traveled many miles together and I'm hoping for many, many more to come!

Heart and soul, Hypolyte is a true champion! He's my rock!

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### Mystic Cavalry to the Rescue "Scout"

Border Collie - Age 12  
Handled by: Shelly Russ, Hugo, MN



Photo by Shelly Russ

Scout is 12 1/2 and continues her sassy ways. Scout loves agility and still competes in NADAC. She recently earned her V-NATCH 5 under Bernie Doyle and is working toward her NATCH 6.

When not running, Scout enjoys walks, chasing voles, and tennis balls. She is a favorite of the neighborhood kids and has taught them how to properly throw a ball, over, and over and over...

Scout enjoys patio time at the local coffee shops is teaching Jax the importance of public manners and how to mooch. Red Dogs Rule!!

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### Minikota's Sweet Music Man "Quincy"

Swedish Vallhund - Age 13  
Handled by: Renee Foster, Shorewood, MN



Photo by Duane Laurila

Quincy is enjoying retirement as a new teenager at age 13. He spends his days sleeping, eating, and going for walks. Following the advice of his cardiac caretaker, Quincy gets to decide "what he wants to do and how long he wants to do it". (The perfect day for any dog.)

With Quincy's retirement, the challenge of remembering agility courses has been replaced with the challenge of remembering his daily medications and his numerous vet and wellness appointments. With the passage of time, I have come to especially appreciate my early morning walk and quiet time with Quincy. These walks are a unique time to reflect on what a wonderful life he has had and the many happy memories he has given me. He is still a great companion and friend and he brings joy into every day we share together.

He will always be loved.

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## Cibola Double Dare Ewe “DDare”

Pembroke Welsh Corgi - Age 13  
Handled by: Chris Mosley, Prior Lake, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

DDare: One of the D’s is silent, and as Tracie Karsjens once noted, that is the only silent thing about him.

He will be remembered for his bark, for sure, but in his 13 years he barked his way to 5 NATCH titles, 4 Versatility NATCH titles, a Speed Star NATCH, and other great titles tracked by NADAC. He entered the NADAC Hall of Fame on this very trial weekend in 2017. He competed in several NADAC Championships, finishing in the ribbons at least once. He was a surprise winner of the “Noisiest Dog” bar one year. In other agility organizations, DDare earned 2 ASCA ATCH titles and 10 CPE CATCH titles.

I made the decision to retire him this year because he is healthy and enthusiastic. It turns out that his final run in competition was at last year’s Champs, where he made Finals and ran with his usual joy throughout the week.

DDare taught me a lot, and I am a better handler because he demanded I step up my game. In retirement, he has discovered Nose-work, where the start line still brings out the Team Loud membership quality.

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## Jake

Australian Shepherd - Age 14  
Handled by: Kelly Dittmar, Maple Grove, MN



Photo by Kelly Dittmar

Jake’s year has been one of great highs!

He’s found his new most favorite food ever - freeze dried turkey necks! He could eat them every single day and still not get enough. I think his goal is to enjoy one in every single state! We still have a ways to go - but have just gotten home from a trip out to New York and Pennsylvania - so he’s officially been in more than 50% of the states!

Another summer highlight was visiting all 5 of the Great Lakes! These days, he’s more interested in wading in the lake and then flopping all over the good smells on the beach rather than actually swimming. I’m just so glad to see him enjoying his life. He doesn’t let kidney disease or his disc rupture slow him down!

Thanks for being an amazing partner, Jakey!

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## High Plains Drifter "Trek"

Border Collie - Age 14  
Handled by: Jim Nally, Maplewood, MN



Photo by Jim Nally

As a precocious 1-year old, this now 14-year old Border Collie was found roaming the plains of North Dakota. Saddled with the very un-Border Collie-like name of 'Herbie' by his rescuers, upon adoption his meandering ways earned him both his registered name ('High Plains Drifter') and his call name ('Trek').

Trek has continued the wandering ways of his wayward youth, having visited 25 US States and one Canadian Province (here's to you, Ontario!). Trek has been active in agility and flyball, and he even tried herding (which didn't go all that well, though no animals were injured during that experiment). Trek qualified for the NADAC Championships once and probably would have qualified for more Champs if it hadn't been for his infamous, multi-year "I can't weave in public" phase, so we've largely settled on just having a whole lot of fun, which has pretty much been the story of his life.

Trek had some really big shoes to fill, coming in to fill the hole left in our pack when Kip ("Gina's Thousand Dollar Rescue") crossed the Rainbow Bridge. There were times in Trek's wild and crazy youth when I admonished him, saying "You'll never be another Kip". And he hasn't been, in the best possible ways.

So, thank you, somebody up in NoDak. Your loss has definitely been our gain.

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## Avatar's Ryder on the Storm Bayshore "Ryder"

Border Collie - Age 14.99  
Handled by: Shirley Wallace, Wrenshall, MN



Photo by Shirley Wallace

Ryder came to live with us nearly 15 years ago. He will celebrate his 15th birthday September 4th.

Although retired now from agility, he was a complete joy to run with, and is the best friend a person could ask for. Some things never change, even with age. He still licks his front feet and his tongue still pokes out a lot!

Although he doesn't see as well or hear as well, his spirit is still strong. We go for our walk in the park every morning, just Ryder and me.

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## Thank You!

I hope you have enjoyed the 16th Annual  
MMBC Parade of Veterans!

We owe a debt of gratitude this year, as in all  
years, to Gina Pizzo for the amazing cookies  
and Jim Nally for the fun course.



For me, as for so many, this is a bittersweet  
year. I am so thankful for the joy and the ad-  
ventures of the past 16 years - which have  
been filled with my fun loving, adventurous,  
handsome Sam. It's hard to be here today  
without him. While my eyes may leak a little;  
my heart is so full of joy when I think of his  
antics. I am thankful for the incredible blessing  
that his long and healthy life was. Thank you,  
Sam, for the smiles and the laughter. You'll  
always live in my heart.

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