



# PARADE OF VETERANS 2010

Celebrating the lives and accomplishments of our older partners and friends!

## 2010 Parade

### Talia "Ty"

All American - Age 9  
Handled by: Patty Gibbons, Minneapolis, MN



Ty loves agility, rally obedience, walks with Mom, camping, and playing with Luigi!

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### Tanzer Wagner “Wagner”

Pembroke Welsh Corgi - Age 9  
Handled by: Ellyce Thompson, St. Paul, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

As a youngster, Wagner never liked to run agility. He had structural issues (which I didn't understand) that made agility painful. I finally retired him, sadly.

Leaving him at home as I began trialing my other corgi was also sad. So, at age 7 I began running him as a veteran in 4" jumpers and tunnelers. Who knew a corgi could be so happy!?

He also has a big grin as he zooms around the course! Just as it should be!

Wagner runs in memory of his puppy buddies who should have been here with him: Obie & Greta.

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### Ellie the Fetchin' Fiend “Ellie”

Labrador Retriever Mix - Age 9.5  
Handled by: Karen Magee, Rochester, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Ellie came to our family as a puppy via a late night road rescue. She was the lead instigator in a barn-break that ended with her and her 3 litter-mates on the road hitchhiking for a new home. After fostering her litter and finding homes for her siblings, we decided to keep the instigating caribou-chaser. She's worked her way from a fetchin' fiend puppy to the 'Wild Child' agility dog. Over the years, she's come through a variety of injuries, illnesses, and forced "rests" - always working through the treatments & rehab with no complaints. OK, so there was grumbling about the no fetching mandate that came with these times! Running through life with her fur on fire, she lives life to the fullest. There's no looking back once she's passed something by - even the obstacle her mom swore she was going to take :-)  
May she continue to teach me how to live life fully - for a long time!

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### Go Get Bates Red Ember “Ember”

Australian Shepherd - Age 9.5  
Handled by: Niki Manning, South. St. Paul



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Ember and I have had a wonderful journey together. Ever the social butterfly, she loves visiting all her friends at the trials as much as she loves running. She has taught me so much - most importantly being not to take things so seriously.

Some of our most fun and memorable runs have started with her on her back and usually end up with her running full speed into an off course tunnel somewhere!

Thanks, Ember, for being such a great partner!

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### Claymore's Live, Love, Laugh “Snicker”

Flat Coat Retriever - Age 9.5  
Handled by: Linda Conrad, Prior Lake, MN



Photo by Les Conrad

Snicker's main claim to fame is NOT as an agility dog....as a matter of fact, agility is probably her least favorite doggy sport!

Never the less, she did it because we asked her to and she did a pretty good job - even earning the Front & Finish Agility Gold Award. Now officially retired - because two litters of puppies are hard on the body - she still occasionally gets to run Tunnelers and always runs with a smile on her face.

We've learned a lot from Snicker over the last 9 1/2 years, but the most valuable lesson has been that every day truly is a gift to be opened and enjoyed!!!

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## Stellar's Sounds of Silence "Lefty"

Bull Terrier - Age 10  
Handled by: Deb Rodden, Minneapolis, MN



Lefty started doing agility at 2 years old to give him more confidence.

He has accomplished more than I ever imagined. We started trialing in 2002 and earned his first title in 2004. It's been a fun, interesting, and sometimes comical ride these past 8 years in the ring with him. He's earned 25 titles in three different venues and competed in four NADAC Championships.

Lefty has recently retired due to health reasons, but he taught me more than anyone will ever know and for that I am grateful. Thanks to everyone who has supported us over the years, we could not have done it without you.

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## Milo Belew "Milo"

Old World Shepherd - Age 10  
Handled by: Terri Lewis, Oronoco, MN



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Hi, I'm Milo. My mom has always said, and I quote, "It's all about Milo!" However I beg to differ. Mom wanted to do agility so I learned how to do the obstacles for her. Running through the tunnels was the best. They have ridges on them and I got a nice back scratch as I ran through. Definitely a positive! Then there were those weave poles. I always wanted to meet the person that came up with that idea.

