

TopperLyn News - 2010

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 2010 National Best of Breed
- 2010 Reserve Winner—Wild Bird Solo Trial
- 2010 Champion Class Winner
- 2010 Classe Elevage
- 2010 Nationale d'Elevage, Millau, FR

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2010 NATIONAL BEST OF BREED—AGAIN!!!

NBOB GRCHF GRCH TopperLyn Gallant Bodacious—AKA "Leo" was selected by French Judge M. Jean Carpen-
tey as the 2010 National Best of Breed. This is the THIRD YEAR in a row that Leo has earned this title. What more can I say

In addition—Leo completed the UKC Title requirements to also earn his GRAND CHAMPION of the FIELD title; to go along with his GRAND CHAMPION of the Show. I think that is like winning the "Triple Crown."

Congratulations to Anne and Glen—once again!

Leo is also proving himself as a sire as three of his puppies also won all of their classes and also went on to win Best Female of

Variety (OW) [E'Calae des Nosco] and Reserve Best Female of Variety (OC) [Echo du Copper Spur] and finally **Best Female** [E'Calae des Nosco].

Glen and Anne then proceeded to win the Classe Elevage with 3 of Leo's puppies.

Leo also earned "TOTAL DOG" by winning the Open Solo Liberated Bird Trial AND Best of Breed in the Show on the same weekend.

What's next guys?

FRANCE?



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TopperLyn Gallant Bodacious SH**

TOPPERLYN FONZIE WINS RESERVE—OPEN SOLO WILD BIRD TRIAL—2010 NATIONAL FIELD TRIALS

Fonzie presented his typical "style" in the Wild Bird Open Solo for French judge Serge Guilbert. In spite of no birds in his field, Judge Guilbert liked what he saw well enough to call Fonzie back for another opportunity. The pheasants

finally decided to cooperate and Fonzie earned 1st in his field. A "Barrage" was then called between him and the winner from another field—who turned out to be none other than HIS SISTER—CHF CH TopperLyn Fontay Azure

Bo. The run-off brought tears to my eyes as we watched the two dogs course through the field—almost identical in their run. Azure was placed 1st and Fonzie took Reserve—but to me that was a dream come true to see them compete together.

TR CH TOPPERLYN D'ARTAGNAN WINS 2010 CHAMPION CLASS

It was so good to see Chris handling D'Art in the show ring again. They always seem to "click."

The competition in the Champion Class was particularly tough this year with the class consisting of some of the best dogs in the US. D'Art earned the top placement from French judge M. Jean Carpentey.

D'Art is one of those dogs that when you least expect it—he puts it all together and shows himself with excellent style and presence (and a little help from Chris).

What was particularly exciting about this win was that it qualified him for competition for Best of Breed—along with [none other than] his full brother—NBOB GRCHF GRCH TopperLyn Gallant Bodacious—[AKA "Leo"].

Having two brothers compete at that level; after just watching littermates Fonzie and Azure compete for the Field Trial win—well, it just doesn't get much better than that.

ALL FOUR DOGS are sired by our very special "Papa" NBOB GRCH Beau de l'Hospitalier.



TR CH TopperLyn D'Artagnan

"Breeding the Best to the Best—is Just Good Enough" - Sigbot Winterhelt

2010 CLASSE ELEVAGE—A FIRST IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE CEB-US

This was the first year that the CEB-US has held the prestigious — "CLASSE ELEVAGE."

This is the "Breeder's Class" and winning this class in Europe ranks almost as high as winning the Best in Show. The class consists of a minimum of 3 dogs (but not more than 5) that have been produced by the same breeder.

The participation in this class was outstanding with seven "teams" entered from

well-known breeders throughout the United States.

A "Jury" of 3 judges was paneled to make the awards. The judges were Jean Carpentey [France] ; Serge Guilbert [France]; and Robert Olson [US].

All the participants got into the spirit by presenting their dogs with handlers decked out in matching hats, shirts and themes.

The winners were: 1st place—Copper Spur Kennels (all dogs sired by NBOB GRCHF GRCH TopperLyn Gallant Bodacious SH

2nd Place—TopperLyn Kennels (All Other Colors dogs) - sired by NBOB GRCH Beau de l'Hospitalier

3rd Place—TopperLyn Kennels (Orange and White dogs) - sired by NBOB GRCH Beau de l'Hospitalier.

