

"Strider"

BIS,BISS AM/MEX/WC/ CH Sheffield-Ducat's Spellbound SDHF

BIS AM-CAN Signature's Natural Wonder SDHF,OS-x-CH Ducat's Fortune In Gold CDX,SH,WC,VCX

Ht: 23,Wt: 72lbs,OFA: "Good" at 24mos;OFA Elbow: Normal at 7.5yrs;PennHip: .38/.31;CERF,Heart Clear at 14mos & 7.5yrs;Thyroid normal

Strider is a sound, balanced male with moderate bone. He has full dentition and a scissors bite. He carries abundant coat, which is light golden blonde and correct texture. His pigment is black, with dark brown eyes. His outstanding points include a strong headpiece with a soft and very pleasing expression, excellent length and arch of neck with lovely neck-blend into well laid-back shoulders. Strider has correct length and return of upper arm, excellent rib-spring, adequate body-depth and a solid top-line, which he carries on the move... absolutely no rolling. He has moderate fore-chest and correct width, with straight front legs. Strider is a short-coupled dog with excellent length of ribcage. He has lovely rear angulation and turn of stifle, with short hocks, well let down and a strong and very wide rear. The combination of all these has produced a dog with a beautiful and balanced outline, from every angle.

Strider is lovely moving dog. He has balanced and side-gait with excellent foot timing, reach and drive. and is clean coming and going. We couldn't be more pleased with him as a show dog, performance dog, sire or pet. He temperament is incredible... truly what every golden retriever male should possess. This is a boy who "works and plays well with others" and is neither dog, food, crate, nor toy aggressive. He's calm and attentive at home and gentle with children, other pets or puppies. Yet in the show ring or field, he exhibits a confidence, flash and drive which make him successful in any form of golden endeavor. He is anxious to please, almost to a fault, and truly charms everyone he meets. To know Strider, is to adore him. His presence and performance in the ring are unparalleled. He is a show dog who just never quits!

Strider finished his championship by 14 months of age... taking Sweeps wins, multiple BOB's and Group placements from the classes along the way. By just over 2 years of age he'd earned multiple group wins and Specialty BISs. He attained the rank of #4 All-Breeds in just 4 months as a special with breeder/handler, Diane Mueller. Strider entered the GRCA Show Dog Hall Of Fame at 27 months, taking back-to-back Group 1sts. and a 5pt major Specialty BIS in 1 weekend. In very limited showing, he maintained the rank of GRReview "Top Twenty" for both 1996 & 1997. After a year at home to mature, In 1999, with his handler, Erik Strickland, Strider was the #2 golden in both Breed & All-Breed statistics, defeating over 10,000 dogs in that year alone. In June of '99, Strider took back-to-back FCI BIS placements at the televised World Show series in Mexico City, earning 3 new Championship titles and defeating some 9,000 dogs in just 3 days!

As a sire, with over 450 puppies on the ground, Strider is reproducing his finest qualities in his get. Now a GRCA Outstanding Sire more than 3 times over, his get include Multiple BIS Winners, Multiple BISS Winners, SDHF dogs, a GRReview Top 20 Winner, many Top 20-ranked dogs, multiple JAMs at both the GRCA National Specialty and at Westminster KC Shows. In 2001 his son, "Yogi" (AM/CAN CH Highmark Mirasol's Once A Knight CDX,TD,JH,WCX,VCX) took BISS at the GRCA National Specialty, breaking the record for having the most performance titles of any National Winner to date. In just the month of June 2002, alone, Yogi took 5 BIS Wins and is currently ranked #2 golden... like father, like son! Strider has also had multiple kids finish from the puppy classes and many Sweeps & Best Puppy Winners as well. Strider's prepotency for his outline, structure, movement, face & expression and showmanship is clear. Here are some of the qualities we are consistently seeing in his get:

We are consistently seeing the following in his kids: strong, plush headpiece with soft expression; light blonde color; coal-black pigment; lovely arched neck and blend into shoulder; hard, level top-line; correct tail-set and carriage; ribs well-sprung, ribcage long, extending into a short loin; wide-strong and well-angulated rear; Incredible temperament, attitude and showmanship; Intelligence, versatility and trainability

We are thrilled that his puppies are exhibiting the same lovely temperament that makes him a joy to live with and the same zest for the ring that makes him such a pleasure to show. Strider is at stud to approved bitches for natural, fresh-chilled and frozen breedings. Strider is a littermate to CH Sheffield-Ducat's Suspicion ("Rumour"), a multiple group-winning bitch with 22.5 SDHF points. Of 6 littermates, 4 have been checked for their clearances, and are hip, eye and heart clear. Three littermates are OFA "Good" and one is an OFA "Fair". At 7 1/2 all littermates are alive and healthy, as are his sire, dam and all but one of his grandparents.

Strider is truly a joy and it has been my privilege to share his life with him.

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