

## Breed First - Companion Dog (CD) & First Champion to Earn an Obedience Title



### CH Mountain Scout CD

Harold Jarvis

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Mr. Jarvis used to own an estate in the country near San Francisco during the 1930s when he showed dogs. The four dogs living at the kennel were CH Mountain Scout CDX, CH Mountain Chief, CH Mountain Ranger (winner of the 1943 SBC of America's National Specialty) and one another (he could not remember the name). None of the four dogs were closely related; they were all males and got along very well together.

Mr. Jarvis trained all his dogs. Mountain Scout was the first Saint Bernard that Mr. Jarvis owned. Before the Saints he owned English Bulldogs and German Shepherds. There was a time when he was without a dog so he went to San Jose to look at a litter of Saint Bernards. He took a liking to Mountain Scout and bought him. Mr. Jarvis mentioned he knew nothing about Saints at the time but Scout taught him a lot. As he learned the correct type of a Saint Bernard he decided not to breed Scout because the muzzle did not have the depth he liked. Mountain Scout was a very close companion to Mr. Jarvis. Scout had a super temperament and seemed quite intelligent so Mr. Jarvis started to train him for obedience competition.

The first part of training was to have the dog in good physical shape. Mountain Scout had  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre to run during the day. Mr. Jarvis also got him to jump by tying objects that the dog liked to trees. As the dog jumped at the object he was using the rear muscles and strength was developed. After the dog was in good shape Mr. Jarvis started the training.

Mountain Scout was taught to heel at a fast pace. Since the dog was in good physical condition there was not problem in keeping up with his master. The automatic Sit and Stand For Examination came natural. The Recall was taught by using a throw chain. When Scout was watching a distraction Mr. Jarvis would toss a small piece of chain at the dog. The dog would never see the chain coming or know that it was thrown. As the chain made contact with the dog Mr. Jarvis would say "Scout Come!" After doing this several times the dog would associate the "come" command as calling him away from danger.

Mountain Scout was entered in Novice A classes and earned his first qualifying score in January 1938 at the Golden Gate KC, earning him the honor of being the **FIRST** Saint Bernard to earn a Companion Dog (CD) qualifying score. In March 1938, Scout earned his second leg at the Oakland KC and completed the CD title—**ANOTHER FIRST** for the breed. On to the Open ring!

At this point in time, Saint Bernards jumped  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times their height or the maximum height of 42" on the High Jump and 72' on the Broad Jump. Scout was 33" at the withers so he jumped the maximum height. In June 1939 Scout became the **FIRST** Saint to earn a Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) qualifying score at the Harbor Cities KC. He went on to become the **FIRST CDX** Saint Bernard. As he was earning his obedience titles he was also shown in conformation and in a short time added the title Champion. The Championship title gave Scout yet **another FIRST** for a Saint Bernard – the first Champion with an obedience title and a CDX to boot!!

Another FIRST for Scout was on October 8, 1938 when he became the **FIRST** Saint Bernard to win an All-Breed Best In Show with an obedience title following his name. It was not until September 4, 1967 when another obedience-titled Saint won a Best In Show.

Mountain Scout lived to be 11 years old. The passing of Scout left a large void at the kennel even though there were still Saints left. There is never a dog that can fill the spot of your first Saint Bernard and Mountain Scout was a very special dog. **AM/CAN CH Mountain Scout AM/CAN CDX** made his mark in history and introduced a man to a very special breed of dog.

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**First Saint Bernard to Earn a Qualifying Score  
in Obedience - January 22, 1938**

**First Companion Dog Title (CD) - March 5, 1938**

**First Champion to Earn an Obedience Title - 1938**

**First Qualifying Score + First Companion Dog {CD} and First Champion to Earn a CD**

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

**CH Mountain Scout CD**

**Harold Jarvis**

CH	Titles	Date	Trial or Test	Track	NA	NB	OA	OB	UA	UB	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	UDX	HIT	A	N	S	#	MF	
1938-CH		January 22, 1938	Golden Gate KC, CA		88.00																	
1938-CH	CD	March 05, 1938	Oakland KC, CA		88.00																	
<b>Class score averages and placement totals:</b>					88.00	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	0	0	0	0	ERR	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Qualifying Scores:</b>					2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								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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**First Saint Bernard With An Obedience Title To Place in Group**

**CH Mountain Scout CD**

<u>CH</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Titles</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Show</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u># of P.</u>	<u>BIS</u>	<u># BIS</u>	<u>Comp.</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
CH	Mountain Scout	CD	August 07, 1938	Ventura County KC, CA				4	1					m
<b>Totals:</b>					1	0	0	0	1	0				

**# of P. = Number of placements in Group**

Comp. = Number of dogs in competition at the show

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## First Saint Bernard With An Obedience Title To Win Best In Show

# CH Mountain Scout CD

<u>CH</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Titles</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Show</u>	<u># of P.</u>	<u>BIS</u>	<u># BIS</u>	<u>Comp.</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
CH	Mountain Scout	CD	October 08, 1938	Pacific International KC, OR	4	BIS	1	217	m	

Totals:

1

# of P. = Number of placements in Group at the time of the BIS win

Comp. = Number of dogs in competition at the show

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