It wasn't so bad I guess because there were lots of perks at these get-togethers. **People!** Lots of People! I really liked that part. Everyone would cheer for me on the course and when I came off I got a lot of petting. That always put a smile on my face. I do miss that part of it.

Karen even bought a new van for me to go to the trials in. I know she bought it for me because everyone called it Milo's van. Well maybe some of it was about me. It made mom happy and that's what counts. Especially if you want the prime treats!

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### Robert Burns "Rabbie"

West Highland White Terrier - Age 10  
Handled by: Pati Maier, St. Paul, MN



Photo by Katie Brittan

Rabbie is head of a household that also includes two humans and a black lab. His main job is to bark at anything he can see outside the window, but he is also very skilled at training his humans to do his will. Rabbie started agility training at age 3 and competed in his first trial at age 7. he loves to go to class and trials; his favorite event is reading the p-mail on the rocks outside TCOTC.

Rabbie is the profile dog on the Macalester Mutts Facebook page - check out his cool tartan coat.

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### Cairndale's Dari-Lady Dancer "Dari"

Cairn Terrier - Age 10.5  
Handled by: Jo Anne Bucholz, Lino Lakes, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Dari is my 10.5 year old Cairn Terrier. She has been a challenge; always knew she could design agility courses better than any judge; when she wasn't hunting the mouse!

Her saving grace was the grin and the kiss at the end of the run. She has finally grown up and we have become a team.

Dari is recovering from a shoulder injury which is healing nicely and we will be back very soon!

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### Brady's Brother Max "Max"

Australian Shepherd - Age 11  
Handled by: Niki Manning, South. St. Paul



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What can I say about Max?

My best friend and the most amazing teammate I could ever ask for. He puts his heart and soul into every run and his total love of the game shines through.

He keeps getting better with age - he holds eleven agility championship titles from multiple organizations - all earned after age 9!

Thanks for playing this game with me Max - I've loved every minute of it.

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### Samuel Liberty Tip Dog "Sam"

Labrador Retriever Mix - Age 11  
Handled by: Karen Magee, Rochester, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Hi everyone! Mom said I get to write my biography in my own words - something about her not being able to be serious!

I started out life with 8 littermates, and ended up in a really strange/crazy home with 10 siblings. I turned out to be a pretty normal laid-back lab-X, with only one vice... Fetch - well maybe two, food! Mom has never REALLY gotten my fetch obsession. I keep trying to subtly let her know that fetch is a life mission, not a game, but she just doesn't get it. You'd think she would after 11 years of dropping the football on her every morning, noon & evening. Though every once in a great while, I think she's got it when she yells "OUCH! Hope springs eternal" and throws it out of the room - but upon my return with said football, she just won't follow through with more tosses. So, I have to drop it on her again, and again, and again...

Humans are so hard to train... sigh... But it's a good life.

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### Diamond Aire Aviator “Ace”

Australian Shepherd - Age 11.5  
Handled by: Jo Anne Schweitz, Bloomington



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Ace’s life passions are: girls, stuffed animals, and did I mention stuffed animals? Ace loves all of his girls and he is happiest with a stuffed animal in his mouth, with squeaker or without, it doesn’t matter! His favorite is Hedgy and does not think kindly if anyone takes it from where he left it... Spur, Hooker are you listening?!

Tapping in to what Ace likes has helped us accomplish the many titles and awards that we have, over the years. Teamwork, though at times doesn’t look like it’s always there, has also developed and strengthened the strong bond between the two of us. Determination makes champions and you can see the results in Ace. He has made me a better handler and has shown me not to take things too seriously!

Thank you for being my partner in this crazy sport for the past 10 years! You have taught me how to be humble, how to laugh at us during our runs and most important your motto ‘Slow and steady’ really can win a race!

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### Mushtown’s Maggie Pollitt “Maggie”

Pembroke Welsh Corgi - Age 11.5  
Handled by: Chris Mosley, Prior Lake, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Since this is Maggie’s third parade, an update:

Maggie has earned NATCH 2, C-ATCH 3 and TACH 2. She is still running, always on her terms, though.

