

# **BRAGGIME!** **REALLY BIG NEWS!**

Our members have been very busy this summer and throughout the past year. We have the top dogs in the country in our club! And, we have dedicated members who excel in all of their endeavors. Congratulations to everyone!

## **#5 AGILITY DOG IN CANADA**

*(Reprinted from Dogs In Canada)*

### **Books' Mystical Kylene RE, CD, AgX, AgMXJ**

Australian Shepherd  
Date of Birth: April 4, 2007  
Breeder: Joanne Campbell  
Owner/Handler: Jane Book

#### **What do you look for in an agility prospect?**

For an agility prospect I look for a confident, outgoing puppy with great structure. It's usually the puppy causing the breeder the most havoc.

#### **To what do you attribute your dog's success?**

Our success is attributed to our strong foundation skills in obedience as well as skills learned at Say Yes with Susa Garrett. We stuck to one training system and let 'Kye' learn at her own pace.

#### **Were there any difficulties or challenges to overcome?**

There were challenges when we first started competing to develop our teamwork. I had to learn to trust that she had the skills to do the work.

#### **Advice or insight?**

Do what you like and like what you do, having great fun along the way. I always make sure the dog is enjoying the journey.

#### **Future plans/Next goal**

More agility at a national level and obedience this winter getting our CDX.

~ Jane Book



## **#4 OBEDIENCE DOG IN CANADA**

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### **GMOTCh. & Am. OTCH. Starbright Passionxtrodinair RN, TDX, AgX, AgNJ, Am. UDX, OA, AXJ, RE, VCD2, TDI, CGC, NADAC NAC, NJC, NGC**

Belgian Shepherd Dog  
Date of Birth: May 8, 2001  
Breeders: Sharon Redmer and Brenda Vyletel  
Owners: Ikena Hilmayer and Jerry Burke  
Handler: Ikena Hilmayer



### What do you look for in an obedience prospect?

Before I consider any puppy, I look for a breeder who will be honest, responsible and have integrity. Then I look at the pedigree, I research the parents and grandparents. I generally have already seen good working lines from this breeder in the ring. I am looking for temperament, structure and working ability. Out of the five dogs I own, I only chose one as a puppy and that was 'Flash'. That was such an outstanding litter that it really did not matter which one I chose; they were all superb puppies. 'Passion' and 'Levi' were both older re-homes from good breeders when I got them. 'Rumour' and my puppy 'Bailey' were both chosen for me by their breeders.

### To what do you attribute Passion's success?

Passion's desire to want to be with me no matter what we were trying. My husband Jerry helping me through the training problems with Passion.

### Were there any difficulties or challenges to overcome?

Passion was a re-home and had some problems when she arrived. We had many bumps in the road but she always worked so hard. When we decided last year to campaign Passion to be in the Top 10 for obedience she had already been retired from the Utility class for two years. So she showed in the Open class only to achieve her placing.

### Advice or insights?

I have been very blessed by this truly wonderful dance partner. I stand in amazement of her and of her accomplishments. In my wildest dreams I would not have thought we would have taken this ride of a lifetime together. My advice to everyone is to enjoy the dance!

### Future plans/Next goal

Passion has now turned 10 and even through this girl does not want to quit, we will only show occasionally in obedience. Our next goal is to work on finishing her tracking championship

~ Ikena Hilmayer

**Passion had quite a record for a 10 year old dog. She had multiple 200's, 51 High in Trials and Won the Purina National with a perfect 200 score.**



### Levi Number 1 Skip

**Levi also did really well and was Number 1 Schipperke in Canada, won the Schipperke National and is in the Schipperke Hall of Fame.**

**The previous year he was Number one in both Canada and the US.**

**We are very proud of him but he takes a back seat in comparison to Passion.**

Heather Burns and her K9 clan have been busy this summer growing. Heather's Blue Merle Collie, Ch. Harvesthil Silver Goddess, (Silver) CD. Ag.I Ag.Ij. ADC. was bred to a Smooth Am. Can. Ch Edenrock Bronze Warrior. Troy is from Lisa and Chris Watts of Harvesthil. On June 16th arrived 6 Smooths, 2 Tri Girls and 2 Sables and 2 Sable Merles, and two Blue Merles, one of each. I know we are all wishing for more puppy phone calls so let's keep each other in the know and spread the word about our litters and the right person for one of our puppies is out there.



