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## TIPS AND TRICKS FROM A TOP AGILITY DOG: BRENDA AND MISSION



Mission was born to do agility and it shows. He has been in the Top 10 for the past five years, finally earning the #1 spot in 2018. More than just an agility star, Mission has also earned top-dog accolades in obedience and rally. We finally caught up with Mission's breeder and owner Brenda, who gives us some insight into keeping her dog in fit and competitive.

**Agility season will be starting soon. How do you keep Mission fit during the off season?**

I have always given my dogs the winter off to just be dogs – free running in the fields and cuddling on the couch. While I was sidelined with knee-replacement surgery, I did some preliminary training with Mission so I could enlist him as a service dog. We would play the hot-and-cold game and I would tell him to go right or left (or just point) to retrieve items for me. I was using commands and signals we already used on the agility field for a different purpose. It just reinforces how we communicate.

I also signed up for Avidog's Fit to be Tied fitness program. Mission is going to be 10 this year and I wanted to do everything I could to keep him in great shape. I send videos to Dr. Gayle Watkins, who spoke at the CKC Annual Meeting last year, and she designs an exercise program tailored specifically for Mission. I have also been incorporating stationary exercises to maintain his flexibility.

**You've mentioned that the teeter was the most difficult for your dog to master. What was the problem and how did you fix it?**

The teeter is a complicated piece of equipment. It has so many elements that need to be broken down and taught bit by bit. First the dog has to run on it straight, balance himself and then hang on while it falls on the other side, hitting the contact zones at both ends. Getting a dog to run to the end of the teeter is a challenge. Fortunately I have my own equipment, which allowed us to work on the teeter at home.

**Most competitors probably don't have agility equipment in their backyards. What training can you practise at home between trials?**

There are a lot of elements to a good performance that don't require equipment. You can work on proofing your dog. Practising stays, go-outs and sending your dog left or right. Doing other sports is a great way to reinforce commands. I do water tests with Mission. He has to stay on the boat and wait for my command while I throw the bumpers into the water.

**What is a common mistake that owners make when teaching their dog a new obstacle?**

Doing too much too soon. You have to break each obstacle into smaller pieces and then build on the little successes. Mission always seems to get it right away, but I know that he still needs to fully understand and think about how to put all the elements together. Weave poles were one the hardest. He always races into them too fast and can end up skipping a pole. Depending on the course, the entry to the weave poles can make it difficult to enter with the first pole passing the dog's left shoulder, so we spend time practising the entry to the weave poles. It's really about developing a rhythm and building muscle memory.

**Dogs can't compete in agility trials until they are 18 months old. At what age do you start introducing your dogs to agility?**

I was Mission's breeder, so I started introducing interesting obstacles as soon as possible. I like to let puppies be puppies, but they absorb so much at a young age it's an opportunity that shouldn't be missed. As soon as they are up and moving around I like to introduce tunnels, small bridges and balance boards. The puppies like to sleep in the tunnels. The Fisher Price Gym and Castle are also great for encouraging puppies to climb over or go under objects, helping them gain confidence. Of course, basic obedience training can and should be started early.

**Mission has been successful in a lot of different activities. How has this worked for you?**

Since we do so many sports, I have actually had to write down a list of commands for each one so I can keep them all straight. I find that there is a lot of crossover, which reinforces consistency. We are currently embarking on a new event – scent detection. I have been trying to finish Mission's Obedience Trial Champion title, and he is still not consistent with the scent articles. I am hoping that the scent detection training will help him focus and hone his scenting ability.

**No matter what event we are doing, there are always new challenges, so we are always training... and having fun!**

## EXTRA-ORDINARY THINGS! HUDSON'S JOURNEY IN THE DOG SHOW WORLD



The dog show world is something I have always been interested in but never thought I would get the chance to be a part of. When my husband Ross and I brought our Lagotto Romagnolo puppy Hudson home last year, he brought so much love into our world and he definitely kept us

on our toes...this particular breed likes to keep busy!

In order to keep his mind active as well as his training skills up to date, we enrolled him in his first puppy class (Level One Basic Obedience). He excelled in this class and it was there that we knew he was a fast learner. Hudson learned many tricks including sit, down, stand, come and leave it, which are the necessities for puppy training.

We soon learned during this class that Hudson loves to learn and constantly wants to do the next trick. We took advantage of this situation and decided to enroll him in Level Two, which involved training that is more advanced. The class was definitely a challenge, but Hudson learned many new skills including the sphinx drop, around, and he was also able to get a taste of some basic agility equipment as well. We learned that since Hudson always wants to move onto the next trick, his stays are definitely something we need to work on, as he is a bit impatient!

As Hudson began to grow and mature, our breeder, Mari Szauerzopf, kept commenting on his body condition and mentioned how it would be worth showing him at a dog show. Being the competitive person that I am, I decided to give him a chance so we entered him into his first dog show at the Wildwood Kennel Club Dog Show in Woodstock this past February.

To prep Hudson for the dog show we took him to handling class with his handler, Sara Manzi. While we watched him learn how to stand in the ring and "show", we were so amazed at how fast Hudson was learning. He never showed before...could he really be a dog show superstar?

