



RACHEL TABOR FLATLEY

Pawsitively Fun Dog Training, FL

Over 20 years ago, Rachel left her career in the legal field to train dogs full time. She has earned over 300 performance titles on her own dogs (Boston Terriers, a Papillon and Border Collies) as well as titles on a Chinese Crested, a Scottish Terrier and a Corgi. Not only do her dogs perform with accuracy, their enthusiasm for their work is evident. Rachel

consistently finishes in the top of her class with multiple dogs.

Her students do well in competition. Her positive methods and creative application of choice-based games, have enabled dogs representing many breeds not normally seen in the ring to attain performance titles. These include: Afghan, Bassett Hound, Dalmatian, Scotty, Weimaraner and Westie. Over the years, Rachel's DOCOF (Florida's Annual State Obedience Competition) Teams (comprised of students) have won the competition or placed in the top 5, multiple times. They have also won the High Tri-Combined Award many times.

With her own dogs, Rachel is actively training and/or competing in agility, obedience, rally and herding. In past years she has also competed in freestyle and tracking. Here are some highlights from her recent competition dogs.

Wisp

Obedience: "High in Trial" at over 50 obedience trials (including DOCOF) and over 30 "High Combined" awards. FOUR Obedience Championships: two OTCHes, one U-OCH and one ASCA OTCH. Second place in Open at the 2013 AKC Obedience Classic, also winning "Highest Scoring Dog" in the Blue Round.

I have a non-traditional breed for obedience. Piper is my 3rd competition English Springer Spaniel. With my past 2, I have done Rachel's seminars and it helped with their confidence, but they didn't have Rachel's foundation. When I got this puppy, I wanted an OTCH dog and Rachel is giving me the skills to get it. Piper is from the same breeding lines as my other dogs, so I know the difference is Rachel. We started with group puppy classes, advanced to a competition class, and now we're fine tuning our skills in private lessons. The best part of training with Rachel is she listens to your challenges and finds you a solution that will work for you and your dog. She has never said, "You picked a challenging breed for obedience." When people say, "I love Rachel, but she's just too far," I tell them my friend and I drive 2.5 hours each way. People don't think about the fact that it's an investment in your dog show career. I see people struggle with problems and think, "Rachel can fix that. You still have to put the time in, but she'll give you the tools you need." – Shari G

Rally: RM and RAE2 (with 26 of 40 scores being perfect 100s). 6th place at the 2017 AKC Rally National Championship in the RAE class (which was the highest skill level offered at the time). 3rd in Novice Rally at 2012 All Star.

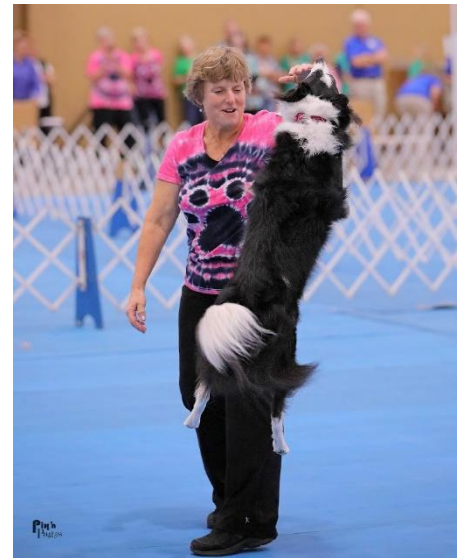
Agility: USDAA 2018

National Top 10: Snooker, Jumpers and Gamblers,

USDAA Agility Championship, USDAA Performance Dog Championship SILVER level, USDAA Performance Lifetime Achievement Award SILVER.

When I first met Rachel 11 years ago, I was just beginning to be involved with dog sports. Since then, I have been able to accomplish goals that I had never considered to even strive for. What impresses me most about Rachel is how she can accomplish training goals with dogs, without them knowing they are being "trained." They would title their sessions "How we have FUN with Rachel." For anyone who has watched Rachel compete in agility or obedience, you have seen dogs who think they are there to have fun. She instills in her own dogs and passes on to students that running agility, retrieving a dumbbell, or choosing that correct scent article isn't a chore but rather a fun game that will lead to MORE fun games.

