

Back to the “FUN”damentals

A Motivational Training Workshop to Help You Get the Most Out of Your Dog

I have been training dogs for over 45 years. Besides working with students owning a wide variety of breeds over the years, many who achieved OTCHs including Bearded Collies, Corgis, and Irish Setters to name a few, my personal dogs have included several terriers, golden retrievers, and border collies. I have been involved in a number of performance sports and have numerous advanced titles in obedience, rally, tracking, agility, herding, dock diving and field. I even put championships on two of my performance dogs—a golden and a border terrier. My border terrier was the first CH UDX of the breed and finished her TDX when she was 12 years old. My main passion has always been obedience. I have multiple titles at all levels with a variety of breeds, including 10 OTCHs—4 golden retrievers and 6 border collies. Over the years, I have shared my training methods with a variety of groups across the country—California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, South Dakota, Missouri, South Carolina, Maryland, North Carolina, and Florida.

I credit my successes with a wide variety of dogs on my basic training philosophy:

- **ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING!** The most important thing to me is building the “right” training relationship by building the dog’s “want to” attitude BEFORE adding the “have to”. It is also important to me to keep the dog’s positive attitude throughout their long show career by keeping training sessions fun.
- **ERROR-FREE TRAINING:** I create the finished dog by building on success, not failure, and the effective use of praise, rewards, and positive proofing to build confidence and consistency.
- **BALANCED, REWARDS-BASED TRAINING:** I have control of the rewards and use them correctly to train and motivate to get the most out of my dog.
- **FOCUS ON FUNDAMENTALS:** I continue to focus on the foundational skills that make up the exercises throughout my dog’s show career. My Back to FUNdamentals Workshop is geared to every level of trainer/dog teams.

Recent Star!



**OTCH2 HC Windstar's Dressed To Kill UDX3 PCDX OM5 BN GO
RAE HXAS HXBS DS TKA**

“Prada”

- From **UD** in February 2019 to **OTCH** her OTCH in May 2019 in four show weekends
- 35+ HITs and HCs, multiple 200s
- Qualified in **Top 25 All Breed** for 2020 National Obedience Championship
- **1st place at the 2021 AKC Obedience Classic Masters**

Prada is only showing occasionally now in obedience as we are focusing on her herding—another sport she loves. She recently completed her AKC Herding Championship and needs one more leg in AHBA to finish her championship in that venue. She is also being shown and doing well in USBCHA herding.

MY RECENT PAST STARS!!

OTCH3 Shorelands Flying on the Darkside UDX3, PCDX, OM6, BN, RN, HSAs "Raven" (*Prada's dam*)

- From **UD** February 25, 2018 to **OTCH** May 12, 2018 in just four show weekends
- 30+ HITs and HCs, multiple 200s
- Qualified in **Top 25 All Breed** for 2019 National Obedience Championship

OTCH Redtop Slam Dunk RE UDX9 TD HSAs "Hoops"

- Over 1000 OTCH points
- 110+ HITs and HCs, multiple 200s
- **Top 25 All Breed** 2017 and 2018
- Finished **2nd in Herding Group** at **2015 National Obedience Championship**
- Invited to participate in first **Westminster's Master Obedience Championship** in 2017 and 2018

OTCH HC Redtop Sidekick VCD1 UDX11 OGM TDX "Kicks"

- Multiple 200s, 125+ HITs/HCs, Over 1600 OTCH points
- **Top 25 All Breed** for 2012-2017 AKC National Obedience Championships
- **2012 AKC NOI: 3rd Runner-Up and 2nd Herding Group**
- BCSA 2009 Janet Larson Versatility Award Winner
- Invited to participate in first **Westminster's Master Obedience Championship** in 2017
- **2010 and 2011 USA Team** competing in the **CRUFTS Obedience World Cup**
- **2010, 2011 Top Northwest Obedience Team Award** given by Seattle Kennel Club (*Two dogs received award in 2011*)