



PARADE OF VETERANS 2012

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

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Mitsu Beeshe Turbo "Beeshe"

Shetland Sheepdog - Age 9
Handled by: Stacy Reinolt, Rogers, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Beeshe is a 9 year old sheltie that loves playing frisbee, going for walks and AGILITY!!! Stacy and Beeshe have been competing in agility for 6 years. Just a couple weeks ago, Beeshe earned her CATCH in CPE. This is her First Champion Title. Other accomplishment are competing at CPE Nationals last year and receiving High in Standard 12" Veterans in Level 4 and also placing 3rd in Colors in Level 4 at nationals.

Beeshe wasn't sure that Agility was fun when she was first introduce to it. She would do one jump and run away. After a few weeks, she decided that maybe it was OK and tried a few more obstacles. Once she realized that it was fun to run with mom, then came the flying sheltie on contacts. Saying - What YELLOW??? Just in the last year or so, Beeshe and I have seem to have figure things out and Beeshe thinks yellow is OK (most of the time) and has been running really well.

Beeshe has been a fun agility partner over the years and I hope for many more year to come with my little girl.

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Avatar Whiskey J of Bayshore “Whisk”

Border Collie - Age 9
Handled by: Shirley Wallace, Wrenshall, MN



Photo by Shelley Russ and Shirley Wallace

I started working with Whisk the day I brought him home. He proved to be an apt pupil. We haven't always seen eye to eye on how an agility course should be run, but we've worked hard on being a TEAM! It has paid off in spades!

In spite of 2 sprained wrists (at different times), he has always come back to run again. On June 23, 2012, he earned OUR very first NATCH and Versatility NATCH.

But above all else, he is my Whisk boy!

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Aldebaran Tisla “Viva”

Icelandic Sheepdog - Age 9.5
Handled by: Kathryn Ananda-Owens, Northfield, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Longtime MMBC members may recall Viva's first MMBC NADAC run when during the 2005 fall trial, she ran out of the ring during Novice Tunnelers in search of a rabbit carcass, on which she subsequently rolled, then abandoned in order to run the course backwards with great enthusiasm.

In this years since, Viva has become the first Icelandic Sheepdog to earn most AKC, CPE, and NADAC titles, with additional breed-firsts in ASCA, TDAA, and USDAA. She holds the record for Icelandic Sheepdogs in the Clean Run Ultimate Weave Pole Challenge, and has represented the breed five times at the AKC Agility Invitational, making it to the finals in 2007. This year, she became the first Icelandic Sheepdog to compete in a Challengers' Round and subsequently in the finals at AKC Nationals.

Her success in the ring is a testament to her love of agility, her integrity as a teammate, and most of all her patience with her handler over the years. Viva would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for helping raise Kathryn's game to the point where both of them can run with joy under any circumstances. Kathryn would like to thank Viva for simply being wonderful beyond her wildest dreams.

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My.T.Hi Walking on Sunshine "Sunny"

Shetland Sheepdog - Age 9.5
Handled by: Shari Vespested, Prior Lake, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Sunny came to the Vespested home as a very tiny puppy. Shari found herself thinking that she "will never amount to anything because she's too little!" when Sunny started running up and over construction materials in the backyard, Shari reconsidered. As she likes to say now, "What an idiot I was!" There were many struggles thru the early months of trials, but eventually Sunny earned her first NADAC Regular Q and in 16 short months earned her first NATCH! in the years since, they've earned NATCH-7, Versatility NATCH-5, and CATCH-4. They competed in the 2008 CPE Nationals and in every NADAC Championships since 2006 - earning a place in the finals in 2010!

Sunny shares her home with siblings Zippy and Minit. Steve and Shari are there to make sure she lives a life of luxury.

Shari hopes she has many more runs and many more opportunities to design her own courses. Whenever she does so, We'll all giggle and say "That's just SO Sunny!"

