

Breed First - Trick Dog Intermediate {TKI}



**GCHB Vicdory's Pretty In Pink
Diamonds, RN, RA, BN, CD,
TKN, TKI, CGC, CGCA, NDD,
DD, WP, WPX, WPS, HF, PE**

By Kristen Scott

On April 27th, 2009 my first St Bernard, Jeul, went into an emergency c-section, and there was only one surviving girl puppy. We held her up to look at her and said, "She will do; welcome to the world Pink." On my 15th birthday Vicki Graves handed me Pink and said, "Here is your new junior's dog, Happy Birthday."

OH Group Winning, Group Placing, BOSS, HITS, GCHB GCH CH Vicdory's Pretty In Pink Diamonds RN RA BN CD TKN TKI TKA TKP CGC GCGA WP WPX WPS NDD DD HF PE, or Pink as she is known to her friends, has always been ready to take on any challenge I brought to her. All the sports we played in gave her skill sets to be able to be the first Saint Bernard to earn the Trick dog Intermediate, Advanced, and Performer titles.

In the juniors ring you have to wait a long time for your turn to perform. To keep young Pink's focus on me, I taught her how to shake, which evolved into high five, then eventually you could find us playing patty cake in the ring while we waited. We also worked our basic obedience and some other fun tricks. This helped her build patience while staying focused on me and keeping her in a working mood. We won 50 Best Junior Handler awards together.

Pink's biggest highlight in her conformation career was going Winners Bitch and Award of Merit at the National Pre show in 2010. Because of the working bond we had formed she was able to jump from rally to sweeps, to conformation, to juniors, to best of breed, to weight pulling. She obtained a Rally Novice leg, a CGC title, placement in her sweeps class, her Championship, Best Junior Handler, and Weight puller title. She worked for me every second from 8 am to 10:30 pm when the weight pull ended that day.

Pink had a wonderful working instinct when it came to weight pulling and drafting. She never flinched at the carts and always acted like she has always done it. She earned all her weight pull titles by the time she was 2 years old; including breaking the all-time most percentage pulled record at a SBCA National Specialty in 2011 with 32.88%. She still holds that record to date. She completed her NDD and DD titles in drafting with ease and used her solid back up skill in her Trick Dog Performer test.

Pink has truly been a one in a million dog. She gave me a great start to dog sports. After I aged out of Juniors, she gave me my first litter of puppies, from which I have finished my first bred bys. To say she is enjoying retirement would be a lie; even at 11 years young she rushes to the door anytime I grab my keys. You can take the dog out of the ring, but you cannot take the performer out of the dog.

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First Trick Dog Intermediate Titled Saint Bernard

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