Here is a picture of my English Cocker, Proclaim Midnight Blue finishing his championship on June 25th at the Hamilton Show. This little fellow did very well being shown only 7 times and missing points only once. He will now start learning some obedience and some other fun things.

Judy Darling

"Mickey" (Stovepipe's Steamboat Willie CD) was # 1 Miniature smooth Dachshund in Canada for obedience in 2010, and # 7 in the Hound Group. Whoop-dee-doo. Glenn Hodge

Thunderally News... At Oxford County ..

Handling Class Graduate, Thunderally's Daisy Mae went Winners Bitch on the Saturday.

Thunderally's Suny Behr (the bad little thing) went Best of Winners on Saturday & Winners Dog on Sunday.

In Canfield, Ohio at Buckeye... On Thursday... Can Ch, AGC Thunderally Bold Baxter, ROM went BOB and went Friday at the Specialty he was BOS picking up points on his quest to be a Bronze Grand Champion.

More to follow... Picture to follow.

We have no Thunderally entries at St Catharines (Carol is judging.) We have the Bull Terrier Club of Canada Specialty & the Niagara Frontier Shows (Bullalo) left in August for Baxter, Behr & Daisy Mae

Cheers

Carol & Gord

Rocky got his RN at the Barrie show. He is now CH. Rock of Ages CD,RN  
Marilyn Dutton

At the Havanese Club of America National Specialty Show in Durham, North Carolina this past July, Juanita Heidebrecht's Oliver, Ch. Hydabrek's What the Dickens, won:

- (1) 3rd place in Bred by Exhibitor at the HCA Regional under Ann D. Hearn
- (2) 2nd place in Bred by Exhibitor at the HCA Sweepstakes under Linda Cosner
- (3) 3rd place in Bred by Exhibitor at the HCA National under James G. Reynolds

Juanita Heidebrecht



More wins for Thurman now #2 ML in Canada at 8 months old  
 St Catharines Show 4 points for George & 5 points for his sister Jess 3  
 puppy groups and a BBBE Group  
 HeavenlyHund 2 new champions over the summer and 3 co own new  
 Ch and one girl on 9 points it was a good showing summer..

Stephanie Chuchman



Toy Manchester Terrier, Ch Deebet's Camelot wins a group first in a very large entry, under respected Toy judge Bruce Owen. This was at the Oxford County Kennel Club Show, in Woodstock, breeder/owner handled by Deanna Bettle.

Toy Manchester Terrier, Ch Deebet's First lady, wins a Group 3rd, under renowned American Toy Judge, Ed Bivin at the Woodstock & District Canine Association. She was expertly handled by husband, Ted Bettle.



From Stephanie Chuchman....it was a good summer!

14 BPIG in the last 8 weeks

6 new Ch I own myself, 1 new Ch co own. 2 new Ch I bred this year for a total of 9 Ch in 2011

New Ch Stoneleigh's Spot On ML Cream Dapple

Owner Karen Taylor

New Ch Dachsforth/HeavenlyHund Champagne Dreams ML Cream

Owner Karen Taylor

New Ch HeavenlyHund's Redman

Co Own Amelie Sylvestre

Ch HeavenlyHund's Thurman ML Cream 7 BPIG 3 Group 3 1 Group 4

and BPIS 3 Best in Sweeps Ch in 3 days at 6 months ON

Co Own Audrey Waldie

HeavenlyHund's Kream De La Kream 2 BPIG first 2 days out BC

Dachsforth HeavenlyHund's Jess 5 BPIG 8 months old ON

Ch GrandGables Teaspoon of Keramel 2 BPIG Ch as a pup

Owner Jazmin Mennear

HeavenlyHunds Athena 1st day at the show Best In Sweeps 8 months old

Co Owner Becky Tymoszewicz HeavenlyHund's Talula ML Blk/Cream Sweeps Winner 1 day out and takes the Breed over brother Thurman for a 3 point win.