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Josephine Jezebel Marie Lowry "Josie"

Mixed Breed - Age 9.5
Handled by: Pam Lowry, Princeton, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Josie was adopted from a local rescue group when she was 3-4 months old. I felt sorry for this little pup that looked at me through the fence, while another dog jumped side to side over her repeatedly. We went that day to adopt one dog - and somehow came home with two!

Needless to say, the sad pup has developed into quite a character, earning her lengthy name. Think of a parent calling you by your full name when you get in trouble! Boy, did she learn her name! Lucky for her, when she's not competing, Josie prefers to "snoodle", "be a parrot", "be Momma's bed bug", or just plain old cuddling!

Josie has earned various title in NADAC and CPE agility. She was recently recognized as the #1 AMBOR CPE Level 5 dog! She also holds titles in CDSP obedience as well as APDT and UKC Rally-obedience.

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Heatherly's Chienel #5 "Megan"

Miniature Australian Shepherd - Age 9.5
Handled by: Diane Anger, St. Paul, MN



Hi, My name is Megan.

The best part I like about agility is visiting with all the different people and dogs. Don't get me wrong, I love to jump the jumps, run thru the tunnels, and go over the A-Frame, but the best part is having my mom with me.

My mom and I do lots of activities together. I love to swim, so we go to the beach a lot. We jump in our kayak and stroll along and stop to get out swim. We go hiking a lot too and I have lots of fun chasing the squirrels and rabbits.

My mom always tell me I'm a "Duffas" because I do silly things all the time. She always says "Megan, It's a good think you are so darn pretty!" I guess I got lucky there!

I am running this parade of Veterans today for my sister Ammie. This one's for you Ammie!

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Bonney Blue "Blue"

Mixed Breed - Age 10
Handled by: Rosanne Bane, Minneapolis, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Blue is a second generation Bord-a-dor – both her parents were Border Collie-Lab crosses. She came to us from a rescue organization as a seven-week-old bundle of blue-eyed love and joy.

Blue and I are agility dilettantes. We go to class every week for fun and we trial at most 5 or 6 days a year. But Blue has earned several titles including her O-OAC, EAC, Novice Versatility and we are a Q in Weavers away from Open Versatility. A NATCH is probably not in the cards for us and that's okay. Blue is really in it for the Frisbee she gets to chase when we've finished a run!

Blue's biggest agility successes are the day she went 6 for 6 at a NADAC trial and the fact that at 10 years, she's as fit and ready to run as she was at 2. The only thing that gives her age away is the increasing white in her face.

What I'm shooting for, far more than any title, is to be able to run with Blue and in joy for years to come.

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Rising Sun Meg “Meg”

Border Collie - Age 10
Handled by: Colleen Flam, Ramsey, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Meg loves agility but is limited to how much she can play because of arthritis. CPE has shorter courses so she mainly plays there.

Meg earned her first CATCH last May and is close to her second. In addition to agility, she loves to swim and is having a blast with nosework classes!

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Zachary Scott “Zak”

Jack Russell Terrier - Age 10
Handled by: Laura Breckheimer, Minneapolis



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Zak is a Jack Russell Terrier with 10 years of experience under his collar! He lives for all things terrier: hunting, running, jumping, climbing and his personal favorite...barking! Zak ADORES agility and earned his NATCH and Vers-NATCH this past year! He retired from flyball some time ago but continues to fill his free time with K9 Nosework, hiking, go-to-ground, vermin patrol, terrier racing, tricks, lure coursing, modeling, rally-O, and occasionally some snuggling. Pretty much in that order!

Two smart alecks united. Two lives forever changed. Two souls forever connected.

Here's to MANY more adventures "Lil' Man"!

