

2010 Conformation Winner **GCH Protocol's Veni Vidi Vici** Owners: J. Mullins/K. Mullins

2010 Obedience Winner **CH Allure Absolute Alisaton Rojan** CDX, AX, AXJ

Owners: M. Fitzgerald/G. Demilta/C. Pitts



2010 Agility Winner **MACH7 Thornwoods Flare MXF WAE CGC TDI** Owners: Y. & D. Mancino

National Judging Non-Regular and Best of Breed Classes

Over 30 years ago I attended my first national in Huston Texas with a puppy named Margo. With Pat Neller at the lead she placed in a competitive 6-9 month class and I was elated. The people were so friendly and so much fun I became hooked on showing dogs.

At that time I never dreamed that I would one day be judging the breed at this prestigious show.

Judging the breed I felt like a kid in a candy store. Oh the eye candy! Getting an up close and personal look at so many beautiful dogs was amazing.

What an honor it was to judge the breed. I want to thank all of you for this opportunity. There is nothing more exciting than seeing our breed at the Dobe national, the breeders show case.

The six juniors were amazing. The winner, Shoshana Goldfein came from the Open Junior class. She did a great job with her dog.

I was very impressed with my veteran classes. It is great that we now honor the 7-9 and 9 and over dogs in separate classes. These dogs looked great and it was obvious they were champions. Age had not slowed them down and their movement was very sound.

I divided the breed dogs into groups of twelve. In the end this was difficult as some groups were very strong so some very good dogs had to be cut. Now I wonder if it would be better to just judge each dog individually and not in groups. As this is a breeder's showcase I want the dogs in the ring as long as possible. I may not choose the dog but a breeder may decide to breed to a dog because they saw it in the group. This is the judge's dilemma at a national.

My criteria for assessment was:

Did they have good temperament as best as anyone can see it in a show ring? Could they do the job they were bred for? Were they alert,

determined, watchful, of great nobility, proud carriage and temperament, muscular and powerful and elegant in appearance?

The picture: were they medium size, square, balanced and in proportion looking poured into their skin, with forechest well defined (because of good shoulder and upper arm angles) and rear angles to match.

Did they move like they looked standing?

Did their head say Doberman with the long dry wedge, dark almond shaped eyes, parallel planes and strong jaw? And of course did they meet the teeth requirements?

All faults were judged to the extent of the deviation and in the end I had superior specimens to choose from.

When I looked at the dogs that made the cut they had the make and shape. In the end the last standing were for the most part square, balanced with a forechest well defined and rear angulation matching that of the front. They were in proportion, length of head, neck and legs in proportion to length and depth of body. Length of neck proportioned to body and head. The heads for the most part were wedge shaped with dark moderately deep set almond eyes, parallel planes and 42 teeth. Many had excellent occlusion. Some had strong jaws. Most had tight skin that fit so tight they looked poured into their skin. All had powerful gait with good reach and drive and strong toplines. In the free stack all looked alert and strong.

My breed bitch, Gch Protocol's Veni Vidi Vici, was flawless. She never put a foot wrong and showed brilliantly. She demonstrated the standard to perfection.

Best of winners went to the exciting young dog, Esquire's Ultimatum.

My best of opposite, Gch Steinway's Paris Is Burning, was another medium size square dog with proud carriage, good Doberman expression, heavy bone, balanced and strong.

The Grand Champion point winners were my veteran dog and bitch. They were amazing. The dog, Ch GNR Crystal Method CD, was over ten years and the bitch, Ch. Baden Baden Ornella, over eleven. They were in spectacular shape and had strong toplines and rears. And move... it was awe inspiring to see these two old dogs dragging their handlers around the ring. They trotted with so much spirit and strength I had to fight back the tears. They were so full of life and looked so good. What a credit to our breed.

Looking at my twelve awards of merit dogs I was very pleased with their make and shapes. They were very worthy conforming to the standard and moving like they stood, strong and powerful.

