

Breed First - Air Retrieve Junior {AJ}



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After our first season of dock diving, Sully still wanted to compete. He loved the distant jumps, but I wondered if he would love the other disciplines just as much? North American Diving Dogs also offers Air Retrieve. Air Retrieve requires the dog to jump for the toy that is hanging 2 feet above the dock and various distances away.

I started with him in an indoor pool for him to understand this game. I made a small rig to work with him on a smaller scale. I bounced it around to get him to go for it. He quickly understood what to do. We worked on this while we waited for our dock to open back up for the season.

Once our dock opened, we gave it a go on the dock with the real rig. Sully instantly knew what to do. So much so, I let him on the dock and as I shut the gate behind us Sully already jumped off the dock for the toy hanging off the rig. Since that first jump, I knew this was his game. I went home and signed him up for his first AR event.

We get to our first event, I wasn't sure how far he could catch the toy. He ended his first event with a 10` score! This landed him in the Junior division, which ranges from 9' to 13'. He had so much fun and attracted such a crowd.

I signed him up for more events. Air Retrieve became his favorite game. He quickly earned his Air Retrieve Junior title. This title requires 5 legs in the junior division. He kept jumping further and further, he got the title while earning a new personal best of 13'!

Sully is such an amazing partner to have. He gives his all every time we step onto the dock, while managing to have fun every second we are there.

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**First Saint Bernard to Earn
Air Retrieve Junior Title**

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