

## Breed First - Graduate Novice Title (GN)



### **Snowy Pines Hummer CD, GN, GO, RN, RA, RE, RAE, NJP, NFP, DD**

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Graduate Novice Obedience Class was a Non-Regular Class until January 1, 2009 when AKC changed the class to a Optional Titling Class requiring 3 qualifying legs under 3 different judges. A qualifying score means that the dog has earned more than 50 percent of the points for each exercise with a total score of at least 170 points. Any dog may compete in the Optional Titling Classes. There are no pre-title requirements. The exercises for Graduate Novice are based on Open Class with a slight variation like a "beginning open class".

Hummer earned his first GN leg in July of 2009 and completed his title in March 2010.

Hummer is the first Saint Bernard to earn a qualifying score and title for the Graduate Novice Title-GN. Training for this class was fairly easy because Hummer was already competing in Open A classes. I just needed to teach Hummer the slight variations. For example, the recall over the high jump and board jump. Hummer loves to jump, so jumping for us has never been an issue. The most difficult exercise to teach was the dumbbell recall. The dog must take and hold the dumbbell and wait while you walk to the other end of the ring. Then the dog is called to front, give the dumbbell and finish.

I adopted Hummer from the Saint Bernard Rescue Foundation after asking for an active/athletic dog that had been rescued and in need of a home. This long legged, lanky, energetic and intelligent dog has proven to be everything that I was looking for in a training companion and much more!

We enjoy training and showing in Graduate Classes and are thankful that they are now titling classes.

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**First Saint Bernard to Earn  
The Graduate Novice Title**

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

**Snowy Pines Hummer CD GN GO RAE NJP NFP DD**

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<u>CH</u>	<u>Titles</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Trial</u>	<u>BN</u>	<u>GN</u>	<u>GO</u>	<u>VER</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
	CD RAE	July 18, 2009	Trukee Meadows DTC, NV		193.00				2				1	
	CD RAE NJP NFP	March 25, 2010	Santa Cruz KC, CA		188.00				2				2	
	CD GN GO RAE NJP NFP	March 27, 2010	San Mateo KC, CA		192.00			1					3	
<b>Class score averages and placement totals:</b>				<b>ERR</b>	<b>191.00</b>	<b>ERR</b>	<b>ERR</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>		
<b>Qualifying Scores:</b>				<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>						<b>m</b>

# = Number of Qualifying Scores in the Classes of Graduate Novice, Graduate Open and Versatility

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