

My old man Jac is my soul mate in a dog. In his day he was a big running shooting dog while being very biddable. I knew when I put him on the ground to run that he would always be out front hunting hard for birds. Jac has always loved to run in the heat – the hotter the day, the more he liked it. In field trials, I could handle him both off foot and horseback, though it was certainly easier off horse due to his natural range. He was bold and confident in his approach to the field. A very strong athlete, Jac is always looking for more. Whether he was running for an hour or hunting all day, he seemed to have an inexhaustible source of energy.

Now, as a senior citizen, he can still play ball for a couple hours each day and go home wanting to play more. He cannot hunt any longer, as his age has taken his hearing, so I am too cautious to not let him get where he can't easily see me.

Showing Jac has always been a pleasure. His side gait is a lovely illustration of “no wasted movement,” with beautiful reach and drive. Jac is a Best in Specialty Show winner and has multiple Judge's Award of Merit to add to many, many Best of Opposite Sex. Even now, at 12 years old, he is still pleasing the judges in the ring while earning an Award of Merit at the Iowa Specialty show in September 2011.

His first BISS was won from the field trial class on a weekend when he was also competing in the field. What a great weekend that was!

Jac's crowning achievement was when we competed in the 2007 Amateur Gun Dog Nationals with 47 other dogs and were awarded third in the country. I have never been more proud of my guy. He had two lovely finds which he handled perfectly and his run was flawless and effortless while always being out to the front.