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Turbo Charged Mitsu "Mitsu"

Shetland Sheepdog - Age 10.5
Handled by: Stacy Reinolt, Rogers, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Mitsu is a 10 1/2 year old sheltie and is Stacy's First Agility dog. They have been competing in agility since 2005. They have had some ups and downs during their agility career. Between missed contacts in the beginning years and a few injuries that put both of them out of commission for awhile, Mitsu's biggest accomplishments are receiving the 1000 Lifetime Point Award in 2010, competing in CPE Nationals last year and receiving a CATCH in CPE this year (Mitsu's first Champion Title and Stacy's too)!

When not playing agility, Mitsu loves to play frisbee and going for walks.

Mitsu is a very special dog and I am so happy to have her in my life and still able to do agility together.

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Daisy Rosebud Vogel "Daisy"

Pug - Age 10.5
Handled by: Dennis Vogel, Lake Elmo, MN



Photo by Kim Vogel

Daisy Rosebud is our ten year old pug. She is very good at training us to do whatever she wants and we adore her!

She has had numerous medical issues throughout her life, and we spend a lot of time at our vets and the emergency vet. It really takes a village to raise a pug and our fabulous team of specialists have always been able to solve her problems, including recent cataract surgery that returned her sight and brought her back to agility.

Daisy loves running agility with her Dad and they compete regularly in CPE and Teacup where she has obtained seven championship titles - including CATCH 4 last weekend! She loves learning tricks and responds to over 200 commands. These come in handy for her therapy dog work and she entertains at nursing homes and at Gillette Children's Hospital. She is extremely photogenic and loves photo shoots with her Mom in our basement studio. She has posed for over 300,000 pictures and every Christmas we share her best pictures with our friends.

Daisy has filled our lives with joy and happiness.

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Noel Olivia Elizabeth Lowry "Noel"

Mixed Breed - Age 10.5
Handled by: Pam Lowry, Princeton, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Our "Bucket Puppy" Noel continues with her winning ways!

Since last year's parade of vets, she's gone on to earn 2 more CPE championship titles! She has also completed a bit more rally-obedience where she has done quite well.

Given her choice, Noel is happiest being Momma's #1 bed bog. She hops in bed as soon as her Dad gets out of bed, but the best for Noel is when Mom works the night shift - then she gets to sleep with Mom in the bed all day long!

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Golac's River of Joy "River"

Golden Retriever - Age 10.5
Handled by: Jaci Carufel, Anoka, MN



Photo by Gretchen Olson

My sweet River is an amazing girl. She is almost 11 years old and looks and acts like a puppy. She loves agility and runs with all her heart and soul. She also loves competing in obedience.

River enjoys her therapy work. She visits Anoka Treatment Facility, bringing love and joy to the patients.

River is a wonder girl and my best buddy! I am so lucky to have my River!

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Lake 'n Sun Cody "Cody"

Border Collie - Age 11
Handled by: Colleen Flam, Ramsey, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Cody is my first agility dog. At 10 years old, he earned his 1st CATCH. He earned his 5th CATCH last weekend!

We also earned our first NATCH at 10 years old also are just 3 chances legs away from our 2nd!

Cody loves to please Mom in agility and always ends our run with a big smile and a little jump towards Mom. Cody has participated in 5 NADAC Championships. We are heading back again this year to run in the Double-Digit Group!

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Tanzer Wagner "Wagner"

