

Breed First - Weight Puller Title + Grand Champion



GCH/CH **Stoans Rupert of Oz** **RN, RA**

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Rupert was born on October 14, 2007 in Auburn, WA. I was able to take him home about two weeks before Christmas and all he did on the way home was howl! But, once at his new home, he quieted right down and curled up on a book shelf and went to sleep. That was his bed for about four months, at which time the only thing that would fit onto the shelf was his head!

We started puppy classes when Rupert was four months old and he did well. He learned to heel, sit, down, come and stay quite quickly. He loved the start to our daily walks. Rupert would heel right next to me until we reached the ivy alongside the driveway. Once there, he would run wildly into it, dive into the thickest clump and "hide"! After Rupert finished Basic Obedience, we enrolled in a Beginning Rally Class when he was just about a year old. Both Rupert and I really enjoyed working together and performing the different stations. We continued with the Rally for about a year, having a great time with it, and he needs one more leg for his RE. During this time Rupert also earned his WP title. In addition, Rupert was competing in conformation and earning his Champion and Grand Champion titles. He is also working toward his Draft Dog title.

When our Rally instructor informed us of the new AKC Beginner Novice (BN) obedience title, I decided that it was a good place for Rupert to start for his obedience titles. We practiced the requirements for the BN and I decided that we would try for the legs during the Mount Rainier Working Dog Club and Sammamish Kennel Club shows in August 2010. Rupert did a great job over the three days earning a first place (189) the first day, a second place (188) the second day, and third place (191) the third day. Now we will continue on to the next step, working toward the Companion Dog (CD) title.

Rupert is fun to work with and enjoys the time we spend practicing, learning, playing or just relaxing. He can be quite the comic and is always ready to do his best. Wherever we are....conformation shows, rally ring, obedience ring, pulling a cart, swimming in the lake or playing in the snow.....Rupert and I are happy just being together.

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**First Grand Champion Saint Bernard with the
Weight Pull Title**

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