

Breed First - First Champion to earn a UDX Title



CH/WDCH XmaxKris Van 'T Hof Ten Eynder CD, CDX, UD, UDX, TD, NAP, NJP, OAP, OJP, AXP, AJP, MXP, MJP, VCD1, VCD2, DD

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SAINT BERNARD HISTORY IS MADE AGAIN!

WOW! A Champion UDX Saint Bernard with Master Agility titles, a tracking title, two Versatile Companion Dog titles, plus the Saint Bernard Club of America's Draft Dog and Working Dog Championship titles! Who would have ever thought there would be a Saint Bernard like this one? Not me, that's for sure!

Life with Kris started in the spring of 1999 when Suzanne and I boarded an airplane to Belgium to meet and bring home our 12-week old son. Why go to Belgium to get a Saint Bernard? Well, I had met Kris's sire here in the United States when Joe and Shirley Wolf were showing him for his American Championship. I was *very much impressed* with his temperament, personality and, above all, SOUNDNESS of body and sharpness of mind! When Kris's dad (Multi-CH Bernegarden's Ragtime, owned by Britt Halverson of Belgium) finished his AKC Championship, he returned to Belgium. There he was bred to Franky DeTandt's bitch, Rabigail Van Het Mazerhof. Britt, Joe and Shirley knew I wanted a Ragtime son so Britt put me in contact with Franky. I was sent photos of Rabigail and learned of her soundness, sweet temperament and pedigree. It looked good to me!

A litter of five were born on Christmas Eve 1998 and there was only one male. Franky was agreeable to send this fine boy off (with a couple of strangers, at the time) to a new home and life in America. Thank you Franky, Britt, Joe and Shirley for the role you had in bringing Kris into our lives!

This adorable "little" ball of fluff was off to obedience school within a week after arriving in the USA. He excelled in class and I could see he had much potential with his wonderful attitude that was sparked by lots of energy. It was not what one would call precision work, but he caught on to all the exercises and did them with vigor!

At age 4 1/2, Kris was sitting on his laurels having finished his Championship, Utility Dog, Tracking Dog, Master Agility, Master Jumper, Draft Dog and Working Dog Championship titles. Along the way he has also set many breed records and breed firsts. What next for this young dog, I asked. The UDX title came to mind but did I really want to make that kind of commitment since his UD was finished when he was three. When Kris finished his UD title, we stopped obedience work and turned our focus to agility--something new for the both of us! In ten-months time, Kris went from his first agility trial to a dual master agility titled Saint Bernard--the only one in our breed to achieve this level. With all the agility jumping now behind us, which is a lot for a 150-pound dog, I decided to see where we were at in obedience.

We went back to obedience school in the summer of 2003 and entered our first show in November. He did quite well, but no combined scores. In January 2004, Kris earned his first UDX leg at the Saint Bernard Club of Puget Sound's Specialty by going High Combined and High In Trial. What a great place and way to start the UDX. I now knew he could do it so we committed to the UDX quest. The UDX legs started to come; several times he earned UDX legs back-to-back in a weekend. There were also many legs lost by failing only ONE exercise between the two classes. Disappointing for sure, but I could see we were in the ballpark! I was convinced more than ever he could earn the title so we "forged" forward. On **July 24, 2004**, Kris completed his 10th UDX leg in 90+-degree weather at Sequim, Washington. The last exercise was the Utility Signals and I could hear my knees knocking as he progressed through the signal sequence. Cheers went up as he did the finish! It was a wonderful show with many of our friends there to share the sweet taste of victory!

With the UDX title under his belt, Kris set even more breed records being the only Saint Bernard Champion to earn a UDX. Come to think of it, he has **THREE ten-legged titles (MXP, MJP, UDX)**, which not many dogs of *any breed* have to their credit!

We will continue on in obedience to earn nine more qualifying scores from the Open *OR* Utility classes. This will give him the fifty advanced scores for a Saint Bernard Hall of Fame Plateau of Excellence. Then he will retire from obedience and take on a couple of new adventures.

In the fall months, Kris will flex his muscles at Weight Pulling. The national club has weight pulling titles so we will try that new venue and see how he likes it. In addition to the weight pulling, we will venture back out to the tracking fields and train for a TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent). The good part is all the jumping will be behind us as he enters his mid-life.

As you can surmise, Suzanne and I are very proud of our son. There will not likely be another to accomplish what he has in the Saint Bernard breed for a long time to come. Kris is that unique dog whose potential was there and developed, plus he has breed type. He can run around the Special's ring with the best of them, holding his head high and dragging all those titles (**18**) behind him like tin cans bouncing behind a wedding limo!