Best Puppy was the very mature showman Goldgrove High Intensity. The first recipient of the beautiful Pat and Judy Doniere memorial trophy was for the best Bred By Exhibitor was Susanne and Paul Smith's Alpha's Secret Garden. Ch Alex De Akido San was the stud dog winner in very tough competition. Ch Protocol's American Dream CDX AX AXJ Of won the brood bitch award with her two lovely daughters.

There are always areas to improve. There were some things that I did notice in the overall entry. Quite a few dogs that looked rectangular. This is disappointing as our standard is one of only six working breeds that require our dogs to be square; our standard stating from the forechest to the rear projection of the outer thigh. Many look long because they have a keel or prosternum that is too far forward. When our standard asks for a forechest well defined it means a forechest developed because of good front angulation.

If the shoulder blade slopes at a 45 degree angle and meets the upper arm at a 90 degree angle there will be a well defined forechest. However, today we are getting straight shoulder and upper arm and an overly developed prosternum bone that protrudes well in front of the point of shoulder. The forechest is well defined but this extra length throws off the balance and it looks out of proportion. Our breed is not one of extremes. All parts fit together so well nothing stands out. If you notice a part it is out of balance.

I noticed quite a few extra premolars. Bites for the most part were good. I saw some excellent occlusions and many where the side premolars were not close to meshing when the mouth was closed. The upper and lower jaw should fit snugly when viewed from the side so the dog can get a good bite and hold.

Generally, the dogs seemed very stable in temperament. Most stood proudly on the free stacks and when I asked them to step forward they did not hesitate.

In movement I noticed many dogs that did not open their hocks when they moved from the side (sickle hocks). Many took too many short steps or looked like two pieces from the side. Weather this was because of handler error or poor conformation it did not look strong and efficient. I was very pleased with the strong side gait of my final cuts.

The day went so smoothly due to the expert help of my ring stewards. Judy Smith, Margret Downey, Barbara Bender and her grand daughter I can't thank you enough.

To the fancy thank you for bringing me such lovely dogs and for this fabulous experience.

- Faye Strauss





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Best of Breed Winner GCH Protocol's Veni Vidi Vici

Breeders/Owners: Jocelyn & Kevin Mullins



 ${\it Best\ of\ Opposite\ Sex} \\ {\it GCH\ Steinway's\ Paris\ is\ Burning}$

Breeders: Melissa Loflin & Mona Fasth DVM Owner: Melissa Loflin-Park



Best of Winners & Winners Dog Esquire's Ultimatum

Breeders: F. Sparagna, C. Holmes, D. Sparagna, L&D VanEpp Owners: Francis & Diana Sparagna



Winners Bitch (Am Bred Black Bitch)

Rojans Wild Rose v Allure

Breeders: Janice McGerr & Carmen Pitts
Owner: Janice McGerr



Reserve Winner's Bitch (12-18 Month Black Bitch)

Ravenswoods Midnight Rendezvous

Breeders: Mary Dependahl, Karin Fox, Pat Geske Owners: Cindy Krelle & Mary Dependahl



Best Puppy (9-12 Black Dog)

Goldgrove High Intensity

Breeders: Sharon Pfleuger, Tamra Rabold & Doris Jean Molin Owners: Sharon Pfleuger, Theresa Connors & Greg Chan



Reserve Winners Dog (Open AOAC Dog)

Polo De Akido San

Breeder: Andrea Faviana Laruccia Owners: Andrea Faviana Laruccia & Natalia Columbo



Best Bred By Exhibitor (BBE Bk Bitch)

Alpha's Secret Garden

Breeders: Susanne & Paul Smith Owners: Susanne & Paul Smith



Veteran Sweepstakes Winner (7-9 Yr Bitch)

Ch. Kelview's Diamond V. Nova CDX OA OAJ NF RA

Breeders: Colleen Nicholso & Cindy Kelso & Eileen & F. Schenck Owners: Sally Wolfe



Grand Prize Futurity Winner (6-9 Month Black Bitch)

Blue Max Pretty Woman v Encore

Breeders: Rose Benanti Owner: Beverly Seielstad



Stud Dog

Ch. Alex De Akido San

Breeder: Andrea Fabinana Laruccia Owners: Andrea F Laruccia, Carlos Souto & Natalia Columbo



