CANADIAN 200's

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ATTENTION ALL CANADIAN AND AMERICAN EXHIBITORS EARNING 200'S IN CANADA



OTCH DD's Made From Scratch JH, TD, WCX, Can CDX

Born 1-9-90 Call name: Cookie Bred By: Dee Dee & Billy Anderson & Jan Naylor Owned By: Dee Dee & Billy Anderson Trained and Shown By: Dee Dee

> Show: 8-23-93 West Kootenay KC Class: OpenB Judge: Mr. Bud Milson

Dee Dee writes: "This 200 in Canada was Cookie's first 200.. My first 200 was earned with Am. & Can OTCH Splashdown Tess of Culynwood WCX OD. She earned Two, one in Open B & one in Utility. I also earned a 200 on Am & Can. OTCH DD's Tagalong Thumper TD, JH,WC, OS. in Open B. Tess and Thumper are Cookie's grandparents. Cookie's sire is AFC Glenhaven Devil's Advocate UDT, MH, WCX, OS and her Dam is OTCH DD's Calaveras Sparklin' Gold WC.

My family and I have been going up to Canada about every other year for our summer vacation. We very much enjoy the people we meet, they are so pleasant. Entering the dog shows gives us an excuse to bring the dogs. This time we brought our two dogs, Cookie who earned her CDX and Chance who earned his CD, (DD's Takin' A Chance TD, JH, WC, Can CD), both golden retrievers. This trip I showed the dogs while my husband took our two son's fishing, Cookie earned her 200 in the last of the four shows we were entered in. Chance made the day even more exciting by earning a 199.5 in the same show. Cookie's average for the four shows was 199; she earned two High in Trial's. Chance's average was 198.75; he earned one High in Trial. Chance turned two years old just prior to the shows.

I have been training dogs for about 16 years. I have been breeding golden's for about 12 years. I currently give private lessons, when I am not driving my two sons, Christopher and Kevin to school, art lessons, piano lessons, swimming lessons, or whatever else they might like to try. Christopher and Kevin are a big help to me, they both love to help distract the dogs. Sometimes they make it a big game; who can get Cookie to look away. Cookie usually wins, (when working with Chance, then Christopher and Kevin usually win) I currently only have the two dogs Cookie and Chance, and will wait a few year before I get another one. Cookie and Chance are of my own breeding.

The dog's get work every day in obedience, and one to three days in field work, and during tracking season about four days of tracking."

WORKING IN OBEDIENCE AND OTHER FIELDS

Cookie earned her - in order - CD, JH, TD, CDX, UD, WC and OTCH in 1992. She also earned 11 HIT's, 7 High Combined and 3 Dog World Awards. Dee Dee did not plan to get all those degrees in 1 year, it just happened that way. She has always done more than just obedience with her dogs and this is probably why she does not have to cope with burn-out in obedience.

The dogs are worked an average of 30 minutes a day in obedience and training is done with lots of play and understanding.

MOTIVATION AND CORRECTION

Toys are the chief motivators but food is used as needed. Pinch collars are never needed on her own dogs, a choke chain is her choice of training collar. Dee Dee describes her rule of three strikes you're out and uses this when giving lessons: "If you correct your dog for something, and it takes three or more corrections then you're doing something wrong, either the correction is wrong, or maybe the dog does not understand, etc. I tell my clients to stop and don't be afraid to take a step backwards to where you know the dog understands. In this manner I have a safeguard on not advancing the dog too fast, or having the clients giving the wrong correction".

OTHER BREEDS

Dee Dee enjoys working with the many different breeds of dogs brought to her by clients. She cannot understand why some people say that if you only own Goldens then you will not be very good at training other breeds of dogs, these people are missing some great opportunities not only within the Goldens but in the other breeds as well. She will not give up on any client's dog and would never tell one of them to get rid of the dog or get a new one or a different breed. It is up to the trainer to find and encourage the potential in each dog.

