

THE REJECT PUPPY

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I have always tried my best to fit the "right" puppy with the "right" person - - taking a lot of pride in the fact that I could choose litters - - long before birth - - that would fulfill certain qualities, characteristics, etc. that people were searching for. When someone asks for "Super intelligence" I always think of the "Kari" line first - - My brain goes into "Computer mode" and I start my "mental search program" Plush coat lots of "personality" not aggressive - good "SHOW PROSPECT" Definitely for future breeding - etc.etc. As the requests were tabulated a "light went off" and said the POCA/SHEP litter!!

This would be the LAST litter she would produce for me. EACH of her pups that had been shown so far, have already attained their Championships - - LIZZY, THOR and TRINKA - ALL LITTERMATES have done very well - TRINKA set so many records as GRAND VICTRESS (HIGHEST SCORING BEST OF BREED WINNER) FOR 2 YEARS IN A ROW!! I was going to breed Poca (SHILOH'S MATOAKA - POCAHANTAS; ORA-C3-7048) to our GRAND VICTOR CH. BIONIC BLACK-SMOKE OF ZION: GOL-CI-9008 - - PICK FEMALE from THIS litter would be perfect! The lady on the phone agreed, and send in her prepayment - now we had to wait - for Poca to come into heat - wait for her to whelp the pups - wait for the pups to be weaned etc etc.

FINALLY the big day arrived, I was VERY proud of the puppy I had selected for this lady. She had a lot of "flash" with SUPER MOVEMENT and a "happy happy" personality. Yes, she was a "bit" "independent" and maybe had a "touch" of "rebellion" in her, but I felt that she would still make an excellent pet - - even if she insisted on acting like a little "snob".

My heart sank to my toes--- when (after lots of evaluation) the lady said that she "Really didn't feel that this puppy was "right" for her"!

A breeders NIGHTMARE - - THE REJECT PUPPY!! EVERY BODY knows that the waiting list at Zion is MILES long, people have to wait 6 mo to 1 yr. (or longer) before they can get a pet from here!! If there is an 8 week old puppy available it has to be "PET QUALITY" because SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG WITH IT!! When people call in January, they are doing so because they want to place an order for a summer - or fall puppy!! As you all know, my first question is "WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR" and then I try to compare FUTURE BREEDINGS with your requests, so that you can "BOOK A SPOT" on a FUTURE litter! You stand a better chance of seeing SNOW in the middle of July (In Florida) then finding a "Perfect puppy" ready to go at Zion!! But it did snow in July! Joan Cohen called looking for a puppy, just like this one and I explained to her that--- PERSONALLY--- I felt this puppy was Great, but UNFORTUNATELY she had been "MARKED" as a "REJECT"!! After much research and talking to other Shiloh owners etc., she called back

and agreed to take her!

I'm writing this article just to prove that STRANGE THINGS CAN HAPPEN - - My "reject puppy" arrived at her FIRST SHOW (6 mos old) on April 30 the - THE LARGEST RARE BREED SHOW IN AMERICA!! and she cleaned up!!

- * FULL ISSR CHAMPIONSHIP
- * 3 BEST OF BREED CA-CUS slips
- * 3 GROUP PLACEMENTS!!

She even beat ALL of the other Shiloh CHAMPIONS (Pax, Triton, and Trinka - yes "The Trinka" three times!!!

Congratulations to Joan Cohen and her HOT-HOT-HOT Shiloh ★★☆☆ Ch. Joan's Northstar of Zion!!



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