



Sire: V-1 Sieger Multi BIS/Multi BISS SELECT
CH Gamegards US Marshall RN CGC
Dam: J and H Anja v Adolfe-Misti Blu

Bred by: Karen McNeely

Conformation Handlers: Owner, Holley Eldred and Chris Ann Moore

Agility Handlers, Owner, Teresa Hatcher, Erin Tower and Jenny Henderson

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Multi-BOB/Group Placing UACHX, UCD, UCH CH MACH Pagan's Cowboy Up-Mistiblu

CD, RAE, OAP, OJP, MXF, EAS, EJC, OAC, TN-O, WV-O, TG-O, NCC, FFX-AP2, FFX-AG, TT, CGC

ARC Versatility Excellent Award
AKC Agility High in Trial ~ Rottweiler
NADAC Novice Versatility Award
2008 Top 10 Excellent Agility #8
2007 Top 10 Excellent Agility #8
2006 Top 10 Open JWW #3

UKC Total Dog ~ 3x UKC Agility High in Trial
2x AKC Agility Reserve HIT ~ Rottweiler
2009 National Agility Championship Qualifier
2008 Top 10 Excellent JWW #4
2007 Top 10 Excellent JWW #9
2006 Top 10 Rally Excellent #2



From left: Judge Blair Kelly, Lisa and Bumble, Jenny Henderson and David Hirsch. Photo by Susan Perry.

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Beeeating The Odds: CH MACH Bumble

Anything Is Possible When You Beeelieve

By Lisa Wingerter

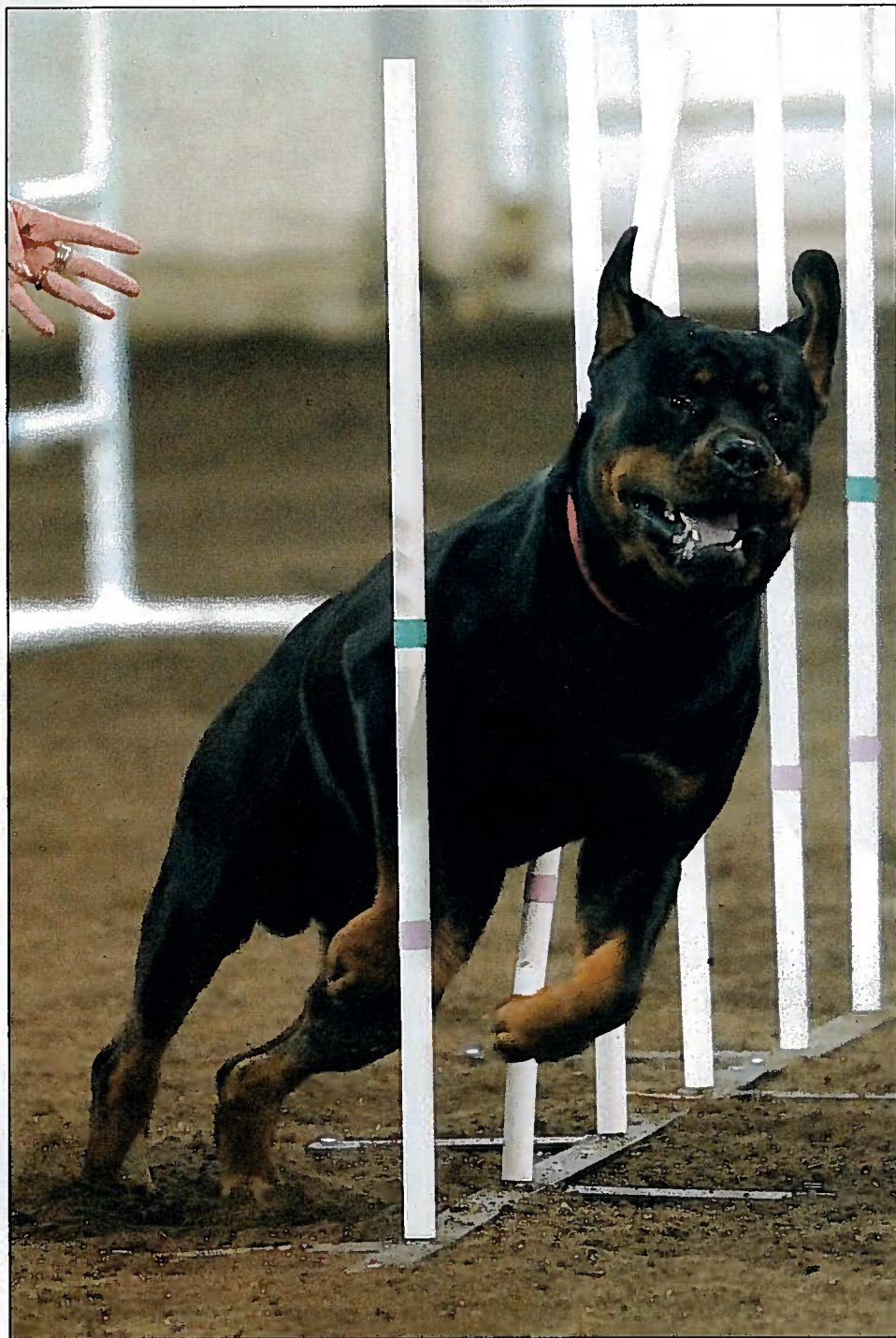
When Multi-BOB/Group Placing UACHX, UCD, UCH CH MACH Pagan's Cowboy Up-Mistiblu CD, RAE, OAP, OJP, MXF, EAS, EJC, OAC, TN-O, WV-O, TG-O, NCC, FFX-AP2, FFX-AG, TT, CGC – known to his friends as Bumble – earned that elusive dual agility/conformation title a couple of weeks ago, we thought we should recognize his achievement with an article that might inspire others who are on a similar quest. Or maybe just a story that would make the rest of us figure maybe we could do just a bit of agility with our great big male conformation champion. So we asked our friend Lisa, Bumble's companion person, to tell us what it is like to discover you've got a dog like Bum. Below are her thoughts.