Pembroke Welsh Corgi - Age 11
Handled by: Ellyce Thompson, St. Paul, MN

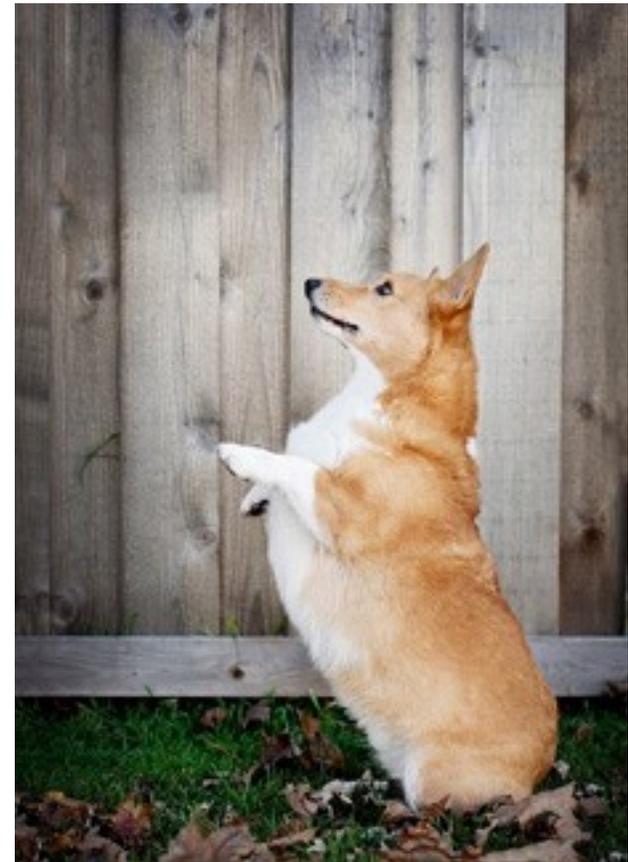


Photo by Karen Newstrom Photography

Wagner's forte is being my best buddy and protector. He still LOVES to run tunnelers and does it with a huge smile and plenty of ZOOM! He's simply a wagnificent dog!

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Go Get Bates Red Ember “Ember”

Australian Shepherd - Age 11.5
Handled by: Niki Manning, South. St. Paul, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

“Slow and steady wins the race”, that’s always been Ember’s motto for agility. Not particularly fast or flashy, but incredibly consistent – until the “Evil Redhead” appears, and heads at warp speed to the nearest off course tunnel. But what she lacks in speed, she more than makes up for in heart – giving her all in every run simply because I ask her to. She has taught me to laugh more and take life and agility less seriously.

At 11 ½ years old, she’s still going strong, having just recently earned her C-ATCH 8 in CPE and her ATCH in ASCA.

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Robert Burns “Rabbie”

West Highland White Terrier - Age 12
Handled by: Pati Maier, St. Paul, MN

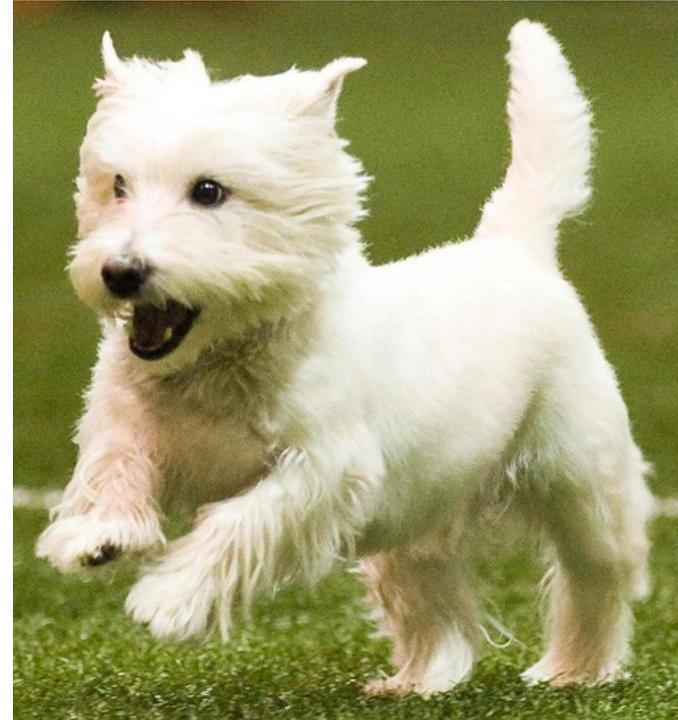


Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Rabbie has been competing in agility for five years and it's his favorite hobby.

