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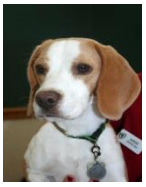


Rosie's World

By Lanbur Rosies Are Red CD, RE, THD, CFF IV, CFF IV-B, CFF IV-T

Hi Everyone! I have so much to tell you about since my last article. I know you have all heard that expression "The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat." Well, I am basking in the "thrill of victory!" There was a freestyle show right here in my town and it was so nice to stay in my own house and not live in those tiny, little houses that mom makes us stay in when we go far, far away.

Now let me tell you about my fabulous week-end. Mom and Miss Lee wanted to get a Level IV team title so Ziva and I were teamed up again. We got our title and we were spectacular! We even got three tens from the judges! Now mom and Miss Lee want to get one more score above 80 and then we can get a team championship so we will be working on a new routine. But I had to have a serious talk with mom about this new routine. You see, Ziva finally discovered that I was down there. How do I know – she sniffed my butt and it really startled me! Mom worked really hard to get me to re-focus and Miss Lee got Ziva to pay attention, but I was shocked. I know Ziva would never intentionally hurt me but she is so BIG. I wonder if the coconut shampoo that mom used for my bath before the show was the problem. In the past, she has always used Head and Shoulders (dry scalp formula). Well, now that Ziva knows that I'm there, I told mom that she and Miss Lee had to choreograph a routine without such a big surprise. I know that Mom and Miss Lee would never put me in any danger, and Mom promised that she would ALWAYS protect me!

Then Pande and I were inducted into the Hall of Fame. How exciting! Mr. Cameron sent us a CD of our "saga." That's what he called it. When it came, mom, Pande and I made a big bowl of popcorn and watched our "saga." It was like watching "The Ten Commandments!"

I now have a Level IV title in all regular classes: individual, brace and team. I pointed this out to Pande 'cause she only has a Level IV in individual and brace and her comment was "Whatever!" It's tough to get respect in this house but I keep trying.

I can't believe that our next show is only six months away. Everybody is working really hard on their routines, including Ziva and me. Pande is working on a routine for a class called veterans and I think it is for "old folks!" She told me that she really enjoys working alone with mom again. I said, "Whatever!"

That's it from Rosie's World.

My apologies to Rosie and Marilyn for not getting this into the August edition. Editor

The CFF Shrink Wrap

By Trish Koontz

Once upon a time, I started this story and now I'm finishing it. At the time, I was the new secretary for the Carolina Canine Freestyle Guild and I'd been learning about all the details required for our guild to co-sponsor the upcoming CFF titling event along with the Sirius Guild. If you have ever been involved in the production of one of CFF's titling events then you know that this is a busy time in the process; it's a time when discussions are happening often, commitments are made, and actions are required. Whether or not you have been involved in CFF titling event planning, you might guess that a newcomer to the complexity of it all, like me, for instance, would have been coming down with a little touch of the "confusion blues".

Well, if you thought I was going to tell you about my frustrations with planning a CFF titling event, nothing could be further from the truth! The wealth of support from people in the CFF organization with much more knowledge and experience than me was simply amazing and, at that time, I found myself thinking often, "What is there to worry about? If I need help someone in CFF will show up."

This willingness to help in any way possible demonstrated by every CFF person I have ever encountered, in whatever setting, is downright amazing. In the first months in the organization as a guild officer, I was helped over and over by a slew of members that ranged from my then guild President Barbara Long to numerous guild members to then Sirius Guild President, CFF Board Director, and Judge Brandy Clymire to Judge and then CFF Board President Gaea Mitchel to then newsletter editor Julia Gregory to music guru Jim Moore to our fearless leaders Joan and Carl Tennille. I look back now at that and just have to smile. It's a pattern that has been repeated many times since with sincere guidance from so many people in the Federation; a pattern of selfless and cheerful service by members to anyone at any level.

I challenge you to come up with another organization which offers you that range and depth of mentorship in any role you might undertake within the organization. Our CFF nurturing culture is not the norm in many, if not most, organizations in today's world. By now, with the various challenges I have had in my short time in CFF, I really shouldn't be surprised at the depth of this supportive attitude in our sport but somehow I still am. Well, maybe "surprised" is not the right word. It's more like a thing of wonder that I get to discover over and over. I feel like a kid, forever in awe of the eager way CFF folks offer their selfless service, a service I like to call the CFF Shrink Wrap. In Sanskrit, selfless service is described by the word *seva* and I have had many opportunities to receive seva since I joined CFF several years ago. Let me tell you about a very special and personal situation in which I received this seva, this CFF Shrink Wrap, over and over and from so many people.