"RENT-A-DOG" PROGRAM

"Quite a few of the dogs I train are trained one day a week by me and not at all by their owner. We jokingly call this the "rent-a dog" program. As a result of this "program" my husband and I can borrow a dog, train it and show it without having to own it. My husband has done quite well with his rent a dog and has earned 1 CD, 1 CDX, 1 UD and 2 OTCH on 4 different dogs. The OTCH dogs were hard dogs to give back"! The Andersons just do not have the time, money or room for more dogs of their own so this circumvents the problem!

PUBLIC AREAS

"I do train in public areas as long as they have a children's playground next to where I can set up my ring. The problem I have in my city (Redwood City, CA) is that all the parks do not allow dogs, which is frustrating. Because of this I must travel to the next city to train."

OTHER DOGS OWNED AND TRAINED

Dee Dee's first dog that she

owned and trained was a St. Bernard and Husky mix named Taku, he earned a CD. After Taku came her first purebred dog and first OTCH - DD's Nugget of Gold TD, WCX, Can CDX. Next came Am/Can OTCH Splashdown Tess of Culynwood WCX, OD, and then Am/Can OTCH DD's Tagalong Thumper TD, JH, WC, OS and now there is Cookie and Chance. She has never given up or placed a dog. When the dog comes in to her house it is there to stay. As you might have gathered she has fallen in love with the Golden breed.

HOUSE DOGS

All Dee Dee's dog are house dogs and they go just about everywhere with their owners. Sometimes the dogs are helpful as distraction training for her clients dogs and so are with her

during the day. Cookie's worst habit is stealing socks so when some are missing they know where to look - in Cookie's bean bag bed!

WARM-UPS

This trainer prefers outside shows as she does not have an indoor building to practice in. At the shows her dogs are kept crated next to her. Warm-ups are minimal and consist of generally just throwing a toy a couple of time to get the dogs "up"

SECRET TIPS

Be patient and don't try to go from a 180 to a 190 in one week - it doesn't work. Take your time, improve one exercise or one part of an exercise at a time. Don't frustrate the dog or yourself - have fun!

THE FUTURE

Dee Dee would like to be an obedience, tracking and breed Judge. A noble ambition I must add.

Thank you Dee Dee for writing and congratulations on your very successful career as a dog trainer - and obtaining that all important CANADIAN 200.

SWANSEA SPECTACULAR - AGAIN

The Swansea Dog Obedience Club of Toronto celebrated it's 20th anniversary year and 10th year of Obedience trials in fine fashion over the US Memorial Day holiday week-end at the end of May. Five trials in one weekend.

Fashion was the key word on Friday night as judges and exhibitors were formally attired for the event.

I attended on Saturday and watched some fine performances. Six States were well represented and 33 different breeds were in evidence. I stayed to the end of the trial on Saturday to see the prize winners receive the many awards offered.

Prize for Best in Trial was a subscription to Front & Finish. As there were 4 Trials in total (Sat & Sun) there were 4 possible winners. BIT was only offered on Sat. and Sun. and is determined by a run-off between the top scorers in each class - Nov - Utility -, this is done individually using a simple heeling pattern. In three out of a possible four trials the award was won by the same handler. ----AND

5 OUT OF 5 HIT'S WERE WON BY THE SAME HANDLER!!!!

Heartiest congratulations to RAE TANNRR of Ingleside, Ill. AND to - Border Collie "Heelalong Magician of Xanath" (breeder Kay

Guetzloff) This has to be some kind of a record. Rae will be receiving several years of F & F to say nothing of the chairs and other prizes she took home to Illinois.

I believe her lowest score was a 198 and her highest was a 199.5.

HURRAH FOR MARLENE GOLIN !!!

At long last someone has written my thoughts concerning the current gimmick - "Invisible Fencing." (June, 1994, F & F)

I have long considered it an abomination and yet it is sold to the unsuspecting public.

I always remember seeing a video some time ago about it's wonders. (?!) The dog was petrified to leave the back porch door of its house, its whole attitude was one of terror.

If you need a fence get the good old fashioned variety and do your dog a favor.

'Til next month -----