

## Jean Nocilly



After 20 years of riding and showing Quarter Horses, I acquired my first show dog, a Bouvier named Amos. My Novice A dog took me on a wonderful journey into the world of dog competition. The very first thing I did was sign him up for obedience class. Our first obedience trial was the Bouvier Nationals in 1995, where he earned his first CD leg. Amos eventually earned his UD, 8 UDX legs, an HX and an AX before retiring.

Since then I have competed with 8 other Bouviers in AKC events, including obedience, agility, herding, scent work and tracking. Four of my dogs have become herding champions and all nine have earned advanced herding titles on multiple livestock. Eight of my dogs have been conformation champions. seven have earned UD's and three have earned UDX's. My current dog, Dillon, is now competing in open and utility in hopes of earning his UDX. The newest member of my Bouvier family, Striker, has also begun his career by earning a Herding Capability title. I was privileged to compete at the 2006 National Obedience Championship in Long Beach, California with Grover and the 2023 NOC in Wilmington, Ohio with Painter.

When Rally was introduced by AKC, I also started training and showing my dogs in Rally, earning RAE's on 6 of my dogs. Dillon is currently nearing his Rally Championship and was privileged to compete at the Rally National Championship in 2023.

I was an active member of the Syracuse Obedience Training Club from 1993 until I moved to Delaware in 2010, serving as instructor and secretary for many of those years. Since moving to Delaware, I have stayed an associate member of SOTC and have joined Talbot Kennel Club. I am also a member of Del Bay Herding Club and the American Bouvier des Flandres Club.

My Bouviers have been honored yearly at the Bouvier Nationals by being in the Performance Top 20, earning the Multiple Level Performance award, Obedience Owner Handler Award and High in Trials in both obedience and herding. I am currently the performance and herding chair for the ABdFC.

I have competed in carting with 4 of my dogs. Nike and Callie earned Master Draft Dog titles and Painter, at the 2022 Bouvier Nationals completed the requirements for Champion Draft Dog. Dillon has begun competing in carting and we hope to add to his titles in the future.

My older dog, Nike, 14, is now retired, but was my herding superstar, earning his herding championship and many advanced herding titles as well as UD, TD and agility titles. Nike was my second Bouvier to earn a Tracking Dog title. Painter earned his UDX, TD, scent work and many herding titles. Dillon, 5, has earned his herding championship, excellent scent work, RM and RAE and UD titles and has almost completed the requirements for his Rally Championship.

In 2010 I realized a goal of mine by becoming an AKC obedience and Rally judge. I have enjoyed my judging experiences in different parts of the country, especially my trips to Tulsa, Oklahoma to judge the very first Rally National Competition in 2013 and to Orlando, Florida to judge the Obedience Classic in 2016. In 2019 I returned to Tulsa to judge the National Obedience Championship. I am looking forward to judging the 2024 National Obedience Championship this year.