The first dog partner I had in CFF was my big sweet Doberman Zen. He was a wonderful dog with humans, loving nothing so much as human contact, and he served as a certified Therapy Dog providing actual animal-assisted therapy weekly to autistic and other profoundly handicapped children in middle school classrooms. But Zen has a sad and dangerous flaw. I now know from recent research which Zen's breeder did on the sire that she used for his litter, that Zen likely had a genetic pre-disposition toward dog reactivity. Zen's breeder only did this deep research after several of Zen's littermates, including him, matured into 4 year olds with dog-reactive problems as well as serious health issues. Despite extensive professional behavior advice and training, as well as medical treatment, Zen continued to grow more anxious around dogs.

At first, when Zen and I started in CFF, we were following the advice of a renowned animal behaviorist who strongly believed that whatever I was able to access for Zen in the way of exposure to dogs for appropriate counter-conditioning, desensitization, and Control Unleashed techniques would greatly help him. Thus I had studied several of the recommended resources and was getting Zen out for private behavioral lessons as well as classes where the teacher supported our reactivity work. Things seemed to be working - we had successfully completed a number of training classes and obtained Rally Novice titles from both the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) and the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA). In all of these efforts and exposure to other dogs, I followed the behaviorist's training

protocol, using behavioral and environmental management to help Zen from escalating in his reactive behaviors. Although he and I successfully completed many goals, Zen was often far from relaxed in any of the situations with other dogs around. Naturally, there was no flexibility in the rally settings to be able to ask others to support us in our behavioral work and I did not trust Zen enough to work off leash around so many other dogs so we had to stop at the novice levels, which are on leash.

We had so much fun training together and even though the competitions were not that much fun for Zen because of the other dogs I thought that the right dog sport would be good for his continued work on reactivity and so did the behaviorist. So I looked for another sport. That is when we discovered CFF and the local Carolina Canine Freestyle Guild through a "Happy Heeling" class I took at Paws4Ever in Mebane, NC with Janine Brown. As the class progressed Janine mentioned CFF several times and thought I would enjoy it. Finally I looked up the information and attended my first class. I'll always be grateful to Janine for this gift of introduction!

My first experience with CFF was exciting. In the first beginners' class I got to watch a moving video of past CFF Titling Event performances. I observed the advanced members training for upcoming presentations and the incredible way that the guild members all helped each other prepare for the upcoming trial. My immediate (and lasting) reaction was that this was a totally unique dog sport. It had many of the qualities of training dressage with horses which I dearly love but can no longer physically do. CFF obviously extended the canine/human relationship into realms I had never reached. I was terrifically excited to have found this gem right in my own "back yard".

The Carolina Canine Freestyle Guild members were so welcoming and immediately supportive of Zen's needs in regards to his reactivity. It was my first experience with the CFF Shrink Wrap. From the very beginning every effort was made to accommodate the main thing Zen needed to be able to function *happily* - space from other dogs. There was such a moving example of the care that CFF gives to its participants when Barbara Long asked me, at that very first class, "What should we do to set it up so that Zen won't be anxious when he is working?" They listened to my requests and then everyone put their dogs in crates so that Zen and I could work off leash. What joy Zen and I experienced that day.

I could hardly wait for the next class and was thrilled that I would soon be able to see a Titling Event as the Carolina Canine Freestyle Guild was sponsoring one very soon. It seemed that CFF was made in Heaven just for Zen and me. It had everything I had ever wanted in a dog sport: loads of challenge (boy, I had no idea!); exciting concepts and goals; thoughtful and supportive members; the most beautiful way to express the dance of teamwork; a focus on the relationship between dog and human; and, incredibly, the ability to accommodate a dog with needs such as Zen.

At that point, with treatment for hypothyroid disease and lots of special management to allow us to work with no pressure from other dogs, Zen was still able to function in freestyle. Our team was supported in such a lovely way then to take classes in Winston Salem with Joan and all the wonderful Winston folks, then to trial in Virginia that year. I grew ever more grateful for the lovely CFF Shrink Wrap, the friendships, the progressions celebrated, the exciting challenges. I was hooked on this sport and these good people.

