

## Breed First - Graduate Open Title (GO)



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

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Graduate Open 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 Open are based on the Utility A Class with a slight variation like a "beginning utility class".

Hummer earned his first GO leg in June 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 Open Title-GO.

Hummer was already competing in Graduate Novice and Open A classes but our goal is to compete in Utility Classes. So, Graduate Open is a wonderful class to obtain some experience and skill for preparing for Utility Classes. The exercises are easier than the regular Utility exercises but are similar. For example: Directed Jumping is only 1 "go out" and 1 jump instead of 2 "go outs" and both high jump and bar jump. Scent Discrimination uses only 4 articles instead of 10. Hummer loves to jump and retrieve. His favorite exercise is the Directed Retrieve-he loves gloves! We had a lot of fun training and competing in this class and look forward to showing in Utility soon.

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!

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

**Snowy Pines Hummer CD 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	June 13, 2009	Butte County KC, CA			191.00		1				1		
	CD RAE NJP NFP	March 25, 2010	Santa Cruz KC, CA			183.00		1				2		
	CD GO RAE NJP NFP	March 26, 2010	KC of Salinas, CA			180.00		1				3		
<b>Class score averages and placement totals:</b>				<b>ERR</b>	<b>ERR</b>	<b>184.67</b>	<b>ERR</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>		
<b>Qualifying Scores:</b>				<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</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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