Best Veteran Dog & Select Winner (9-11 Years)
Ch. GNR Crystal Method CD

Breeders: Davida Roof DVM & Jordan Goldblatt
Owners: Howard & Sue Kidwell, Davida Roof & Monika Mathews



Best Junior in Futurity (12-15 Month AOAC Dog)

Cambria's Omen

Breeders: Jim & Ann White Owners: Dr. Daniel & Alexis Sudilovsky



Brood Bitch

Ch. Protocol's American Dream CDX AX AXJ OF

Breeders: Jocelyn & Kevin & Heather Mullins Owners: Jocelyn & Kevin Mullins



Best Veteran Bitch & Select Winner (11+ Years)

Ch. Baden Baden Ornella

Breeder: Xavier Farina
Owners: Deborah Jones & Timothy Jones



Award of Merit - AB# 27

Ch. Wildfire Skyyehawk v Allure

Breeders: Patience Sassone & Carmen Pitts Owners: P. Englemeier, D. Johnson, C. Pitts & P. Sassone



Award of Merit - AB# 87

Ch. Mi-Ti's Three Cheers

Breeders: Shirley Baker, Carol Silverman & J. Laverdiere Owners: Jordan Goldblatt, S. Baker, C. Silverman & D. Roof DVM



Award of Merit - AB# 131

Ch. Foxfire Smoke On The Water

Breeders: M. Santana & K Torre Owners: Seth & Sarah Swallow



Award of Merit - AB# 78

Ch. Cambria's Mint Condition

Breeders: Cambria & Dinardo & Sonny Wang
Owner: Sonny Wang



Award of Merit - AB# 108

GCH. Monarch's Borgata

Breeders: Jeffrey L. Brucker & Melissa K. Brucker Owners: Melissa K. Brucker & Beverly Jones



Award of Merit - AB# 143

Ch. Alpha's The Conquistador

Breeders: Susanne Smith & Paul Smith Owners: Kelly Brawner & Susanne Smith



Award of Merit - AB# 193 Ch. Alex De Akido San

Breeder: Andrea Fabiana Laruccia Owners: Andrea F Laruccia, Carlos Souto & Natalia Colombo



Award of Merit - AB# 239

Ch. Phillmar Sobe Monster

Breeders: Phillip M. Martin, C. Green, L. Sniderman Berg & S. Berg Owner: Mary Klein, Hector & Alicia Farias



Best Junior Handler

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Award of Merit - AB# 206

GCh. Allure Envy Me Royalwoods v Schohaus

Breeders: Carmen Pitts & Michael & Renee Holth Owners: John & Lori Schoeneman & Carmen Pitts



Award of Merit - AB# 282

GCh. Horizon's Upper Echelon

Breeders: Rick & Linda George, Barbara Abrams Owner: Hillary Zimmerman





Dog - Puppy 6 - 9 Mos. BLK Adamas Shock And Awe R Wilcox/I Wilcox/E Barrett



Dog - Puppy 6 - 9 Mos. AOAC
Supernova Never Surrender
C Elswerth/D Elswerth



Dog - Puppy 9-12 Mos. BLK Goldgrove High Intensity S Pflueger/T Connors/G Chan



Dog - Puppy 9-12 Mos. AOAC Kelview's Ice-T V. Mueller N Cardin/C Nicholson



Dog - 12-18 Mos. BLK Dancing Star's Rio Nights A Thomas/L Gentile



Dog - 12-18 Mos. AOAC
Cambria's Notorious
J Young/A White



Amateur Owner Handler AOAC
O's Godiva Signature
M Nickerson /P Onley



Dog - Bred By Exhibitor BLK
Cambria's Out For Justice
J White/A White/N Peribonia/M Peribonia