Unfortunately, Zen was not okay. In fact, he was becoming ever more anxious, not only around other dogs but quite suddenly, in many other situations as well. When he leaped in the air on our front porch and roared at a visiting friend he had known and liked all his life, we knew something was terribly wrong so he went straight off to NC State Vet School for tests. He had polyglandular disease, with multiple systems in distress, and more drugs were added to his routine. Things seemed to settle down but not for long and when his body failed him, we had to let him go at the young age of 4.

I look back on Zen's life and I am so happy that he was able to complete the things he did, if only for a short time. Being able to do CFF and therapy work allowed us to form an incredible bond with each other that I will never forget. The kind-hearted sustaining acceptance and guidance we received as a team in CFF is the hallmark of our sport. It sets us apart, as do many other things. But that is the heart of our sport, isn't it? This CFF Shrink Wrap has moved me to tears of joy on numerous occasions. I'm sure I'm in good company on this.

Editor's note: This article was written before the more recent changes in referencing CanineFreestyle DogWork®, and we have chosen not to break the flow of the text by reworking that terminology.

Guild News

Sirius Guild

Betty Swenson

In spite of multiple members facing health challenges, both canine and human, plans are moving forward for our Titling Event on November 7 & 8. We have a respectable number of entries, and thanks to generous donations from many in our guild, expect to at least break even on the financial side. Routines were previewed and tweaked at run thrus held at Colonial K9 on Sept. 13. Our hope is for a good time to be had by all in November.

Guild members Joan Tennille and Betty Swenson had the honor of judging at the North Star Guild show at the end of Sept. Although the trip was long, the drive was pleasant, with lovely fall weather, if you forget about the final leg on the trip home with torrential downpours in the mountains of West Virginia and Virginia. Although it is a difficult job, more CFF members should consider becoming judges - you get to travel all over the country, experience the hospitality of other guilds, and see the Dogwork from those outside of your home guild.

In early October, guild members Janet McBrien and Joan Tennille presented a short program on CFF Dogwork at the Catoctin Kennel Club in Maryland.

For after our Titling Event, still in the planning stages are a seminar for next summer or fall, and for this fall/winter a meeting to discuss ideas for getting more (and hopefully younger) people involved in dog training in general and CFF Dogwork in particular. Dog training seems to be a dying sport, and any ideas from the CFF membership at large as to why this is and what we can do to reverse the trend are welcome.

We are all looking forward to the Dogwork Celebration at Purina Farms next summer - hope to see EVERYONE there!

First Florida Freestylers Guild

Ann Holder

The First Florida Freestylers Guild met for its quarterly meeting on Sept. 19, 2015 at the Canine Star Training Academy in Cocoa. We were happy to welcome Brandy Jameson as a new member of our guild. The morning class for all members was based on an idea presented by Kristin Sicotte in her last seminar. The class created movement shapes without their dogs then froze the shape in space. With dogs added, they had to recreate the shape and then improvise a movement phrase with the contrast of UP and DOWN. The results ranged from inspiring to hilarious and we had a good time discussing the movement possibilities that evolved out of the improvs. Our lunch break was combined with a business meeting to organize plans for our March trial. Brandy Jameson volunteered to be Show Secretary and file the Application for trial approval with the CFF Board for the October meeting. The afternoon was devoted to routines in progress so everyone could have group feedback. The guild voted to skip the December meeting on the quarterly

schedule because the month is just too hectic. We will meet again on January 16, 2016.

North Coast Canine Freestylers

Bridget Telencio and Janet Dayton

We have had a summer of sadness here on the North Coast. NCCF member Cindy (with bulldog Ike) fell ill with a debilitating health issue in early July. Cindy has a long hard road ahead as she continues to recover. Please send your good thoughts and positive energy her way. On July 27th, dear friend and NCCF supporter Peggy Kostelnik was murdered in her home. This has caused great grief within our group. We are still trying to grasp the fact Peggy is no longer here. Please keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. On October 17 several NCCF members, along with Lois and Claudia organized a memorial walk for Peggy. The temperature was cold; the sleet and snow did not arrive until after the walk was finished. A potluck and sharing of memories followed.