Bum was a gift from friend/breeder Karen McNeely/Misti Blu Rottweilers for finishing her bitch CH Lakeview's Sasha of Misti Blu CD back in 1998. I was originally supposed to get a Sasha puppy, but that didn't work out, so J and H Anja v Adolfe-Misti Blu was bred years later instead. She had 6 puppies by Cahill, all became champions.

By 2004 I had convinced myself I did NOT want another puppy. I had gone through 2 years of losing my dogs to old age and cancer every few months and was down to one rottweiler, Diesel, who was 12 ½ years old, when Karen decided to breed Anja and 'force' a puppy on me. I resisted, I fought, I said, 'no.'

We went to lunch and she insisted on showing me Cahill's stud dog packet. I was interested. I went home and checked out his website and became more interested. When I saw the candid puppy photo of a stacked Trinity Gamegards Lasting Image I knew I had to have one. I caved.

Bumble was born October 15, 2004. I lost Diesel to old age less than 2 weeks later. After 16 years, I was rottweilerless for 6 weeks. At 4 weeks old, I had picked him out. He was looking EXACTLY like the puppy from the website. Now I had to settle in and wait to see if Charlie O'Hara (who was evaluating the litter) would actually place him with me. Whew! Bum came home the beginning of December and he was exactly what I needed.



I knew I would show him in conformation, but I also knew that wouldn't be all he would do. In the past I had shown my dogs in obedience and dabbled in agility when it was in its beginning stages, but quickly

moved on when my dogs didn't seem to like it. I made the decision to see what all Bum was interested in/capable of and see how far it would take him.

I made arrangements for his first agility

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BUMBLE'S EARLY AFFINITY FOR THE WEAVE POLES WAS FUELED – OR SO IT WOULD APPEAR – BY HIS TASTE FOR HOTDOGS!

lesson when he was 3 months old. He and friend/teacher Teresa Hatcher bonded quickly. He went to private half-hour lessons, once a week, and had no interim training at home. He debuted in agility on his first birthday at the MRC specialty. I ran him myself. He peed in the weave poles both runs on Saturday and again Sunday in the jumpers class. I was set to pull him from standard (because no one wants to run behind the pee pot), but changed my mind and vowed to be ready to catch him should he try to pee again. He didn't pee and he qualified earning his first novice agility leg at one year and one day old.

His agility training was not without mishap. He struggled off and on with the dog walk and fell off one day landing on Teresa's nose shoulder-first. She was knocked unconscious and had quite a nose-bleed, but she lived to tell about the Rottweiler that fell on her face. Likewise, actually running on the course could be hazardous.

