

Turning Points Shenanigans

Shandi (7/31/2015) came to us from Carol Fornicari in California at 10 weeks old. We weren't sure what was going to become of this little girl but she was bold and confident right from the start. Though she was little, she held her own with the other dogs and already had a presence about her. This is a puppy I have waited a long time for so I was excited to see what she had to give.

That presence took her boldly into the ring with two best of breed, multiple best of winners/best of opposite and 11 points with both majors wrapped up by 8 months of age. WOW! She tipped everything on its ear!!!!!! This little dog has something very special.

At home before she was 5 months old, she was easily sailing over the gates we tried to use to contain her in the house. She watched the cat do it and went right with him one day. No more need for gates because they had only become a mere obstacle to her. She enjoyed taking on those gates as a mere physical challenge to her abundant energy. With puppies in the house, she is gentle and loving. She loves to play with them. She seems to have a much older female's knowledge of how to raise puppies. She is adorable to watch with puppies.

When Shandi was 6 months old she also began her attack on the field trial community. WOW!!! I entered her in walking trials first to let her get her feet wet in the game. She either won or placed second in everything. She ran bigger and harder each time she got put down to run. A different venue? No problem. She never showed any hesitation. She hit the ground and ran for tree lines and started to hunt. She runs with determination and hunts the entire time. It's just that she does it at quite a distance!!! When she locates game, her point is beautiful with head held high and tail straight up. She strikes a very beautiful pose and will hold it already through dismount of the horse. This all natural ability. There has been no attempt to break her at all as she is only 8 months old.

Shandi seems to be an old soul with wisdom way beyond that of an 8 month old puppy. We had no idea what this little dog was capable of and it seems the sky is the limit for her. Keep your eyes on her as she continues her strong approach to becoming a show champion and continues to take on field trialing like a much older dog.