She has an excellent internal stopwatch and often runs Elite Chances at 39 seconds. She is currently enjoying treatment of lymphoma - a “touch of cancer” but has taught me to live IN THE MOMENT.

She’s a wizard!

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## Maya

All American - Age 11.5  
Handled by: Leo Fuerst, Appleton, WI



Maya has brought more joy to my life than I ever thought possible. From the day we picked her up from the shelter she has been a very special dog. Her love is unconditional and she is forgiving.

Her tail never stops wagging and she never stops smiling. Maya loves everyone and everyone seems to love her.

Agility was something I thought that we could do together and never dreamed when we started that we would have such a great time and accomplish so much.

She is a once in a lifetime canine friend and I cherish every moment with her.

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## Wrigley Giggley "Wrigley"

Border Collie - Age 11.5  
Handled by: Amy Barr, Charles City, IA



Wrigley was adopted from the local humane society. I picked her out when the clinic I work for was doing vaccinations for the litter. I had really not ever intended to own a BC, it was just one of those things.

After not doing any competing with her for 6 years, I got her back out last year. A magical thing happened, we are running as a team and getting Q's!

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## Fabian Forte "Fabian"

Golden Retriever - Age 12  
Handled by: Laura Breckheimer, Minneapolis



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Fabian is a 12 year old Golden Retriever who came to me when he was a crazy 3 year old. He ADORES people, balls, and CHEESE!

He has come further then I ever imagined thanks to fly-ball, agility, and rally (and the friends we met there).

Today Fabian is enjoying the semi-retired lifestyle - playing Tunnelers (often with interested "guest" handlers including Cameron), going on walks, eating a little extra food in his bowl, and stealing snuggles or food from anyone willing!

He likes nothing more then some good snuggles and figuring out a way to eat more cheese!

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## Murphy

Shetland Sheepdog - Age 12  
Handled by: Deb Rickard, Jordan, MN



Murphy came to me as Fletcher. The problem was, every time I called him, Murphy came out of my mouth, so it was changed.

Murphy has taught me patience. He was afraid of everything and it took 2 years before he would do a contact obstacle without a leash. You certainly couldn't get close to him either. It was at a CPE trial in Jordan where I finally held him in my lap.

Murphy has had epilepsy since he was 4 years old and has arthritis. Despite all that when he runs a course he must "communicate" during his run to show his enthusiasm. Murphy asks for nothing but love.

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### Bear

Collie/Black Lab Mix - Age 13  
Handled by: Wendy Henes, North St. Paul, MN



Bear was surrendered to rescue at age 4 by his former family. My luck, their loss.

We started training together at TCOTC in obedience and flyball. It wasn't long after that we discovered agility. We competed in NADAC venue until just entering Elite. He retired about age 11 after trying to teach me agility handling.

He played flyball until receiving his ONYX award of 20,000 points. His ability was failing but not his heart. He is now the official barking coach for the team!

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### Kona

Labrador Retriever Mix - Age 13  
Handled by: Les Conrad, Prior Lake, MN



Photo by Les Conrad

Kona will be 13 this December, and he continues to be quite a character. To say that Kona is stubborn is an understatement. Kona continues as the alpha dog in our home, the flat-coats will grab a toy from each other whenever they get a chance, but nobody grabs a toy from Kona!

Kona loves agility, but some stiffness in his right shoulder limits the number of trials he competes in. Kona looks forward to all the Minnesota Mixed Breed Club trials, don't you see him smiling?

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### Golac's Never Tuckered Out "Tucker"

Golden Retriever - Age 13  
Handled by: Jaci Carufel, Oak Grove, MN

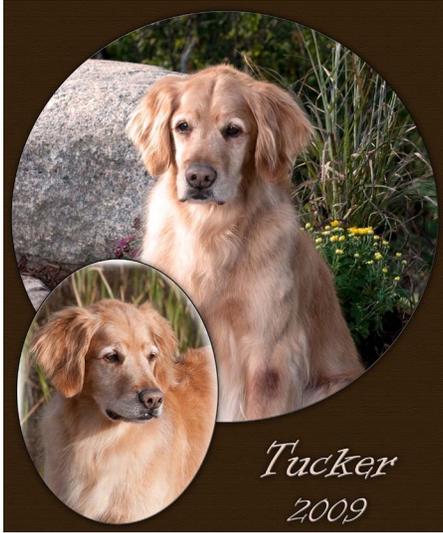


Photo by Gretchen Olson Photography

Tucker is 13 years old and I am so very honored to have this very special boy. When Tucker was very young, he had intussusception and almost died. The vet didn't think he would make it thru the night.

