

**Breed First - GCH + Dock Diving Junior Excellent
{DJX}**



**GCH Kudos' Crown Royal v
Regalbear ACTI, TKN, TKI, TKA,
TKP, TKE, FDC, CA, BCAT, DCAT,
DN, DJA, DJX, DN, CGC, CGCA,
CGCU, ATT, VHMA**

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Dock Junior Excellent Breed First

Dock diving is a fast growing sport in which dogs are enticed to run the length of a dock and leap as far out into the water as possible to compete for height or distance. Dogs are motivated to jump by chasing a prized toy, that is thrown just out of their reach in order to get keep their momentum and get the best launch angle possible.

The North America Diving Dogs (NADD) organization enhanced the sport by working with AKC to create Dock Diving titles. NADD has created two jump classes, lap and open based on the height of the dog (over or under 16 inches), and created titles for various increments of distance from one inch to over twenty-four feet. Each distance jump has three available titles. The first title requires five qualifying jumps in the distance division, the advanced title requires thirty jumps in the distance division and the excellent title requires fifty-five jumps in the distance division. The distance divisions for the open class include Novice (1" to 9' 11"), Junior (10' to 14' 11"), Senior (15' to 19' 11"), Master (20' to 23' 11"), and Elite (24' to 27' 11") and Premier (28' and over). Competition docks have a dock length of at least thirty feet and the pool is a minimum of forty feet. The dock is three feet above the water.

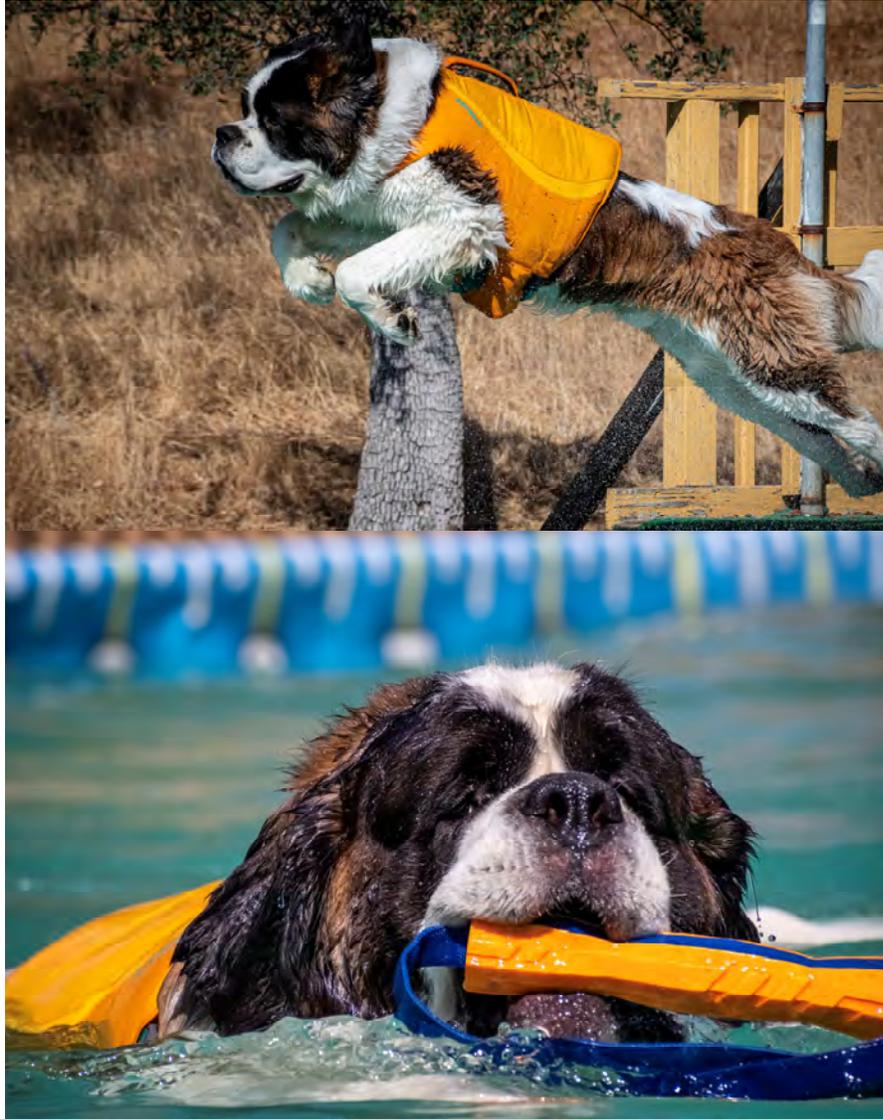
Rye began dock diving in the summer of 2020, during the height of the pandemic. It was one of the few dog sports that could be safely done, since it's outdoors and each team is on the dock alone. Rye instantly loved the sport! He would throw himself off the dock without any hesitation or caution! During the 2020 season Rye quickly earned his Novice, Junior, and Advanced Junior titles, before ending his season with an invitation to the 2020 Regional Championships!

During the 2021 season Rye earned his Dock Diving Junior Excellent title, which requires the dog to have 55 jumps in the Junior division! Not only did Rye earn his Excellent title, but he finished the event that weekend with a High In Trial score, and earned an invitation the 2021 Regional Championships! During the Northwest Regional Championship Rye finished in 1st place in his division, earning himself and invitation to the National Showcase!

It's important to me that Rye excels not only in the show ring, but in the performance ring as well. He is a true working dog who loves everything that we do together.

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**First GCH Saint Bernard to Earn The
Dock Diving Junior Excellent Title**

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