Sasha (Bowerhinton Balalaika) shown by Peter Bulman won Best Puppy in Show in Show 5 at the Algoma Dog Fanciers competition in Sault Ste Marie at the end of June.

Stein (Silverhawk Nordic Chief) shown by Vincent Bulman won Best of Breed in the Norwegian Elkhound Booster at the Algoma Dog Fanciers competition in Sault Ste. Marie at the End of June. Stein went on the win First in Group Two.

*We have human athletes in our club too!*

## **Special Olympics: Robyn Crandall brings home two Golds, Silver**

### **Niagara's newest world champion**

*By Brad Peters Niagara Falls Review*

Robyn Crandall recently returned from the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece. As a member of Team Canada, she won two gold medals and a silver.

The only thing that shines more brightly than Robyn Crandall's two gold medals is her smile every time she looks down at them. The swimmer actually has three big reasons to smile: In addition to the two golds she earned at the Special Olympics, World Summer Games, earlier this month in Greece, she also brought home a silver to give her a trio of precious metal keepsakes.

After three weeks in Athens competing in the pool Niagara Falls' most recent world champion met The Review to share her Special Olympics experience.

"It didn't really sink in that I was a world champion until I was boarding the plane to come home and I held the medals in the my hand before packing them in the carry-on luggage," she said. "There was no way I was putting them in my luggage to go under the plane – those bags really get thrown around!"

So she slowly came to grips with the reality she was the best Special Olympian in the entire world in the 50 metre freestyle, she earned gold as member of the Canadian team's 4x100 individual medley and just barely missed a third gold, but earned silver in the 50 metre butterfly.

In previous competitions, the 29 year old has been virtually unbeatable in the butterfly, but in Athens, she discovered a new opponent in the pool – and this is one she can't out swim: Age.

“The girl who beat me was quite a bit younger than me,” Crandall said. “But I’m not real worried about it yet. I’m still beating most of the girls and most of them are younger. It just gives me another reason to train harder?” If that’s possible.

Crandall already has a workout regimen that’s pretty strenuous. Between time in the pool, running on the treadmill, strength and cardiovascular training, it no wonder that Crandall is one of the best swimmers in the world.

The podium worthy performances in Greece continued Crandall’s domination in the pool that really began last year. 2010 was a highlight year for the Special Olympics swimmer.

As a member of the Ontario Provincial Special Olympics Swim Team, she ascended the podium an amazing five times. She won gold medals in the 25m freestyle, 50m butterfly and the 4x50m freestyle relay. She also swam her way to a silver medal in the 50m freestyle and completed her medal collection with a bronze in the 200m freestyle.

Along the way to collecting her hardware at the meet, Crandall set three personal bests and came close to setting new benchmarks in the other two events.

It was the strength of that performance that earned her entry into the World Special Olympics. She was also awarded The Review’s Doug Austin Sportsperson of the Year Award for 2010.

So while she is used to winning medals and awards, she says that nothing comes close to winning on the world stage.

“My favourite part of all this is the satisfaction that I did it,” she said. “ And the fact that people all over the world know that I worked hard and that I won. It’s really cool being a world champion.”

“I’m very proud of Robyn and everything she’s accomplished,” her mother said. “But it’s a little sweeter when we remember that one of Robyn’s first instructors told her that she’d never be able to compete in swimming. Really? She now has three world medals that say otherwise.”

And if Robyn has her way, these will be her first world Special Olympics medals, not her last. She already is planning for a repeat performance in Australia four years from now.

She is eager to return to the world platform, not just for the competition, but the second great hallmark to go along with the athleticism of the Special Olympics: The camaraderie and friendships.

“I have emails from new friends all over the world,” she said. “I traded pins with so many people...and we got to see Stevie Wonder in concert at the opening ceremonies.”

With a slight blush, Crandall admitted some of the favourite new friends were the Greek male power lifters.

Three world medals, three weeks in a beautiful part of the world during the summer surrounded by Adonises and lots of new friends, - it’s no wonder Crandall is looking forward to Australia in 2015.