He also enjoys barking at skate boarders, begging for treats, and bossing around everyone else in the house.

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Cairndale's Dari-Lady Dancer "Dari"

Carin Terrier - Age 12.5
Handled by: Jo Anne Bucholz, Lino Lakes, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Cairns are known to be sweet, loving dogs with a "bit of the devil in the eye". Dari has lived up to this motto since she came to live with me as an 8 week old puppy, especially the impish devil part. She makes every minute of life a special moment.

Despite long rehab periods Dari loves her walks and agility - no A-frame or teeter, her choice - and visiting with friends.

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Brady's Brother Max "Max"

Australian Shepherd - Age 13
Handled by: Niki Manning, South. St. Paul, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Max still loves to play the game. He's not as fast as he once was, but don't tell him that. In his mind, he's tearing up the courses and showing everyone how it's done. Max had running contacts before they were popular. Not because I trained them or we needed to make time, but because I finally gave up trying to force the 2 on 2 off and just let him do it his way. Agility became much more fun for both of us after that.

Start line stays and long lead outs have given way to a running start, with Max often beating me off the line and taking several off course obstacles before I can catch up. You can still often hear the trademark "Maaaaaxxxxxx" while we're on course together, only now it's more to compensate for diminished hearing and less to do with naughtiness - or so I keep telling myself...

You only get one first agility dog and I am so thankful that Max was mine. He taught me more about patience, humility, perseverance, dealing with frustration, letting go of the little things, and running with pure joy, than I knew I needed to learn. Thank you, Max, for making me a better handler and a better person.

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Mushtown's Maggie Pollitt "Maggie"

Pembroke Welsh Corgi - Age 13
Handled by: Chris Mosley, Prior Lake, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

I think this is Maggie's fifth Parade of Veterans and she obviously loves a parade. This weekend marks her tenth and final year of agility competition! She started at the MMBC trial in 2002 in a Pre-Novice class, and she's going to do some Tunnels, as she completes her Farewell Tour. Only her diminished vision keeps her from jumps and contacts and she insists on a turn at home. Bars on the ground, she's still got it.

Maggie's a cancer survivor and is currently in a second remission. She's fighting, with the help of all her friends! She's still the Queen, the Wizard, Margaret - my heart dog.

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Wistwin Jedi Lightsaber "Jedi"

Shetland Sheepdog - Age 13.5
Handled by: Pam Vermeer, Stacy, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Hi, I'm Jedi!! I'm a Sheltie!!! I have a lot to say!!!

I came into Pam's life when I was two years old. Before that, I lived with a family in North Carolina, and I saved them from an intruder with my ferocious barking!!

Once I came to live with Pam, I got her traveling all over the country to play agility together. We played in Arizona two years in a row, and it was really hard for me to potty in the desert. I was used to nice soft grass in the midwest! But I adapted, and I got lots of cool prizes and ribbons and toys, which I gave to my sisters, because I don't like toys, just treats and attention and barking!!!

I helped Annelise put a MACH on a dog by being her teammate for a year while Pam watched from the sidelines.

I've had lots of fun playing agility with my two mom's, and bossing around all my siblings with lots of barking!!!

I'm Jedi, and I'm Practically Perfect in Every Way!!!

Woof, woof, woof, woof!!!

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Diamond Aire Aviator "Ace"

Australian Shepherd - Age 13.5
Handled by: Jo Schwietz, Bloomington, MN



Photo by Amy Johnson (Great Dane Photos)

Ace came to us at 8 weeks of age and spent the 1st year of his life shuttling between the farm where he was born and our house. At age 1, we decided to give him a forever home!

Shortly after he was ours, we decided Ace should start doing Agility. He caught on quickly, but it was never his passion to compete in it! Through hard work and determination on his part and ours, Ace became a very steady and reliable agility dog, winning many championships in several organizations throughout his career!

