

**Breed First - GCH + Hydro Dash Novice  
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**GCH Kudos' Crown Royal v  
Regalbear ACTI, TKN, TKI, TKA,  
TKP, TKE, FDC, CA, BCAT, DCAT,  
DJ, DJA, DJX, DN, HDN, CGC,  
CGCA, CGCU, ATT, VHMA**

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Hydro Dash Novice Breed First GCH

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 fly 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. One of the disciplines within Dock Diving is a division called Hydro Dash (HD).

In HD the dog is sent into the pool to retrieve a bumper that is hanging 1 inch above the water at the 37 foot marker in the pool. The bumper is not thrown into the water like in the distance competition, but it is already stationary before the dog enters the dock. So the dog has to learn to mark the bumper, launch into the pool, pull the bumper free from the rig that holds it, and then race back to the dock. This discipline is a timed event. There are 5 divisions in HD based on the dogs time. Novice (21-39 seconds), Junior (18-20 seconds), Senior (16-17 seconds), Master (14-15 seconds) and Elite (under 14 seconds). Each dogs time begins when they leave the dock and time stops when they reach the 10 foot mark of the pool on their return. Dogs are also only given 10 feet of dock to jump from, instead of the usually 30 feet.

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 began competing in the HD division and quickly caught onto the game. He earned his Hydro Dash Novice title, earned a High In Trial score at an event, and earned an invitation to compete at the 2021 regional championship! At the 2021 Northwest Regional Championship, Rye finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in his division, earning himself an invitation to the National Showcase Championship!

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  
Hydro Dash Novice Title**

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