



**The FIRST “two” Saint Bernards to Earn the Trick Dog Elite Title**

On May 29, 2020 two (2) Saints completed the requirements for the Trick Dog Elite title on the same day. They both will share the Spotlight as being our Breed Firsts.

**Congratulations go out to:**

**James P Sullivan**

**DN, DJ, TNK, TKI, TKA, TKP, TKE, CGC**

**Thunder Keg’s au Hubert Accolade du**

**Hudson TNK, TKI, TKA, TKP, TKE, RN**

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## Breed First - Trick Dog Elite Performer {TKE}



### **James P. Sullivan DN, DJ, TKN, TKI, TKA, TKP, TKE, CGC**

Kimberly Goodwin

Sully is my first Saint Bernard, along with his littermate Daryl.

Sully was born in Maine on October 23, 2016. I first saw photos of the litter when they were about a month old, since then I knew he was mine. I actually ended up with him and his littermate Daryl. I had never had a Saint Bernard, but these 2 got me hooked.

Sully has always been different. He has a surplus of energy and is always looking for something to do. As with any new dog, we started with the basics, sit, down, learning his name, etc. But it wasn't enough. He needed more. I'd bring him everywhere with me and he loved it. He only cared about me through all the crowds. However, he is not food motivated, he would rather work for water.

I ended up getting in touch with Matt Agnese, for some training advice. We got chatting and he was the one who made me realize there are sports you can do with your dog. With Matt's guidance first thing Sully and I did with the AKC was get CGC and TKN. It was at the North East Grand Slam in 2018. It was so amazing to see all the saints and be able to bring mine there to get their first titles.

Along the way, we discovered so much more. He is a rock star with dock diving, but he doesn't stop there. During all of the shutdowns and cooler weather, we turned to more trick training. We finished up all of his trick titles TKN to TKE in just a month's time. This also made him become the 1st Saint Bernard to get his TKE title. The TKE title requires the dog to perform 10 Tricks that include at least 5 tricks from the performer level, 5 props, and done in front of 5 or more people. We of course had to do a Monsters Inc skit. It all came so naturally to him. Some of the tricks, I actually didn't teach him until the day of the skit in front of the crowd. He picks up on things so fast! Completing the TKE means he performed at least 50 tricks successfully.

Sully is such a one of a kind dog that will do anything I ask of him. I am grateful to have him be so willing to do so much. He loves to learn anything and everything.

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Thunder Keg's au Hubert Accolade du Hudson TKE RN is my keeper out of a litter from BISOH RBISOH GCHB 3g's Thunder on the Mountain TKN RN HOF x Kosmo Dogs Gravitation CHIC, a breeding that was a result of years of planning. When Hubert was born he was so large they thought it was two puppies in the sac, to this day the clinic still talks about his size. He's my monster puppy and exudes the expression "powerful" in both his physical and emotional self. I raise my litters under full Puppy Culture protocol, so I'm am lucky that I get very smart and biddable dogs as a result. Hubert has been a "dream come true" BBE boy already at the tender age 17 months and is just getting started.

Hubert went Working Group One at his first AKC sanctioned match as a puppy, best of breed at his first show at 8 months of age and has been featured by Puppy Culture's "Proof is in the Puppies". He was maturing nicely and we were ready to hit shows again after our winter break, as the breed ring is his true calling, then the COVID shutdown derailed those plans. So it was time to keep busy with some fun training and just deal with this new way of life. "Want to go to work big buddy?" is a phrase that gets him very excited and focused. Trick Dog was the first opened titling venue with our new restrictions, so off we went.

He sailed through the lower levels of Trick Dog pretty quickly, had his TKE routine set, and was ready to rumble. Once we were finally clear on the rules so we could adhere to AKC, state, and local safety guidelines, off he went and performed his routine. It is a humbling feeling knowing my true breeder-owner-handled purposely breed puppy, one who has been with me every single day from his first breath, was able to accomplish a breed first with his TKE. Hubert also gained his AKC Rally Novice title in May of 2020 with three Q's in a row.

Hubert played "A Day in the Life of a Hardworking Ranch Hand" for his TKE routine which fits since he lives on a ranch in Wyoming! TKE requires a scripted story performed continually, with multiple props and high level tricks integrated within. He loved it and his tail was going the entire time. It was easy to build off of his past work and meld together a fun Elite level routine for him. I'm sure he'll continue to be an ambassador for the breed when out in public, he loves showing off his tricks to others and his huge, dramatic wave is a real crowd pleaser.

Hubert reminds us that an extremely large, type-y, thoughtfully bred St. Bernard can and should be biddable and athletic enough to thrive in multiple AKC venues as a true working dog. He's an improvement on his parents and I hope someday his get can be an even bigger improvement from him. We can have dogs that excel in the show ring honoring our core purpose, the written breed standard, in rally/obedience ring proving their focus and versatility and in several other performance and public venues all at the same time with effortful and purposeful breeding. I feel honored to be his "mom" and watch him want to move Heaven and Earth for me, he is a true Saint.

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