Dog - American Bred BLK Lilly's Boo K Lilly



Dog - American Bred AOAC
Esquire's Ultimatum
D Sparagna/F Sparagna



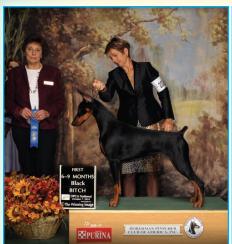
Dog - Open BLK

Foxfire N Rockelle All About Love RN

E Wallace/D Roberts/M Santana



Dog - Open AOAC
A'Monde's The Mystical Tibet
A Levine



Bitch - 6-9 Mos. BLK Cambria's Pandemonium C Taylor



Bitch - 6-9 Mos. AOAC
Triadel's Derringer
J Eck/S Eck/C Nicholson



Bitch - 9-12 Mos. BLK Logres' Hotline E Greenwood/A Greenwood



Bitch - 9-12 Mos. AOAC A'Monde's Marla The Prima Donna A Levine



Bitch - 12-18 Mos. BLK Ravenswoods Midnight Rendezvous C Krelle/M Dependahl



Bitch - 12-18 Mos. AOAC
Chiles Magic Liberty Belle
T Lennartz/T Chiles



Bitch - Amateur Owner Handler BLK
Bruda Up In Spirit
K Denio/A Denio/S Hunter



Bitch - Bred By Exhibitor BLK
Alpha's Secret Garden
S Smith/P Smith



Bitch - Bred By Exhibitor AOAC
Old Drum's Nova Red
A Hanaway/M Doughty



Bitch - American Bred BLK Rojans Wild Rose V Allure J McGerr



Bitch - American Bred AOAC

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J Berg/J Goldfein/M McGuire



Bitch - Open BLK
Jaimand's Hot Desert Storm
M Bondy/C Lane-Smith



Bitch - Open AOAC
Sharjets Smooth Air
A Getty/B Getty



Veteran 7-9 Yr Dog - 1st Place
CH Foxfire's Magic Dragon
B Seielstad



Veteran 7-9 Yr Bitch - 1st Place CH Jesaran's Which Witch K Davieds



Agility

High in Trial

MACH2 Fulcer's Raven UD RE

Breeder: Dawn M Clark Owner: Lloyd Fulcer





Open - Std 24"

Adamas Shake It Up NA NAJ

K Langley/E Barrett



Excellent $\mathcal A$ - $Std\ 24$ "

Dedo's Fostas Touch Of Style CDX OA AXJ

J Brettscheider/R Brettschneider



Excellent B - Std 24"

MACH2 Fulcer's Raven UD RE NF

L Fulcer





Excellent \mathcal{A} - $\mathcal{J}WW$ 24"

Renejade Velocity Vendetta OA OAJ OF

M Swindell/J Swindell





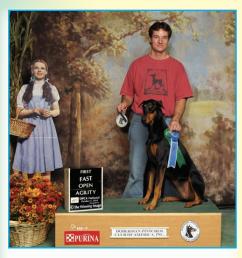
Excellent B - JWW 26"

MACH7 Thornwoods Flare CD MXF TQX

Y Mancino/D Mancino



Rally



Open - Fast 24"

MACH2 Fulcer's Raven UD RE NF
L Fulcer



Rally Novice B
Renejade Velocity Vendetta OA OAJ OF
M Swindell/J Swindell





Rally Excellent A

Adamas Truth Or Dare RA

M Reichold/E Barrett



Obedience

High in Trial

CH Foxfire's Ain'T She The One, UDX, OM1

Breeders: Michelle Santana & Katherine Torre Owners: Mary Dellorto & Karin Fox



High Combined

MACH2 Fulcer's Raven UD RE NF

L Fulcer





 $\begin{array}{c} \textit{Novice } \mathcal{B} \\ \text{Rhapsody's Silent Night CD} \\ \text{J Haley} \end{array}$



 $Open \ \mathcal{A}$ CH Royalwoods The Color Of Love CD RE G Lucoff/M Holth/R Holth



 $\begin{array}{c} Open \ \mathcal{B} \\ \text{CH Foxfire's Ain'T She The One UDX OM1} \\ \text{M Dellorto/K Fox} \end{array}$



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Working Dog High in Trial

UDC CH. Blue Chip Reign of Terror IPO I,UD,BSB-E3A

Owner: Pam Burns



Working Dog - B.H. LeMil's Amidala v Legacy **Marsha Sheppard**



Working Dog - IPO3 Swift Run's Volcan Masaya ScH I, IPO II, VPG 3 **Brandi Williams**