Today he enjoys the retirement that he has earned and definitely deserves! Ace taught us a lot about strong will, devotion, compassion and love of family. We will cherish him always for teaching us to NEVER GIVE UP and that ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING!!!! Thank you Ace for letting us be a part of your journey!

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Maya

Mixed Breed - Age 13.5
Handled by: Leo Fuerst, Freedom, WI



To Maya,
Thru the years you have done it all for me, both in and out of the ring. During that time it may appear that you are looking up at me all the time - but it was I that looked up to you. To see you or think of you the word "Proud" comes to mind... I always feel on the top of the world with you by my side. We will continue our run and handle each obstacle together as we make our way to the finish line. Thanks my best friend. You will always be my little star!

Dad
"C Maya Go"

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Stumblin' Shaili's Shenanigans "Shaili"

Pug - Age 13.5
Handled by: Kelly McFaul-Solem, Duluth, MN



Photo by
Amy Johnson
(Great Dane Photos)

Once upon a time a needy little Pug JUMPED into my heart and life has never been the same. Shaili & I are very bonded & she is definitely my "heart dog". In her prime, she was a real competitor & we always had a blast on the agility field! She has had some tough times mentally & physically - but together, we accomplished way more than I could have ever imagined with any dog! She is my little "history-maker" & remains the only Pug on record to have earned several different titles, most notably the ATCH & the ADCh!

She was definitely a pioneer for her breed and that is a wonderful legacy to have because it represents a plethora of memories!! She loves the excitement of Agility & will continue to play as long as her little body will let her...and as long as there is chicken at the end of her run! She makes me laugh EVERY. SINGLE. DAY. !!!! Thanks for changing my life, Shaili!

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Nikki

Mixed Breed - Age 15
Handled by: Becky Hart, Prior Lake, MN



Nikki has enjoyed a long agility career and she retired on her favorite course, Jumpers, at the last Minnesota Mixed Breed Club New Year's trial. Even today she still wants to work when she is near an agility course, even if it is only to bark at the other dogs. These days she enjoys spending a lot of time lying in front of the large picture window at home, watching the world go by and barking at the UPS truck when it comes by.

She is very tolerant of her little brother Jammie, and allows him to play "chase" with her whenever he wants to. Her retirement includes a lot of special treats that she particularly enjoys, including fresh raspberries and strawberries.

We've greatly enjoyed the many years we've had with Nikki and she deserves every special day of her retirement!

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Randy's Itsy Bitsy Gypsy "Gypsy"

Pug - Age 15.5

Handled by: Kelly McFaul-Solem, Duluth, MN



Photo by Kelly McFaul-Solem

Gypsy is our first Pug & taught us a lot about the breed. She ran agility with my husband Randy for awhile until he decided that she may prefer to be his lap dog & companion. He let me play with her on weekends & she earned over 100 titles in her performance career! This includes a CDX & even a few Agility Championships! One highlight was when she became the fastest Pug to complete the Clean Run 60 Weave Pole Challenge!

Her determination & spunk have helped her survive many life-threatening conditions including major heart surgery, pneumonia and recent paralysis. Gypsy just takes it all in stride & keeps moving forward! She has taught us to find quality of life everywhere we look and to give it all you've got! I want to be just like her when I grow up!

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Thank You!

A week after the premium for the Parade of Vets came out, a friend contacted me to ask for advice on entering the Parade.



She said she was trying not to enter because she knew that the Parade has a tendency to be a tear jerker.

I encouraged her to enter and am happy that she did. There is certainly something special about the Parade every year.

Yes, we cry. But we also laugh, cheer, and clap loud! Yes, sometimes it hurts, and yet, we come back every year to do it again. I always wonder why we do it? I think it's for two reasons. First and foremost, we are lucky to be on this ride with our partners! And secondly, it gives us the chance to remember that we aren't alone when times get tough.

So when you need someone, grab someone. And like every year, the tissues are on the awards table!

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