As NCCF tries to move forward, our thoughts have turned to fund raising and a titling event in the spring. We have been blessed with a great training center and owners, Mary and Dorothy. They have allowed us to put on agility and obedience run-thrus. We are also running a raffle for September, October, and November. Each month we raffle off $150 in gift cards. These two fund raisers have proved to be quite successful. If you would like to purchase tickets, contact Janet at jadayton@oh.rr.com. Check out the NCCF FB page for more information.

We have been working on the Concepts and exercises from the NC seminar, which Leila and Janet attended. Routines are coming together in anticipation of a spring titling event here on the North Coast. Please keep our guild in your thoughts as we move toward the holidays. These will be difficult for many of us. Thanks and take care.

Canis Major Guild

Julia Gregory

Our classes in Cumming, George continue monthly and attendance has been faithful. One student is starting a new dog and another is forming a team with me. We have our sights on the team challenge at Retreat. While classes in Chattanooga are less regular, interest remains strong in those who are already "hooked". We don't make a big splash out here in the provinces, but we continue to crave DogWork.

I continue to be delighted and amazed at the places DogWork crops up in other arenas of my life. I've signed on for another year of a Nature Connection program in Athens, Georgia. Tracking, stalking and observing wildlife is part of the experience. During one of these learning sessions we were sharing anecdotes about times in our lives when we felt we had communicated with animals, or they with us. Pet dogs naturally entered the conversation and it made me recall the two times that dogs (not my own) have clearly delivered a message to me; both times urgent messages about their survival. Now, I'm no Joan Tennille, but I do feel that Milo, my current canine companion, makes himself pretty clear, even about matters that are not routine. When I think about the timing of these events I realize that they occurred after I began to study DogWork. I believe that the honor and respect we strive to give our dogs opens our senses to better understand the information flowing from them. I feel that this is an honor conferred on US. I just hope that this skill will spill over into my wildlife work.

Carolina Canine Freestyle Guild

Trish Koontz

We've had a wealth of upbeat energy circulating in the Carolina Guild this fall with on-going classes, many sessions of cooperative DogWork shared, and several teams presenting in Stafford, Virginia at the Sirius Guild Titling Event. We have our biannual elections coming up before the end of the year and also continue to have newcomers interested in sampling the sport, all of which is very exciting for us.

Three of our teams presented at the Sirius Guild event – what a stellar weekend spent with our nearest guild neighbors. We were especially fortunate this year to have extended social time together with Sirius folks on the Friday before the event and again on

Saturday night; it was a sweet gift to have the time to deepen friendships. It meant so much to our presenting teams (Dee and Onesie, Rickie and KaJen, Trish and Boon) to have the warm support and encouragement from Sirius members surrounding us throughout the trial. We were also grateful to our own Barbara Long for traveling to support us even though she was not presenting; how great that she was rewarded for the effort by winning the big raffle prize!

Oh, what a momentous event Sirius Guild produced! Gracious hosting + two Hall of Fame presentations + two Veteran presentations + four Level IV presentations + inspiring teamwork all around + very well-planned individual feedback from the judges' panel on Sunday + the usual impeccable work by Carl, Jim, and Cameron made for an unforgettable weekend. Dee's team had two happy presentations. Onesie's sweeping tail went nonstop throughout; my how that Cavalier adores freestyle and the ability to create! Rickie and 12 year old KaJen moved us all with their performances; on Sunday the smile wattage lit up the room when they earned the Sally Kirschenman Award as well as the Joan Tennille Artistic Challenge Trophy. Boon and I were very happy to earn our Level III title on Saturday. On Sunday, we offered some interesting, um, … diversion (??), thereby ensuring that none of the spectators, judges, and other presenters went home without some good chuckles. We do consider it one for our memory book to have been mentioned by Judge Joan Tennille in the same sentence as the famous Ping when she announced, "Well, it is a dog sport, and we mustn't get too serious, not that we are ever in danger of that with the comic relief provided by Ping and the Dobermans." (You can have an entertaining chat with Kristin for details on the other Doberman comedian in our sport.)

