

Breed First - Grand Champion & Champion To Earn The Pre-Companion Dog (PCD) Title



GCH Lasquite's May of Denver CD BN PCD CGCA

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The Pre-Novice optional titling class was introduced by the American Kennel Club in 2013. Later re-named to Preferred Novice on December 1, 2015. In Pre-Novice the exercises are the same as in the Regular Novice classes except there are no Group exercises. Instead the dog performs either a Sit or Down Stay near the middle of the ring while the handler walks around the inside perimeter of the ring and then returns back to heel position. The dog is not to move or change the position it was left until the exercise is over.

The Pre-Novice class is an "optional" titling class; therefore, not always offered at all trials. Ms. May had been in training and earned her Beginner Novice (BN) title earlier along with her Companion Dog (CD) title.

Since I judge the optional titling classes I thought it would be an excellent experience for Ms. May and me to compete in Pre-Novice, too. Her first leg was on January 13, 2014 (earned 194.5) and the other two legs followed on the 16th (186.5) and 17th (190.5). Job done in three straight all-breed shows with two First Prizes and one Second Prize! Now there is a working dog!

May had her Grand Championship behind her so what fun it was to compete in a performance event with a dog of such breed quality and brains.

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Heel Free Fast



"Briskly" doing Heel Free (off leash)



Figure Eight, lovin' the good attention!



Thanking Ms. May - job well done!

Photos by Danielle Silverstein

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

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<u>CH</u>	<u>AKC Performance Titles</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Trial</u>	<u>PCD</u>	<u>PCDX</u>	<u>PUTD</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>PUDX</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
	2013-GCH/2013-CH CD BN CGCA	January 13, 2014	Sammamish KC, WA	194.50			1							
	2013-GCH/2013-CH CD BN CGCA	January 16, 2014	Tualatin KC, OR	186.50				2						
	2013-GCH/2013-CH CD BN PCD CGCA	January 17, 2014	Dog Fanciers Assoc. of Oregon, OR	190.50			1							
Class score averages and placement totals:				190.50	ERR	ERR	2	1	0	0	ERR	0		
Qualifying Scores:				3	3	0	1							f

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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