He and Jenny had close calls, but he only crashed into her once. He was coming out of a curved tunnel and there she stood. She flew up and landed hard. It looked worse than it was because she ended up laughing when he came back to stand over her making it impossible for her to get back up. Once when I was running him in UKC, I fell face first and landed flat. He continued over the last 2 jumps, crossed the finish line and qualified, then came back to help me up. Always the gentleman.

Bum is incredibly smart and earned his first rally novice leg at 9 months. The day



BUMBLE'S STRIVE FOR THE TEMPTING TIDBIT CONTINUED ON THE A-FRAME.

before his first birthday he had 3 titles behind his name: RN, CD, RA. All the while he was showing in conformation and going to lots of specialties where he placed every time he

was shown. I was seriously excited about his potential.

We also started showing at UKC and NADAC events, and went to some herding lessons. Unfortunately, sheep are on hold for now. He has one PT leg, but we just can't get on sheep often enough for any serious control. It's on our 'To Do' list when he starts slowing down.

He quickly moved through UKC titles UCH, UCD, and several levels of agility becoming a UKC Top Dog. He's currently working on UKC's highest agility title, UGRACH. He has a Front & Finish Agility Gold award for his work and 3 High in Agility Trial awards.

He was just as adept at NADAC agility and is currently working at the Elite level there. He has a F & F Agility Platinum award for NADAC.

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Beelieve In Bumble (From previous page)

Bum finished his CH at 22 months. He was handled by Holley Eldred (right), Chris Ann Moore (far right), and me. I managed 3 points including BOS over top 10 specials and a Group 3. I couldn't bear to send him off (not to mention that would seriously cramp his other pursuits) so I met with Holley and Chris Ann when I could. Bum is my first CH Rottweiler.

All the while he continued to plow through his AKC agility titles. He went from Novice to finished Master titles in less than 2 years, earning another F & F Agility Platinum award. I quickly figured out I would not be able to keep up with him so Teresa took over for awhile. She finished his Open Jumpers title (and 7 more legs) and earned 2 of his Open standard legs. For some unknown reason they seemed to stall in open standard and could not manage the 3rd leg. That's when Teresa suggested that Jenny Henderson take over running him. Teresa could see his potential, but didn't trial enough to keep his momentum going. She was positive he could MACH if we all kept at it. Jenny got his OA title the second time she ran him. She then knocked out his AX and AXJ in 4 weekends.

His MACH journey started the first weekend in June, 2007 with a Q in Ex Jumpers and 1 MACH point (only 749 points and 20 QQs to go), and concluded the first weekend in June, 2010 with 20 QQs and 894 MACH points. He also finished his MXF title that weekend.

He qualified for the AKC National Agility Championship in 2009 and was the highest scoring rottweiler. That's where he met Greg Louganis, 4-time Olympic gold medalist in diving, and became his close, personal friend. He has numerous ARC Top 10 awards and Versatility Excellent.

Bumble does NOT do manual labor aka carting. In our one attempt, he got half way through the course and locked up like a mule. The judge commented that maybe it wasn't his day and excused us. He promptly trotted off the course ... pulling the cart. He is equally complimented on his handsomeness, agility skills, and personality. He loves everyone and everydog. He's well-known for his baby-on-a-whip (stuffed animal tied to the end of a horse whip) reward for good agility runs, and for woo-wooing when he's left alone (in the van, in the expen, in the obedience ring on long sits/downs out of sight).



We want to go to Westminster just so we can say been there, done that. It's a goal for 2011 as is Canada and CKC titles. In agility we'd like to finish UKC UGRACH and NADAC Elite Versatility. He's already running in preferred agility in AKC where we will continue to trial locally. CDX is next on the obedience list if we can conquer the woo-wooing.

Bum has attended every arc national, starting at 6 months, and never gone home empty handed. In 2009 we travelled to CA where he was high in trial agility the first day. This year in CO he was reserve HIT agility twice, was high-scoring ch, and high scoring obedience titled dog.

Bumble lives with coonhounds Nemo and Bosco, and 10 turtles.



SOUL MATES: BUMBLE AND 4-TIME OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST GREG LOUGANIS (DIVING) BECAME GOOD FRIENDS AT THE AKC NATIONAL AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Please Don't Forget!

Another friend still needs our help.

Teri Carpenter (see pg 14, May 2010) is moving to Washington state now, and still needs our help. So, we have delayed the memorials for her dogs until the July issue to *hopefully raise more funds.*

There is still time to have your name included.

Send checks payable to **Teri Carpenter**

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