In other good news, Gaea, Barbara, and I received our Canine Freestyle Federation Master Instructor certificates for having completed the requirements of Introductory Level DogWork Instructor. We are honored to be involved in this exciting new Federation venture and we are really looking forward to creating new class opportunities for DogWork in the near future. Much gratitude is extended to Joan and Carl for hosting the training; many thanks also to Kristin and Ann for their willingness to travel for us, for the wisdom they imparted during our training sessions, and for the offers of mentorship as we embark on teaching. Special blessings for Joan – it was a huge effort and accomplishment to develop the training modules and we can't wait for the next piece of the process. Undoubtedly, adding teacher training to the Federation opportunities will bolster the future of our sport so we hope that everyone celebrates this new venture.

Hopefully, the new year will bring consistent good health to our canine members who have had challenges this year. Happy Holidays to all of you from the Carolina Guild and may the year 2016 ring in with renewed DogWork inspiration!

DogWork in the Real World

Gaea Mitchel, with help from PeliAnn, Lyra and Babe

The longer I follow the discipline of CanineFreestyle DogWork®, the more I realize its impact on so many facets of my life. Not only has it broadened and enriched the relationships with my freestyle dogs, it has awakened my awareness of many art forms, as well as the art and beauty of the natural world. I have found moments of enlightenment and inspiration in random patterns in nature and in the grace and form of utilitarian tools.

Closer to home and heart, I have found not only joy but great utility in the almost magical relationships my dogs allow me. Years ago, when I was just starting my DogWork journey, my primary partner was PeliAnn, a charming tricolor Cavalier with a remarkable work ethic, demandeding time and attention, ecstatic over any performance sport I wanted to play. We focused mainly on DogWork and agility, and she was mastering both. Our world was badly shaken when she had a stroke, unable to stand without help, always twisted to the right, and without vision in her right eye. The neurologist who diagnosed her was unsure how much function she would recover, or a time frame. Knowing the importance of rebuilding functional nerve communication between body and damaged brain, I set up a rehab program for her. Using what we knew from previous training, we went from stretching and bending to weight bearing. Progress was an almost daily occurrence, and though she remained weak on the left she was soon able to stand without help. At this point DogWork really sped our progress. She already knew spins and backing (aren't Cavaliers born spinning?) and we were able to begin strengthening her legs and keep her back flexible by slowly adding these movements, rebuilding function and balance. Eventually, other than some vision loss in the right eye, she was back! Without the trust between us, and her understanding of the simple training movements, I'm not sure she'd ever have run agility again, much less performed DogWork with any success. It was teamwork, start to finish.

Today we are again using DogWork at home, this time more for my own benefit. Three days after a hip replacement I returned to, among other things, eighty pounds of high energy Rottweiler who had obviously missed me. As excited as she was, a firm "sit" or "lie down" stopped the charge and let me greet a wiggling but stationary Lyra. As I moved around the house she would get in front of me, blocking my way. A simple "back" had her practicing nice straight backing down the hall and allowed me to continue on my way. A hand signal to either side and "around" let me get past her when necessary, and cued her to walk beside me without bumping. Lyra also serves as the family butler, retrieving dishes after the girls eat, as well as things I might drop. While these are not strictly DogWork skills, I believe they reflect the level of communication and cooperation Lyra and I have developed in our mutual training. And it's a huge help while leaning over is on my list of things to avoid. As we continue in this way, the mental exercise is helping Lyra manage her energy (along with some fetch games with my sisters, who were here to help in many ways) so that our home has been relatively calm and safe. Babe, the Cavalier, has done her share by snuggling by night and warming my lap by day. Now that I'm once again home alone with the girls, I feel so fortunate to share my world with dogs brought up in the discipline of CanineFreestyle DogWork®. They have truly become contributing members of my recovery team.

Lyra on butler duty

Canine Freestyle Federation
North Star Notes Guild Titling Events

Saturday September 26, 2015
Results

Level I

First Place Sara Reusche's North American Yodelhound Trout'n Mischief Managed earned a **Patch**
Second Place Leah LaValle's Miniature Golden Doodle Emmet earned a **Patch**

Level IIB
First Place Jeanine Brown's Labrador Retriever Iko earned a **Patch** and a **NEW TITLE**