But thank God he did and has had a pretty amazing life. He has multiple agility and obedience titles, but his most amazing accomplishment is being a therapy dog for over 12 years! He provides one on one therapy to children at Kenny Kids Rehabilitation Center. He also provides joy and comfort to adults at the Anoka Treatment Facility.

I love this boy with all my heart!

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### Kallie's Chocolate Delight "Kallie"

Labrador Retriever - Age 13.5  
Handled by: Jolynn Wedekind, Eden Prairie



At 13 1/2, Kallie continues to do a little bit of agility - NADAC tunnelers and hoopers, when the opportunity arises. There's also some APDT rally and CDSP obedience in her repertoire.

She is strong of spirit, and isn't ready to admit her old body can't do what it used to. So, we continue to play to the extent of her abilities, with frequent walks and trips to the dog park replacing the training sessions and trials that once filled our roster.

Kallie's a happy girl, a bit mischievous, and always looking for anything that ever so slightly resembles an edible morsel. We are enjoying her senior years together.

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### Nikki

All American - Age 13.5  
Handled by: Becky Hart, Prior Lake, MN

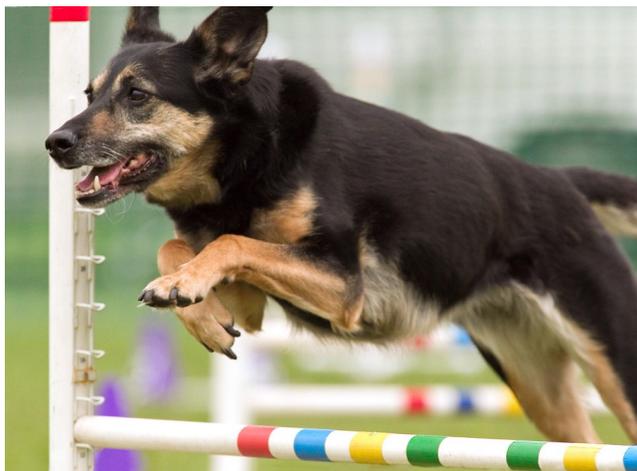


Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Nikki began her agility career unremarkably when she was taken along for the ride to agility classes and trials with her big brother Riley.

She was a very careful dog and had a hard time making course times early in her career. We learned how to train speed, and she has become an outstanding agility dog who is always willing to please!

She has earned a NATCH and a MEDAL in NADAC, in addition to two CATCHes in CPE. She has placed in the Top Ten Jumpers in NADAC for mixed breeds for three years running. She's earned her retirement, but continues to compete as she is still sound and healthy, and jumping at a lower jump height.

Nikki loves walks, frisbees, a good chewie, and cool weather.

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### Ramsey's Boomerang Aussie "Shep"

Aussie Mix - Age 14  
Handled by: Jim Nally, Maplewood, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Shep is a soon-to-be 14 year old Australian Shepherd mix. A real class clown, Shep is all about having a good time. His motto – "If you're not having a good time, you should'a called me!"

Shep came to us as a foster so we're not sure where he's originally from. After spending some time with us he was adopted to what we thought would be his 'forever home'. Fortunately for us, it wasn't meant to be, and his 'forever home' turned out to be ours. A well-traveled dog, Shep has been to played agility in 7 different States and 2 Canadian provinces.

Despite turning everything he does into a game, Shep has managed to earn 3 NATCH's. Of course, if NATCH's were awarded based on the amount of fun had while running the course instead of the number of Q's, Shep would have about 30 of them!

Shep – a Special, Highly-Entertaining Pooch!

