

Hi Randy & Diane,

We purchased Deke (male, black lab) from you 3 years ago and I have been meaning to write you for a year now to tell you what a great dog Deke has been. He has grown into a 90lb, athletic hunting and retrieving machine. He was a joy to train with an eager but determined mind and has now mastered voice commands and hand signals needed for pheasant and duck hunting. From his first year in the blind, we could tell he had a great nose to pull ducks out of reeds and muck and also mark the far off falls. He has had some really long retrieves and is ready for the next as soon as he is hoisted back in the boat. He has worked the pheasants as well with an "All Day Long" attitude and easily stays in control as we work fields.

For the family, he has been an absolute joy to have around. He is such a calm and obedient dog that you barely know he is there unless he's snuggling up for a pat on the head or a quick, cold lick on the feet to make sure you are still awake. He kennels on command, will not eat until told to, and I can't honestly remember house training as being any issue. Overall, Deke has been an awesome dog for our family.

What prompted me to write was his recent performance at Gamefair. We were pleased in year 1 that he finished every event. He upped his game as a 2 year-old with almost making several daily boards in the timed events. This year, as a 3-year old, he was the most impressive dog in the field. He was the overall champion in the Scurry (double retrieve – water/land), a daily winner in the Dash for Cash (single water retrieve), and daily finalist in the Decoy, Decoy (double retrieve) event. He also set a personal best 23' dock jump. Every time he ran, someone else came off the board. He was also the calmest, most focused dog in every line. He sat quietly and watched the event, ignoring the chaos around him created by 100's of excited dogs.

Here are a couple photos. Do you still have dogs in your line from "What every Girl Wants"? I have been asked numerous times where we got him.

Thank You,

The Hendricksons
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