Highest Artistic Score
Jeanine Brown's Labrador Retriever Iko

Sally Kirschenman Award
Jeanine Brown's Labrador Retriever Iko

Sunday September 27, 2015
Results

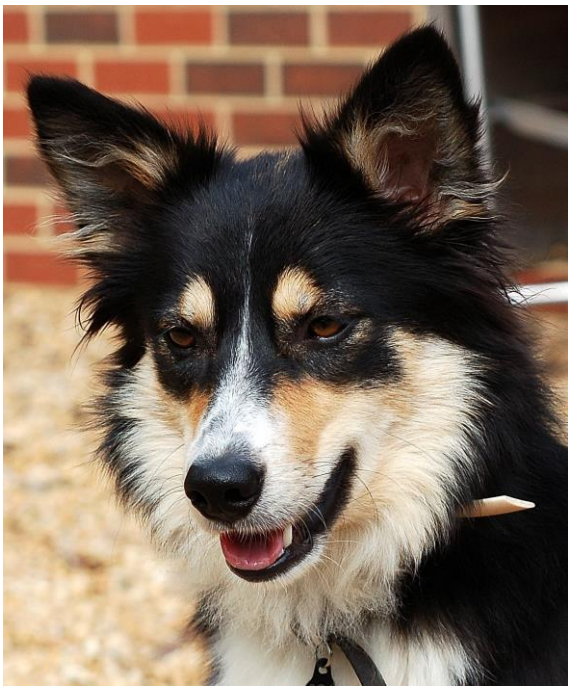
Level IIB
First Place Betty Swenson's Border Collie TBC Vickie earned a **Patch** and a **NEW TITLE**
Second Place Jeanine Brown's Labrador Retriever Iko

Level II Brace
First Place Kristin Sicotte's Border Terrier Meadowlake Cooper Can Dance and Doberman Pinscher Broken Oaks Dobby Carl earned a **Patch**

Highest Artistic Score
Betty Swenson's Border Collie TBC Vickie

Sally Kirschenman Award
Betty Swenson's Border Collie TBC Vickie

The event was held at the Family Dog Center in La Crosse, WI. The judges were Betty Swenson, Joan Tennille and Kristin Sicotte. A huge thank you goes out all the members of the North Star Notes Guild that helped put on this event.



Vickie

Sirius Guild Titling Events
Saturday November 7, 2015
Results

Level IIB

First Place Brenda Jameson's Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Rainbow Dolcetto earned a **Patch** and a **NEW TITLE**
Second Place Dee Wallis' Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Rainbow One and Only earned a **Patch**

Level III

First Place Mary Sullivan's Belgian Sheepdog Morningstar's Ready to Rumble earned a **Patch** and a **NEW TITLE**
Second Place Betty Swenson's Border Collie TBC Vickie earned a **Patch** and a **NEW TITLE**
Third Place Patricia Koontz's Doberman Pinscher Mercurys Prince of the Universe earned a **Patch** and a **NEW TITLE**

Presenting in Veterans

Cinda Verbin's German Shepherd Cindu's Bandit
Marian Hardy's Toy Poodle Ping

Level IV

First Place Rickie Morrison's Border Collie OTCH Rapideye's RaginKajen
Second Place Janet McBrien's Welsh Terrier Brighluck's Smart Dashing Alex earned a **Patch** and a **NEW TITLE**
Third Place Wendy Ely's Belgian Tervuren GCH Chateau Blanc More Coyote Music earned a **Patch** and a **NEW TITLE**
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Highest Artistic Score

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Morningstar's Ready to Rumble

Sally Kirschenman Award

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Inducted in the Canine Freestyle Federation Hall of Fame

Marian Hardy's Toy Poodle Ping

Ping's attribute is unique; no other dog involved in Canine Freestyle has his particular talent. His moments of glory are extraordinary and guarantee this team as unique. If you are one of the few unaware of his gifts and talents please let me share with you some of his greatest attributes.

1. His mighty bark and intimidating eye keeps everyone in line and on task.
2. He has the distinct honor to have been requested to leave a Starbucks. Apparently in playing his role of stuffed animal, in Marian's tote he moved at the wrong time. He was removed
3. He walks to his own beat
4. He is a creative genius with impeccable timing his timing
5. Dynamically, he draws an entire room of spectators under his spell

At the Ohio titling event a spectator even commented on his timing ability to dynamically focus shapes just at the right moment. his knowledge to on his fantastic timing skill and I quote. He knows the music and is always right there at the right time. Uncanny!! We all have seen it in person or on tape. Out of nowhere, he bounds forward and drives towards Marian to complete the oneness the shape expressing the delight and joy they have working and training together as a team.