Soon after, the first day of the dog show arrived! I was so nervous for Hudson and eagerly awaiting text messages from Sara about how he was doing at the event. All of a sudden, my phone goes crazy and the texts messages just kept coming in. Hudson won best of breed and then was heading off to compete against the rest of the sporting group. My nerves began to sink in and I was eagerly awaiting the next results. He won again! Hudson took home a group fourth placement, which is amazing for his first day. Ross and I were thrilled we could not wait to see what awaited Hudson in the new few days at the dog show.

In total, Hudson finished his championship, won three best of breeds and won two group fourth placements, all in one weekend. Not bad for a first timer! Ross and I were able to go watch Hudson in the dog show ring on one of the days. It was fascinating to watch how the judges pick the best dog and what they are looking for when a dog enters the show ring. I began to realize that putting him in a dog show had another benefit. He was getting used to being on leash with a new person (Sara) and having to listen to her commands, having a judge approach him and examine him, and having to be around other dogs and fight the urge to want to play or sniff them! Being at the dog show was exposing him to so many different things he had not been around before and I think it really helped him become a better and more socialized dog.

While Hudson was being judged, he received many compliments including that he was a beautiful dog and his coat was stunning. I have to thank his food for that. Hudson goes crazy for his Purina® Pro Plan® Chicken and Rice Formula. The minute I put his food down, he gobbles it up! It was awesome to hear these comments as a proud pet owner!

When we got home after the dog show I noticed how many ribbons Hudson received. I plan on making him a frame with all his awards in it and put it up on our wall. I think he deserves the credit!

So what's in store for Hudson's future? The sky is the limit! I really look forward to sharing the next exciting milestones with Hudson, my little furry superstar!

## MILESTONES

We regret to announce the passing of the following members. The Canadian Kennel Club wishes to extend condolences to family and friends.

- Sharon Smith of Thorndale, ON
- James M. Osborne of Chelsea, QC
- Caroline Morin of Sainte-Hélène-de-Bagot, QC



## KENNEL NAMES



The following applications for registration of kennel names have been received by The Canadian Kennel Club. Any objections must be in writing and submitted so as to be received by the Registration Division, Canadian Kennel Club, 200 Ronson Dr, Suite 400, Etobicoke, Ontario M9W 5Z9, on or before **July 31, 2019**. Only objections from breeders with registered kennel names will be considered.

## APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF KENNEL NAMES

First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
BULLY	BULLYBULL		MISSIONCREEK	MISSIONHILL	PEACHLAND
CANSTAR	CANWEST	WESTCAN	MOJOMASTINI	DOGPATCH	
CELTICKNOT	QUILLCREEK	LAUGHINGWIND	MYTHEN	DALARA	
COTONVILLA	COTONTRAILS	COTONSRSU	PINEGROVE	WYREWOOD	
CRIMSONSKY	BLACKTOP		RICHLEEN	RICHELLE	RISTEARD
FARLRICHHAUS	FARLEYHAUS	NIPPENBURG	RIDGEFOLK	AGAPI	ARGOSI
FENNEBAUER	MAIER		SCHTZWALD	REICHENBACH	
HOMENHUNT	HEALNHUNT	LUXURYLABS	SILKYHAIR		
LUXUEUX			SIMPLYABY	QUEENABY	ABYLOVE
INTISAR	SAORSA	DEKAINA	SIXMILE	SMILE	
JOLIBULLY			SIXMILECREEK		
KALEBAUSSIE	WINTERAUSSIE		SKYLINE		
KARDINAL	ENTENHUND	ROTERHUND	STONYBROOK	EASTSIDE	
KELVIEW			STORIUS		
LACE			VIKINGAR	BRINDLE	
LEMONTVALOIS	MONTVALOIS				

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ALBA	ALLURAGOLDEN	ALPHA	NEPHTYS	PALING	PEPPEROK
ALPINE	BELISHELTIES	BOCCALUPO	PREVOST	RESILIENT	RICE
BOSTONPAWS	BRUCHER	BUCKLERHAUS	SAKURA	SALEIME	SHADOWVALE
CANINEFIELD	COLOGNE	CRYSTALHEART	SHIBAKITA	SKYEDREAMER	SNOMOON
CUMULUS	DALHOUSIE	DDDS	SPIRIT	STEELDUST	STONEWICK
DEBERTHY	DUBLINIA	EDELSTEIN	SUPERIOR	SYNCAD	TAKODA
GLANBROOK	GOLDENBRAE	HIGHIMPACT	THEMISCYRA	TWINRIVERS	VONLIEBHABER
HIGHROCK	KATOQUAY	KELLNHAUS	WRINKLERANCH	XAPAZARA	YEPACHRONICL
LABDESNEIGES	LEPDALE	MILLDAMCREEK			



## CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

### Who We Are

The Canadian Kennel Club is a national, member-based, non-profit organization, incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act of Canada. It provides registry services for all officially recognized breeds of purebred dogs and provides governance for all CKC approved shows, trials and events. Finally, the CKC is a communication organization informing all people interested in dogs.

### Mission

The Canadian Kennel Club will service its membership and the community at large by giving support, understanding, help and guidance in all their canine-related endeavors. CKC will work so that members will be proud of their affiliation. The Club will recognize, promote, and publicize the actions of responsible breeders and owners.

### Vision

The Canadian Kennel Club, with its members, will be a dynamic service organization, a recognized authority for purebred dogs, and an advocate for all dogs.

### Values

The Canadian Kennel Club will embrace integrity, openness, honesty and compassion in its dealings with all of its members and customers.



AN INFORMATION SUPPLEMENT FROM THE CKC

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