

Gerry Brown



In 1998, Gerry and Larrie were selected by the AKC to represent the United States at the FCI World Agility Championships in Maribour, Slovenia. They earned the right to compete again as a 2000 U.S World Team member in Helsinki, Finland when they won the first AKC Invitational Tournament.

A defining moment for Gerry came when it was apparent that Sterling, his second Border Collie, was going to enjoy at least the same level of success as Larrie. This makes Gerry one of only a very few trainer/handlers to train multiple dogs to compete at the level necessary to represent our country at the FCI World Championships.

Sterling outpaced Larrie's illustrious accomplishments early in her agility career by winning the 24" Class at the 2003 AKC National Championships. She also won the 26" division of the International Sweepstakes Class that was held in conjunction with the 2003 AKC Nationals. In 2004 she was a finalist in the USDAA Grand Prix of Dog Agility World Championships and USDAA Steeplechase. As a result of her AKC accomplishments Sterling was selected to represent the United States at the 2004 FCI World Championships in Montichiari, Italy. Making an even stronger showing in 2005, Sterling won the individual competition at the World Team Tryouts to again earn the privilege of representing the U.S. in Vallidolid, Spain in September 2005. She once again proved her mettle by winning the extremely competitive United States Dog Agility Association's Grand Prix of Dog Agility World Championships in November of 2005. Then she was selected to represent the USA at the World Championships this time in Basel, Switzerland, in September of 2006 making it her third consecutive year on the team. Sterling also added a USDAA DAM Team National Championship in 2006, and back to back AKC National Championships in 2006 and 2007 making her the 24" AKC National Champion for three out of four years running. To complete her career, Sterling added a Performance Versatility Pairs Championship as well as two appearances in the United States Dog Agility Association's Performance Grand Prix finals. Sterling finished her career as a MACH5 and earned her Platinum Lifetime Achievement Award all at Championship heights.

Gerry has continued his success with Raptor, his third Border Collie to train in Agility with multiple Regional wins as well as appearing in the USDAA Grand Prix of Dog Agility World Championships Finals multiple times. Currently, Gerry is looking forward to continuing training and competing with his young Border Collie, Dagger.

Gerry has been teaching Agility since 1997. For the first five years, he taught all levels of agility at the prestigious FlashPaws Agility Training Center in Houston, Texas. In 2002 he moved to the outskirts of Austin, Texas and opened DePaw Agility Training Center in Manor. Gerry teaches a variety of skills so that all handlers (regardless of athletic ability) and all dogs can have fun and be successful. With a full range of available skills, handlers can analyze and make effective handling decisions.

Above all Gerry believes that Agility should be fun for both the handler and dog. He looks for positive and creative ways to motivate dogs through timely and well-placed rewards and through playing games with the dogs that result in the desired behaviors. More importantly than anything though, Gerry believes that agility can enhance and strengthen the lifelong bond that is built between dogs and handlers.