

## **DYANE BALDWIN**

I have been involved with Chesapeake Bay retrievers since 1977. My first one was given to my daughter as a gift. I fell in love with the breed's intelligence, loyalty, versatility and athletic ability. When we lost him, we replaced him with a puppy from an outstanding breeding - by accident. I did not set out to be involved in dogs. The breeders got us interested in shows and obedience and then into field work. When we won a Best Puppy in show and a High in Obedience at the same show - this is easy we thought. There was no turning back and we continue that interest today.

I have bred 150 AKC champion Chesapeakes as well as 135 performance-titled Chesapeakes in various venues. Our stud dogs are #2, #4, & #6 all time top producers in the breed. All of my own dogs I personally trained & titled - dogs in conformation (group wins and SS wins), obedience (all levels) and hunt tests to SH level. I have judged in 6 different countries - England, Sweden, Denmark, Ireland, Germany & Switzerland. I currently am approved to judge the Sporting group. I have also judged AKC hunting tests Junior level as well as other field events for retrievers. My philosophy is that dog must look like it can function for its breed's purpose within the confines of its standard. Movement must be sound and functional for its purpose as well but it must be typey for its breed too. I judge on a total dog with emphasis on abundance of positive virtues rather than an absence of flaws.

For the American Chesapeake Club I have served in numerous positions - historian, club secretary, chair of Judges Education, Judges Education Coordinator. I currently serve as the club's AKC delegate.

I am honored and excited to come judge your dogs.

Thank you so much for the opportunity.

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