

Funk to Funky Perle de Tourbiere



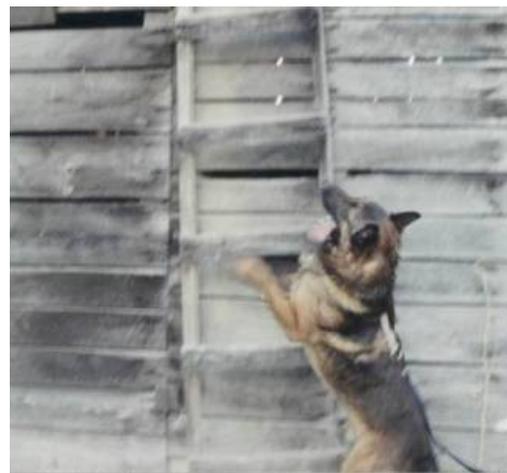
As of 04 July 2008, Funk to Funky Perle de Tourbiere will be formally retired from active SAR duty. “Funky” has had an amazing working career not only in SAR, but is highly accomplished in several disciplines, and currently maintains his status as the most multi-titled Malinois in the US. His rare, rock solid temperament, allowed him to switch from the intense sports and patrol disciplines, to search and rescue, and back.



Born in the Netherlands, and having worked in several different countries, he landed here with me in early 2002. I have truly been blessed to have had the opportunity to learn from such a great partner and friend. He taught me more than I could have ever taught him. We formed a wonderful working relationship that got us through training and searches all kinds of terrain and weather. He has produced some phenomenal working puppies, now working in more disciplines than he has titles. He has no desire to slow down, at 11 1/2 years old, having worked 26 miles in March this year in NC, and finishing the NSDA beta test in May, 135 acres, in just 58 minutes.



If I asked him to work, he did without question or concern for himself. On several occasions we got called back, or had to stop, or I had to stop him from continuing lest he injure himself, and he was quick to let me know he never wanted to quit. Even occasionally barking angrily at me, not understanding why we had to turn around. One memorable occasion was in NC at the bottom of the mountain and he got severely heat stressed, the only way out was up and we needed to get him out, after several more hours in the heat, taking breaks to keep him cooler, climbing the mountain, ears bleeding and him not even noticing, he still wanted to play when we got to our extraction point. He truly would work, and make every attempt to do so effectively, until he dropped. I, however, have a desire to keep him around a bit longer, so the decision to retire him has been difficult, but necessary. He will now be maintained in light training and playing, and just being a happy dog.



Funky possesses a truly majestic and commanding presence. He is almost always in "work" mode and wants to 'go do something'.



Funky was the first Malinois in the U.S. to achieve NASAR's highest area search certification, and at the time was one of only 7 dogs in the country to have successfully passed the test.

His personality, willingness to please, and unending loyalty won over even the hardest 'anti-dog' people. He enjoys his kong, and would leap tall buildings for a tennis ball, but his favorite pastime is turning trees into sawdust. He quite often came out of the woods, proudly carrying his half of a tree, after a find.



I want to thank everyone that has been so supportive of us, all those that survived getting “Funked”, and those that endured the training, track laying, and searches in all kinds of weather and terrain. A huge thank you to all our NC friends, who gave us a chance, and let us prove we were the best. Even the infamous Charlie couldn’t elude us. And of course an unending gratitude to our trainer and mentor, and very best friend, who insisted we never settle for second best. I am thankful for all those "creative challenges" that pushed us to conquer goals few others can match.



For those that have a Funky pup, I wish you the best and hope that your partners continue the great accomplishments of their sire. Through them, Funky will leave a lasting impression on the Belgian Malinois breed.

It is my hope, that not only has Funky been a true ambassador for the breed, but also an inspiration for others, to strive for perfection,never quit learning,and never, ever,give up.

Janet & Funky

TITLES & CERTIFICATES

Kloninklijke Nederlandse Politiehond Vereniging (KNPV)

KNPV Politiehond I Met Lof ("with honors" 436/440)
KNPV Obj. Guard
Reddingshond Vlakterevieren A (SAR - area)
Reddingshond Vlakterevieren B (SAR - area)
Reddingshond Praktijkspeuren A (SAR - tracking)
Reddingshond Praktijkspeuren B (SAR - tracking)
Reddingshond Puin Zoeken A (SAR – disaster)
Reddingshond Puin Zoeken B (SAR – disaster)

Nederlandse Vereniging voor Belgische Herdershonden (NVBH)

NVBH UV,
NVBH Speurhond SpH-1 (multi-surface tracking)

Internationale Prüfungsordnung (IPO)

IPO I
IPO II
IPO II Regional Championships
IPO III
IPO III - Open National Championship
NBG VH

Ohio Police Officer Training Commission

Patrol Canine 1
Patrol Canine - Special Purpose Tracking / Article Search

National Association for Search And Rescue (NASAR)

Canine SARTECH III - area
Canine SARTECH II - area
Canine SARTECH I - area
Canine SARTECH III – tracking
Canine SARTECH II - tracking

American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen

AGENCIES SERVED

Veterinair Reddingshonden Team (Netherlands)
Newark Police Department, OH
TN Special Response Team - A
Knoxville Volunteer Emergency Rescue Squad, TN

NVBH Breed survey "Good"

Hips FCI "normal"

CERF # BM-676 clear at 10 ½ years old

FCI (NVBH) / AKC / UKC / CKC registered

DNA #: V211693