Without following just one "style" of teaching, she takes what works best for particular dogs and clients and incorporates that into a plan for success. There are MANY of us out there that can proudly wear the T-shirt "We Did It With Rachel!" – Linda B

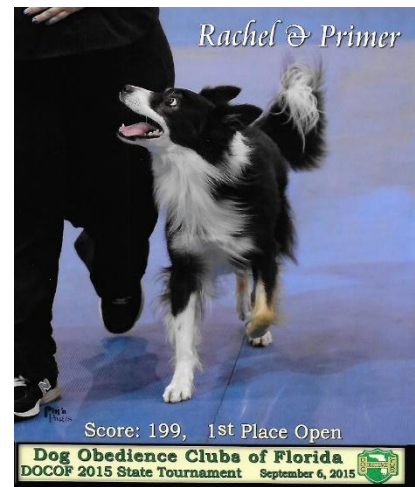


Primer

Obedience/Rally: 4th place in Open at the 2015 AKC Obedience Classic. 2014 All Star: 2nd place in Maximum Dog, 3rd place obedience and 3rd place rally. Multiple High In Trials (including DOCOF), UDX and OM1.

Tracking: TD

Agility: USDAA Performance Dog Championship



Sparkle

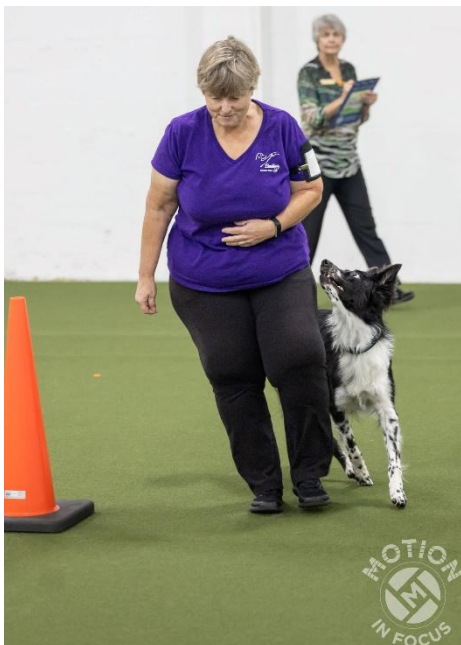
Obedience: Two perfect 200 scores, 4th place in Novice at the 2018 AKC Obedience Classic, multiple High in Trial Awards, UD

Rally: Rally Championship (RATCH) in 20 straight trials, earning 11 High Triple Combined awards and 6 High Combined Awards. We have currently trialed in 23 trials and have 23 triple Q's with 37 of the 66 scores being perfect 100s. In 2022 AKC ranked her #17 in an all-breed listing of rally dogs. Front & Finish ranked her #3 and #6 Border Collie.

Agility: USDAA Agility Dog Champion PLATINUM level, USDAA Lifetime Achievement Award GOLD.

Hitch

Obedience: 1st Place Novice at the 2024 AKC Obedience Classic with a perfect score of 200. 1st Place Open at DOCOF 2024 with a 197+ (for the 3rd leg of our CDX). 2nd place Novice at DOCOF 2023 (his first trial) with a 198 ½. Multiple High in Trial awards.



Rally: Novice title (99, 100, 100 – all 1st place finishes).

Herding: Started A Ducks (2 legs, both 1st place finishes).

Rachel is an extraordinary dog trainer and instructor for multiple reasons. Rachel's individual accomplishments speak loud and clear on their own as to her prowess as a trainer. I think, however, it is the overview and summation of those individual accomplishments that highlight what an extraordinary dog trainer she is. Nationally there are few trainers with multiple dogs each of which individually has reached the top levels of multiple performance sports including obedience, agility and rally. Rachel's intelligent mind, quick wit, insight and passion for the sport combine to make her an excellent teacher. Join those characteristics with a commitment to game-based, positive training methods and you find an instructor who can pull you out of any tricky training corner with fun and humor to boot. And finally demonstrating one of the characteristics of a truly great teacher, Rachel is and will always remain herself an avid student of dog training which will continue to benefit her students with new possibilities, insights into current trends, and exposure to other top trainers in the country. It has always been a privilege to learn from her. – Jo B

Rachel does not only hold her dogs to high standards. Her public service and sportsmanship awards from her life in competition sports include:

- Robin Clark Memorial Award
- Border Collie Society of America's Sportsmanship Award
- DACOF Sportsmanship Award
- Randy Reed Memorial Award



In one sentence: if it weren't for Rachel, my German Shorthaired Pointer's obedience career would have ended two years ago. Period! There were occasions when her solutions seemed unorthodox, but they worked. Thank you, Rachel – Llona G