2010 NATIONALE D'ELEVAGE—MILLAU, FRANCE



Once again I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the Nationale d'Elevage in Millau, France, home of the famed "Viaduct" which is the largest bridge in the world.

Once again I got to see my good friends from Germany; as well as made many new friends from France, England, Norway, the West Indies . . .

There were two particular highlights from this trip however: 1) to be able to attend the "Judge's Seminar" prior to the main events; and 2) to apprentice judge the NE itself under judge Jean Carpentey.

This [again] was an experience of a lifetime.

I'm afraid I am addicted! I love the food, wine, friendship, and especially seeing the finest Epagneul Breton in the world.

It only inspires me to continue to strive to produce dogs that will be competitive in THAT arena.

HUNTING 2010—MEDICINE LAKE, MONTANA

Unfortunately the Medicine Lake area suffered from a wet spring like other parts of the country—so bird numbers were down significantly.

However we still had excellent opportunities to get a bunch of young dogs introduced to the game of “wild birds” with good success; bringing home Pheasants, Sharptail Grouse, and even a couple ducks. [Yeah versatile hunting dogs!]

Chris and I have tried to make this trip several times over the past few years, only to fall victim to conflicting schedules. But this year we managed to pull it off and honestly—

WE HAD A GREAT TIME!



ANOTHER “FIRST” FOR TOPPERLYN KENNELS

When you are in the business of breeding dogs, all you can really hope for is to produce excellent representatives of your breed; and that you are able to place them in excellent homes.

This year we had the extreme fortune to place our first dog with a Falconer. Falconry is a time honored tradition with the Epagneul Breton throughout Europe—

dating back to the beginnings of the breed.

In Germany the breeders’ code of ethics demands that you sell your puppies “*only to hunters or falconers.*”

So when the opportunity to place one of our pups from Beau and Sapphyre’s last litter with a gentleman (here in Montana no less) who practices this ancient sport—

we were thrilled.

TopperLyn Jaryd was an excellent candidate I thought and I’m happy to say, the latest report is he has pointed pheasant, sharptail grouse and sage hens for “his hawk.”

His hawk is a Gyrfalcon and I know they are going to make a fantastic team.

What’s new for 2011?

NEW ADDITIONS

We have reached that point where our breeding females have “retired” and now we are looking to bring in new blood.

Last year we added Envie de la Source de Larrey who we imported from France. She hasn’t had an opportunity to “prove” herself yet, but we have hopes that she’ll “pass muster.”

We also recently had an excellent opportunity to acquire a puppy from Ed Smith (where we got Sapphyre in the very beginning). This pup is sired by HUNT Alan de l’Escarbot - “Cotton,” a young male owned by Bill Wall who is showing a lot of promise in both the field and the show ring (2010 Best Male/ Best of Winners) [also earning a To-

tal Dog award] and CH TAN and Smith’s Cytise des Pignettes. Cytise is imported from France and ironically traces back to the same bloodlines as our Beau de l’Hospitalier.

We have great hopes for this new little guy —

Smith’s Falken vom TopperLyn [“Hawk”]





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TopperLyn Kennels breeds on a limited basis. Only proven dogs are used with a specific purpose in mind. Our goal is to maintain the standard and type developed in France and at the same time develop our own line of dogs that will stand out in any arena.

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WHO THE HECK IS THAT?

Those who know me well, know that I really enjoy showing dogs. I've long been frustrated by the lack of UKC shows within a reasonable driving distance (less than two days); and the fact that I cannot show my lovely EB's in AKC shows.

So I decided to "step out of the box" and get me a "SHOW DOG!" When I considered that I had the entire 300+ breeds of dogs available to choose from—the task seemed almost overwhelming.

But after careful deliberation and research (just who has been winning at Westminster and the National Specialty shows the past several years) I decided on a Schipperke.

The Schipperke is an unusual little dog,

originating in Belgium. They are rumored to have been "barge dogs" and "ratters" - but whatever their original purpose—they are FUN!

I was fortunate to obtain a beautiful little male dog from the renowned de Lamer Kennels in New York.

We have become mesmerized by this little guy's tenacity, (yes, independence is his middle name) and his absolute *joie de vie*.

He loves the Bretons—and they love him. I absolutely CAN'T WAIT for show season to begin next spring.

LOOK OUT — HERE WE COME!



Meet—De Lamer A Fish Tale—

AKA "Huckleberry"