



I grew up on a farm and we had at least one dog for as long as I can remember. I did not start in the world of purebred dogs until 1986 when I purchased my first Golden Retriever. I started in obedience where I was a nervous wreck when it came to trialing and my Golden “Brandon” was more into sleeping during his sits and downs. So off we went to conformation, where he became the Reserve King but I was hooked. Along my journey with “Brandon” I met breeder Ann Greenbank where I acquired my first Best in Show dog, “Clown”. While campaigning “Clown” I met the very well respected, professional handler, Hugh Middleditch. Being in the ring with Hughie was always a pleasure and he always had some “pointers” for the newbies. Once in the Golden ring, Hugh turned to me and said “you have the touch”, he took me under his wing and I worked for him for many years until he retired. I was lucky enough to carry on with many of Hugh’s long time clients when venturing off on my own. I adopted and continue his beliefs and ideas when it comes to the handling and the care of client dogs.

I have been lucky to show some wonderful dogs. I have multiple Best in Shows on many client dogs as well as my own Goldens. Career highlights have been campaigning the Welsh Springer Spaniel, MBIS MRBIS Am/Can CH Ferndel’s Always In Fashion, “Jett” to #1 Sporting Dog, #8 All-Breed in Canada in 2009. And this last year, 2017, having the honor to be on the end of the lead of Canada’s #8 All-breed dog, #4 Working Dog, #1 Boxer, “Opi” MBIS MRBIS Gr CH Gallardo’s Tybrushe Girl Almighty.

I have been asked on a number of occasions, “what is your favorite dog/breed to show”. I always have a hard time answer that, I love showing the dogs, I guess it’s always more fun when you have that “ultimate show dog”, but the unconditional love from a dog is one that cannot be found anywhere else.

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