

"A Special Journey"

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Jackson (Ch. Regen's Ready for Action CDX TD AXJ JH RDX VX3) is a special Weimaraner with a very special story. He was born in the summer of 2007 and showed terrific aptitude for obedience from a young age. His owner/trainer, Laurie Jenks, prepared him well by attending classes and fun matches and training with friends. Her hard work paid off in 2010 when, in his Novice debut, he earned a score of 197 and High in Trial. He quickly followed that up a few weekends later with another 197 and High in Trial at a Weimaraner club specialty show.



They were off to a great start and Laurie's goal was to finish his CD title with another High in Trial. Sadly, her plans were derailed by a head-on car accident just a few weeks after his second Novice leg. Laurie was badly injured in the accident and was not able to continue with Jackson's training or showing. For the next three years, Jackson spent his time keeping Laurie's husband, Steve, company and visiting Laurie in various care and rehabilitation centers.

It eventually became clear that Laurie would not be able to return to training or trialing. So, in late 2013, Anne Tyson, one of the breeders from Regen Weimaraners, asked if she could finish Jackson's CD. Laurie's response was 'Okay, but you have to get 'High in Trial'. Anne and Jackson



went to work refreshing him on his lessons for heeling, stand for exam and recall. He was very happy to be back at work.

In November, they were entered in a local trial with a large entry. Anne did not think that High in Trial was 'in the cards' due to the strong competition. However, Jackson did not disappoint and he earned a 198 in Novice B that Saturday and his third High in Trial and his CD title. The fun wasn't over, however, because he followed that up the next day with a 198.5 and another High in Trial. So he had been in the obedience ring just four times and had won High in Trial every time. While Laurie and Steve were not able to attend that trial, they cheered for him from afar and were thrilled with his great performances.

Jackson had been trained through Open before Laurie's accident so after finishing the CD, Anne brushed up his drop on recall, retrieves, broad jump and out of sight stays. They were entered in another large local trial in January 2014 for their Open debut. This weekend was special because Laurie and Steve were ringside watching their boy compete. In typical Jackson style, he did a great job. He earned a 194.5 in his first Open attempt and took 4th place in Open B. It was a wonderful start to the weekend.

The next day he did well again and earned a 197.5 for an Open B win. When the judge called Jackson in first place, Laurie's face lit up. As the day went on it became clear that he might be in contention for High in Trial. When he was named as high in trial Laurie let out a huge 'Hooray'! She was able to be included in the High in Trial photo and was presented with the ribbon and trophy in the Group Ring. That win gave Jackson five HITs for six times in the ring. It was a very special day.

The following day, Laurie and Steve could not attend, but Jackson finished out the three-day trial by winning a run-off for 2nd place with a 196 and completed his CDX title. Anne was honored to be able to show Jackson and to help fulfill, and then exceed, Laurie's High in Trial goals.