6 He never misses the moment to fill not only the Presentation space with his dynamic energy but the entire room. You might say he really knows how to work a room. His ability to creatively add contrast has set a new standard. He is included in the Hall of Fame for adding the lightheartedness we all need in this competitive world. He expresses the camaraderie of DogWork in a most unique manner. His ability to draw and maintain spectators' interest in the magic of DogWork is uncanny. There is no mistaking the oneness of this team or the joy they have in working and training together. It is my pleasure to present Ping our new Hall of Fame dog

Sunday November 8, 2015
Results

Level IIB

First Place Brenda Jameson's Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Rainbow Dolcetto
Second Place Dee Wallis' Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Rainbow One and Only

Level III

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OTCH Rapideye's RaginKajen

Inducted in the Canine Freestyle Federation Hall of Fame

Janet McBrien's Welsh Terrier
Datawelsh Everlasting Cash

Hall of Fame
Nicolas

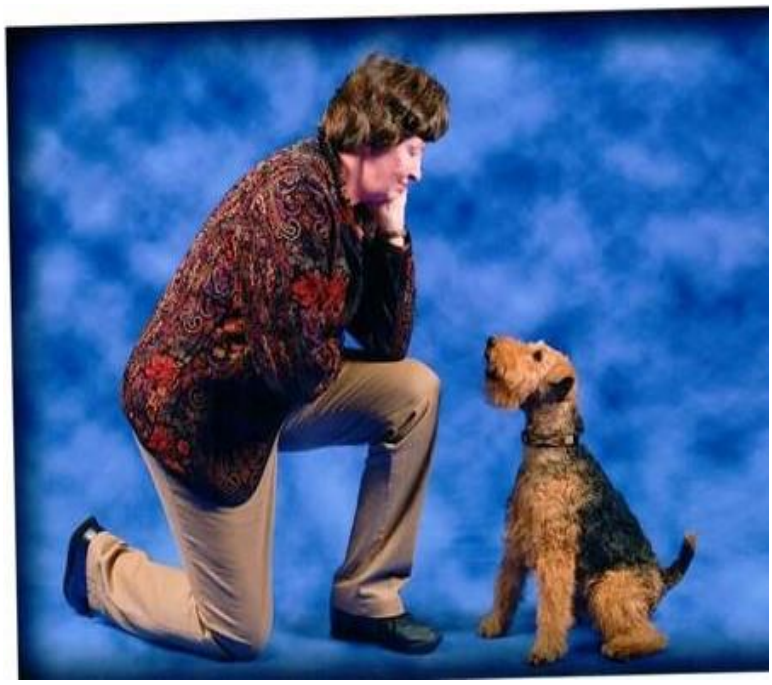
Datawelsh everlasting Cash, better known to our freestyle spectators as Nicolas, an extraordinary canine, an inventive and clever super dog. As Janet's team mate they crafted choreography to showcase his best attributes. As a brace, team and single Presentation, Janet and Nicolas imaginatively explored the creative and artistic possibilities through 4 levels of training and competition. Each presentation a joyful expression of the team's oneness with music and movement illustrating the team's training and relationship artistically and creatively.

Nicolas and Janet were a perfect match; their dynamic energy, expressed imaginatively, clarified the why of training. Each Presentation, was a joyful celebration, artistically expressed as the oneness DogWork brings to each team's training. Theirs was an awesome training journey to behold. Nicolas was an inspiration and a challenge. To meet this team's creative and artistic potential tested my conceptual designed training program. Planning a lesson became a creative challenge and stretched everyone involved. As a result of the challenge, everyone grew technically, artistically and creatively. Thank you Nicolas and Janet, you have moved CanineFreestyle DogWork a giant step forward as a training technique and a competitive sport.

The event was held at the Colonial K9 in Stafford, VA. The judges were Ann Holder, Gaea Mitchel, Kristin Sicotte and Joan Tennille. A big thank you goes out all the members of the Sirius Guild that helped put on this event, as well as the volunteers from the Carolina Guild.

Newest Inductees into the Canine Freestyle Federation's Hall of Fame

Marian Hardy and Ping



Datawelsh Everlasting Cash JE. CGC, OAJ, OA
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