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## Brady

Australian Shepherd - Age 14.5  
Handled by: Deb Rickard, Jordan, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Brady was 5 before we began competing in agility. You may have heard of the “Brady Run” where you’re standing on the course and your dog is doing his choice of obstacles.

Despite that, we’ve had many successes. Brady has earned 2 NATCHs and an ATCH. He took 9th place in jumpers at the Aussie Nationals at the age of 9 and competed in the NADAC Championships from 2004 through 2009.

He is my special boy.

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## Riley Roo

Pembroke Welsh Corgi - Age 14.5  
Handled by: Becky Hart, Prior Lake, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Riley began his agility career with the Minnesota Mixed Breed Club as his first four trials were all MMBC NADAC trials in Savage. Riley was Becky's first agility dog and taught her everything she knows about handling small, fast, independent-minded dogs.

Riley loved speed and earned his NATCH in 2005 in addition to several NADAC Top Ten placements for Corgis. He was well on his way to more titles - but his agility career was cut short by cancer and the loss of his front leg. He is now cancer-free, but suffers from a neurological disorder and gets around quite nicely in a spiffy red racing cart. Riley is thoroughly enjoying his retirement and is being treated like the superstar that he is. Riley loves food, food, food, and a good nap.

He is the Best Dog Ever.

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## Rainbow's Tokoloshie Girl "Bailey"

Australian Shepherd - Age 15.5  
Handled by: Kristin Elmquist, Hudson, WI



Photo by Tien Tran (Tien Tran Photography)

Bailey came into my life at the wee age of 6 weeks old. A feisty, confident little pup that could already hold her own with the other dog in the house.

Bailey taught me so much about training and showing dogs. Over the years she competed in Obedience, Agility, Herding and Confirmation. She competed for MVA at the Aussie Nationals in 1998 & 2000 and placed 5th & 9th out of 80+ dogs.

Bailey's show career was cut short after two ACL tears at ages 7 and 9. Thankfully, Bailey still gets around pretty well. She helps with chores every morning. Her new job is to keep peace with all the youngsters around! She's always thought it her job to be the fun police.

Thank you my old friend, for all the wonderful times and runs you've given me. I cherish each and every one of them.

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## Dakota's Lager & Lime "Wally"

Golden Retriever - Age 16  
Handled by: Bruce Glatzel, Savage, MN



In May this year we celebrated Wally's 16th Birthday!

Over the years he has competed in many obedience, agility, and flyball trials. He has a big heart, great smile, and a world renowned "woof".

To know him, is it love him!

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## Miss Maggie May (or May Not) "Maggie"

All American - Age 16.5  
Handled by: Gina Pizzo, Maplewood, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Maggie was adopted from a local Humane Society, where I volunteered, when she was 1 ½ years old. Little did I know that we were entering a strange new world called "dog training". We began with obedience training and then went to an agility fun day at TCOTC designed to get students interested in their brand new agility classes. For Maggie it was love at first tunnel!

Maggie was not an easy first dog .... very opinionated, didn't want to slow down and God forbid stop on a table, but once we became a team running Maggie was more fun than I can describe. She always gave 100% and I never had to ask her to play. We may not have always been very consistent, but we always ran with a lot of joy!

It has been an honor to be Maggie's handler and to have shared learning agility with her.

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## Thank You!

For the past 3 years, MMBC has hosted the Parade of Veterans in September. We've always had lots of laughter and smiles, and always a few tears too. It's been a great place to relive memories and grin at the continued antics of our canine partners and friends.

2010 has been a tough year for our community. I'm not sure that there is a single person at the trial today who has not been affected by a loss this year.

Which makes this event all the more important. I know it's tough when you're sad - but we have to remember the spirit of the dog.

Yes, the dogs notice the absences, and some mourn in their own way - but they also understand the living and the loving. They are often unending sources of smiles and fun for us - and that's a big part of why we love them!

Get out there and be more like a dog! Embrace life and live it to the fullest. Never miss an opportunity to enjoy the little things, or an opportunity to make a memory. Smile, hug, dance and love - life is for living!

We'll see you all again next September. Until then, run fast and live well.

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