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Saint Bernard National Archive's AKC Obedience/Performance Record For:

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CH	Titles	Date	Trial or Test	Track	NA	NB	OA	OB	UA	UB	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	UDX	HIT	A	N	S	#	M	F
2001-CH		October 03, 2000	SBC of Pacific Coast, CA			184.00					1											
2001-CH		October 05, 2000	SBC of America #27 CA			190.50					1											
2001-CH	CD	November 04, 2000	Chuckanut DTA, WA			190.00																
2001-CH	CD	November 05, 2000	Chuckanut DTA, WA			188.50																
2001-CH	CD	November 18, 2000	Whidbey Island KC, WA			188.50							4									
2001-CH	CD	November 19, 2000	Whidbey Island KC, WA			192.50																
2001-CH	CD	January 07, 2001	SBC of Puget Sound, WA			189.50					1					1		1				
2001-CH	CD	September 15, 2001	Wenatchee KC, WA				179.50															1
2001-CH	CD	October 14, 2001	Longview Kelso KC, WA				181.50				1											2
2001-CH	CDX	November 18, 2001	Whidbey Island KC, WA				189.00					2										3
2001-CH	CDX	March 11, 2002	SBC of America Regional, AZ				192.00				1											4
2001-CH	CDX	April 13, 2002	Ephrata Moses Lake KC, WA						186.50			2										5
2001-CH	CDX	April 26, 2002	Walla Walla KC, WA						182.50		1											6
2001-CH	UD	April 27, 2002	Walla Walla KC, WA						174.50			2										7
2001-CH	VCD1 UD	November 24, 2002	Washington State OTC, WA	TD (1)																		
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	November 01, 2003	Chuckanut DTA, WA			195.50																8
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	January 09, 2004	Tacoma KC, WA			189.00																9
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	January 09, 2004	SBC of Puget Sound, WA			192.00					1					1	2					10
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	January 09, 2004	SBC of Puget Sound, WA							189.00	1					1						11
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	January 11, 2004	Puyallup Valley DF, WA							181.00												12
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	January 16, 2004	Tualatin KC, OR			180.00																13
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	January 17, 2004	Portland DOC, OR			187.00										2						14
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	January 17, 2004	Portland DOC, OR							179.50						2						15
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	January 18, 2004	Dog Fanciers Association, OR			182.50																16
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	January 19, 2004	Dog Fanciers Association, OR			182.00																17
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	February 01, 2004	Seattle KC, WA							180.00												18
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	March 20, 2004	Peninsula DFA, WA			189.00										3						19
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	March 20, 2004	Peninsula DFA, WA							182.50						3						20
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	March 21, 2004	Peninsula DFA, WA			180.50										4						21
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	March 21, 2004	Peninsula DFA, WA							185.50						4						22
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	March 27, 2004	Washington State OTC, WA			182.00										5						23
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	March 27, 2004	Washington State OTC, WA							182.00						5						24
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	April 24, 2004	Walla Walla KC, WA							183.00		2										25
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	May 14, 2004	Mt Baker KC, WA							186.50												26
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	May 15, 2004	Mt Baker KC, WA				182.50									6						27
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	May 15, 2004	Mt Baker KC, WA							176.00						6						28
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	May 22, 2004	Spokane KC, WA							182.00												29
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	June 19, 2004	Clackamas KC, OR			189.50																30
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	June 26, 2004	Bell Vernon KA, WA			185.00																31
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	June 27, 2004	Bell Vernon KA, WA			187.00										7						32
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	June 27, 2004	Bell Vernon KA, WA							181.50						7						33
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	July 10, 2004	Portland KC, OR			186.00										8						34
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	July 10, 2004	Portland KC, OR							182.50		2				8						35
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	July 11, 2004	Portland DOC, OR			185.50										9						36

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2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	July 11, 2004	Portland DOC, OR							187.00			3		9							37	
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	July 12, 2004	Tualatin KC, OR					183.50														38	
2001-CH	VCD2 UDX MXP MJP	July 24, 2004	Hurricane Ridge KC, WA					181.50				3			10							39	
2001-CH	VCD2 UDX MXP MJP	July 24, 2004	Hurricane Ridge KC, WA							180.50			4		10							40	
Class score averages and placement totals:					ERR	189.07	185.25	185.58	181.17	182.57	8	5	2	2	10	2	0	0	2			40	
Qualifying Scores:						48	1	0	7	2	20	3	15										m

Code A = All Breed Trial; N = SBC of America's Trial; S = Saint Bernard Independent Specialty
= Number of Qualifying Scores in the Classes of Open and/or Utility

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